

BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES

2023 Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowship

Low-Income Tax Clinic Project

ABOUT BET TZEDEK

One of the nation's leading legal service agencies, Bet Tzedek's innovative approach to public interest law delivers essential aid to vulnerable Los Angeles-area residents. Our pioneering projects combine direct legal representation with powerful outreach, education, and legislative advocacy. We lead a dynamic coalition of public, private and non-profit sectors to address some of the root causes of poverty and exploitation and to deliver positive and sustainable social change.

SUMMARY

Bet Tzedek's Low-Income Tax (LIT) practice provides free legal representation and advice on individual federal income tax cases, as well as certain state or local tax disputes. We assist clients at all stages of an IRS tax case, including audits, appeals, court proceedings, and collections. Common tax issues faced by our clients include: Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) denials, audits, liens and levies for past due taxes, negotiation of tax debts, innocent spouse relief, and worker misclassification.

Our LIT project excels at providing education and resources designed to increase tax-related financial literacy in low-income and immigrant communities. We work in partnership with a range of public and private entities to connect with over 4,000 individuals each year.

We seek candidates who are pursuing external post-graduate funding to engage in all aspect of this work and to develop and deliver new outreach and service models.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Under the supervision of Bet Tzedek staff, the LIT Fellow will assist Bet Tzedek staff attorneys on intake, research, drafting, education, outreach, counseling and representation related to the work described above.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Law school graduate
- Coursework and/or experience in tax
- Demonstrated patience, compassion, respect and commitment to serving low-income individuals

Send applications, including cover letters and resumes, to Pro Bono Director Sara Levine, Esq. at slevine@bettzedek.org.