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### **Great Lakes Environmental Law Center Expands Legal Staff**

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Environmental Law Center announced today that it has hired additional attorneys to meet the growing need for public-interest environmental law and policy expertise in Detroit and the state of Michigan.

“I am pleased to announce the hiring of Senior Attorney Oday Salim and the promotion of Nicholas Leonard to Staff Attorney,” said Executive Director Nick Schroeck, while speaking at the Center’s offices at the Green Garage in Detroit. “Oday and Nicholas will continue to build on the Center’s strong reputation as public interest environmental advocates and will broaden the scope and intensity of our litigation efforts.”

Prior to joining the Center, Salim most recently served as Senior Attorney at Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services and previously was Staff Attorney at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law’s Environmental Law Clinic. Salim holds an LL.M. degree in environmental and natural resources law from Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, where he worked on issues such as renewable energy and sustainable stormwater management. Salim received his J.D. from Wayne State University Law School where he participated in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition and Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and served on the board of the Journal of Law in Society.

“I am thrilled to move back to my hometown and join the Great Lakes Environmental Law Center. Michigan’s environment and natural resources are vitally important to our economy and

overall well-being. I look forward to helping the Center preserve those resources and protect the communities who rely on them.” Salim said.

Previously Leonard was an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Center. During his fellowship he assisted the Center in providing legal counsel and transactional services to non-profit entities, community organizations and low-income persons working in various phases of urban agriculture in Detroit. Leonard also worked with the Center to create a pro bono legal network for urban farmers in Detroit and served as a policy advocate for the urban agriculture community.

While continuing his work on urban agriculture, Leonard will also support the Center’s litigation and policy programs. “I look forward to continued work on the programs I developed during my fellowship, and to tackle pressing environmental justice issues that are impacting Detroiters and their communities.” Leonard said. Leonard is a 2014 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

Schroek continues to serve as Executive Director of the Center, a position he has held since 2010. Schroek is also director of the Transnational Environmental Law Clinic at Wayne Law, where he is an assistant (clinical) professor. Through the strong partnership between the center and Wayne Law, Transnational Environmental Law Clinic students work under the supervision of center attorneys on a variety of environmental law and policy matters.

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