



Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LAW SCHOOL

Conscience Bay Company Western Water Policy Fellowship Cohort: 2025-2026

Program Overview

The Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment (GWC) at the University of Colorado Law School is seeking an outstanding current 2L as the next Conscience Bay Company Western Water Policy Fellow. Fellows will work on the most pressing water law reform issues of the day under the guidance of the GWC and in partnership with leaders from the non-profit, government, and private sectors.

The Conscience Bay Company Western Water Policy Fellowship, initiated in 2023 by leaders of the Conscience Bay Company, is awarded each year to a Colorado Law student on the basis of academic performance, commitment to public service, and interest in the study of Western water law and policy. To the extent practicable, each Conscience Bay Company Fellow will focus on a specific project in advancing innovative solutions for sustainable management of water in the Western United States.

Conscience Bay Company Fellows will serve with the Getches-Wilkinson Center for the academic year (2025-2026) and will be provided a stipend as set forth below. The Fellow will produce a white paper on the relevant subject matter and present the results of their work at a seminar hosted by the GWC.

Eligibility

The Conscience Bay Company Fellowship will be open to currently enrolled 2L University of Colorado Law School students who will continue to be Colorado Law students returning in the fall.

Stipend Overview

The Conscience Bay Company Fellow will be expected to spend approximately 300 hours toward completion of a fellowship project (with a flexible presumption of approximately 100 hours over the summer, 100 hours in the fall semester, 100 hours in the spring semester). The Conscience Bay Company Fellow will be awarded a stipend of \$6,000 for qualifying work.

Application Instructions

Application Due Date: Friday, January 17, 2025

The following items must be completed and submitted as separate PDF e-mail attachments to GWC Program Coordinator, Annie Carlozzi at annie.carlozzi@colorado.edu by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2025.

1. A **cover letter** that specifically addresses how your interest in the Fellowship program and how your background and experience align with the position.
2. A professional **resume** (two pages maximum).
3. Colorado Law **transcripts** (unofficial transcripts are accepted).

You will not be asked to upload references or writing samples at this time.

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a panel made up of law faculty and GWC staff, and the Fellow will be chosen by the end of February, respectively.

The Conscience Bay Company Fellowship is open to individuals regardless of race, national origin, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or gender. We encourage individuals from groups historically underrepresented in environmental conservation to apply.

Contact Information

For further information, please feel free to contact GWC Assistant Director, Annie Carlozzi at annie.carlozzi@colorado.edu or 303-492-1286.

Additional Information

To the extent practicable, each Conscience Bay Company Fellow will focus on a specific project in advancing innovative solutions for sustainable management of water in the Western United States.

The Conscience Bay Company Fellowship program is intended to provide interested students at the University of Colorado Law School with an opportunity to more deeply understand the emerging issues facing water governance. To the fullest extent practical, Conscience Bay Company Fellows will be exposed to issues, problems, and problem-solving tools and realities in a manner that allows them to develop a deep understanding of water resources and challenges in the Western United States, to hone their professional skills, and to appreciate the value of public service, both to the communities that are served and the people who engage in such service.

The Getches-Wilkinson Center (GWC) shall oversee the program and selection of the Conscience Bay Company Fellow(s). Conscience Bay Company Fellows will receive monetary support to attend the 2024 Colorado Law Conference on Natural Resources, work on a research and development of a white paper to be submitted in the spring of 2025. The fellow will work with the faculty and GWC staff to design a project that will advance public understanding of water resource issues. This might include a project focused on a particular river or groundwater basin, a project that addresses the energy-water nexus, a project that considers strategies for reducing water consumption during periods of drought, or a project that considers the role of water resources in preserving ecological values, native wildlife and plants, or public access and use of waterways.