

Virgin Airlines Full Time Position

As San Francisco's hometown airline, Virgin America is a next generation low-fare carrier that will serve as many as 10 cities within its first year of operation, and up to 30 cities within five years. Virgin America's brand new planes will offer a host of inventive guest features aimed at bringing a little fun back to flying – including the most advanced personal in-flight entertainment system in the domestic airline market, mood-lit cabins, custom-designed leather seats and plugs for laptops and other portable electronic devices at every seat. To learn more about Virgin America visit: www.virginamerica.com <<http://www.virginamerica.com/>> .

Departmental Statement

The role of the Legal & Government Affairs Department is to oversee the Company's government relations and legislative tracking efforts including all interactions with local, state, and federal politicians. This Department is also responsible for all regulatory and legal compliance issues, and it is responsible for providing legal advice and counsel to the Board, the Corporation, and its business units.

Scope and Authority

This role of this position will be to build a leading Sustainability Program. Specifically, this person will be charged with creating, leading, and managing the global environmental and sustainability program for Virgin America. This person should be a seasoned "green" expert who has established and worked with high-profile corporate teams. This person must also be someone who can influence all aspects of the company with cross-departmental leadership

Main Areas of Responsibility

Create, lead, and manage the Company's sustainability/"green" efforts. These efforts will include the following:

Serve as a primary point of contact for the Company's sustainability/"green" efforts.

Create strategies, policies, internal/external reports on sustainability; establish and roll out related best practices through Virgin America and its business unit.

Coordinate with relevant business team members to proactively maximize opportunities for sustainability—with an early focus on measures designed to reduce CO₂/NO_x aircraft emissions and create a company-wide recycling program.

Partner with appropriate business team members to find additional ways to make the company "green" in addition to ensuring full compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations especially California and Federal air emissions requirements (e.g. EPA and airport conformity assessments).

Create and lead a network of Environmental Champions across the company.

Keep abreast of industry developments by reviewing trade journals and publications and by attendance at seminars and conventions.

Assist SVP-Legal & Government Affairs in analyzing relevant legislative and regulatory developments; provide advice about existing and future regulatory and environmental compliance issues with a specific focus on emissions trading legislation

Communicate action plans and progress internally, as well as build strategic external relationships.

Supervise and monitor outside "green" experts.

Professional and Personal Requirements/Skills & Experience

Excellent academic and work credentials; College degree; Masters in Environmental Studies or Climate related issues, MBA, or J.D. a plus.

Required experience and skills:

Experience and knowledge of "green" best practices with a particular focus on jet aircraft operations and air quality issues.

Knowledge and understanding of FAA, EPA, and California Air Board regulations.

Experience creating and managing successful environmental programs (either corporate or consultancy)

Proven track record in evaluating environmental responsibility best practices, determining applicability/relevance to an organization, analyzing issues, anticipating future trends

Deep knowledge of and ability to analyze and communicate about air emissions and environmental reporting - process, tools, trends

Ability to manage, influence and collaborate with cross-functional teams and mobilize organizations at all levels

Proven track record representing an organization and forging relationships with a wide variety of external stakeholders

Experience driving multiple programs and projects in complex, highly-regulated organization

Ability to influence behavior across large organization

Ability to communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, including public speaking

Minimum 5 years of relevant experience

The successful candidate will help drive sustainability at Virgin America.

This person will build upon the established ground work of our existing efforts and shape a comprehensive program for California's hometown airline.

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