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SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
(State Energy & Environmental Impact Center Fellowship)

Attorney General Maura Healey will host highly motivated and experienced attorneys as Special Assistant Attorneys General for a two-year position, in connection with legal fellowships sponsored by the New York University School of Law State Energy & Environmental Impact Center (“State Impact Center”). The Special Assistant Attorneys General will be a part of Attorney General Healey’s Environmental Protection Division (“EPD”) within the Energy and Environment Bureau. The attorneys selected for this opportunity will provide a supplemental, in-house resource to Attorney General Healey, the Energy and Environment Bureau, and EPD, with a focus on clean energy, climate change, and environmental matters of regional and national importance.

EPD brings civil cases to enforce the Commonwealth’s environmental laws, pursues other affirmative litigation and advocacy to promote environmental protection, and defends the Commonwealth in certain environmental litigation. More information about EPD can be found [here](#). The non-partisan State Impact Center supports state attorneys general in defending and promoting clean energy, climate, and environmental laws and policies. More information about the State Impact Center can be found [here](#).

The Special Assistant Attorneys General will perform highly advanced legal work, which might include serving as lead or co-counsel in environmental litigation in federal and state courts; conducting in-depth analysis and preparation of legal memoranda; interpreting laws and regulations; providing legal advice; assisting in preparing legal notices, briefs, comment letters, and other associated litigation and regulatory documents; and investigating and prosecuting civil environmental enforcement cases of regional or national significance. In addition, the Special Assistant Attorneys General will coordinate with the State Impact Center and interested allies on legal, regulatory, and communications efforts regarding clean energy, climate change, and environmental issues. The principal focus of the selected attorneys’ workload will be clean energy, climate, and environmental litigation and policy of national or regional significance, but they will also contribute to the other work of EPD as needed and assigned.

Applicants should have five to 10 years of experience in clean energy, climate change, and environmental issues, with preference for relevant experience in legal or policy issues of regional or national importance, such as those matters that cross jurisdictional boundaries or raise legal questions or conflicts that have nationwide applicability. Applicants should have strong litigation and/or regulatory experience, with preference for experience working in state or federal government, and the ability to work with partner organizations and to help build coalitions. Excellent writing, editing, research, and verbal communication skills are required, as is the ability to work well and with enthusiasm within a team in a fast-paced environment. A history of

professional commitment to public service or public interest work is preferred. A demonstrated connection to the people and communities served by the Office of the Attorney General would be viewed very favorably.

Applicants must be duly licensed, authorized, and eligible to practice as an attorney under the laws of Massachusetts. Active bar membership is required, and additional admission to other courts (such as the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit) is preferred.

The salary will be commensurate with experience and consistent with that of an Assistant Attorney General with such experience. NYU School of Law will pay the salaries and benefits of the selected attorneys, and the State Impact Center will provide on-going support to the Special Assistant Attorneys General. Once hired, the selected attorneys' duty of loyalty shall be to the Attorney General's Office.

Inquiries and applications regarding this opportunity may be directed to:

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An application should include a cover letter, résumé, two references, and recent original writing sample.

The Attorney General's Office is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As the representative of the Commonwealth and its residents, the Attorney General's Office strives to ensure that those working in our office reflect the diversity of the communities we serve. The Office encourages applicants from a broad spectrum of backgrounds to apply for positions.