

STAFF ATTORNEY - EVICTION DEFENSE PROJECT

CLASSIFICATION: Attorney I or II (Union)	SALARY: Attorney I: \$63,534.19 - \$87,416.77; Attorney II: \$69,728.49 - \$105,177.51 (DOE/DOQ)
DEPARTMENT: Legal	FLSA STATUS: Exempt
REPORTS TO: Directing Attorney	APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled

For nearly 50 years, Bet Tzedek Legal Services has provided high-quality, free legal services to Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents. In that tradition, Bet Tzedek is seeking dedicated attorneys to join our Eviction Defense Project (EDP). The project fights to eliminate homelessness by providing litigation-based direct services to residential tenants in Los Angeles County facing eviction or other rental housing disputes. EDP is part of the Right to Counsel Coalition and Stay Housed L.A. initiative.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Litigate eviction cases which includes: interviewing clients; drafting court forms, pleadings, motions, briefs, and correspondence; engaging in discovery practice; negotiating with outside parties; representing clients in Los Angeles County Courthouses and conducting jury trials.
- Provide counsel and advice and limited scope representation to clients on a wide variety of legal issues that may include eviction defense, housing discrimination, and other issues impacting obtaining and maintaining housing;
- Co-counsel with pro bono volunteers to represent clients in eviction cases and other housing matters;
- Collaborate with Development Staff to meet all relevant grant reporting requirements, including helping compile and interpret data and draft narratives;
- Assist with trainings, know-your-rights presentations, and/or outreach events on issues related to housing to staff, partners, and community members as needed (virtually and, to the extent appropriate and permissible, in-person); and
- Other assignments as deemed appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Active member of California State Bar in good standing (required);
- Attorney I: minimum one (1) year experience practicing law (strongly preferred);
- Attorney II: minimum (4) years of litigation experience (required; jury trial experience strongly preferred);
- Bilingual in English and Spanish (preferred);
- Ability to work in a fast paced, high-volume environment (required);
- Exceptionally organized, self-motivated, and goal-oriented (required);
- Willingness and ability to conduct jury trials, with appropriate supervision and training (required);
- Willingness to train and work with volunteer attorneys and students (required);
- Work well as part of a team but also be able to work independently with minimal to moderate supervision (required);
- Understanding and commitment to Bet Tzedek's mission of equal justice for all and Bet Tzedek's core values of leadership, community-based advocacy, and innovation (required); and
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (required).

HOW TO APPLY

- Email letter of interest, resume, and minimum salary requirement to: bettzedek.21.238@applynow.io
(Subject: "Attorney I/II - EDP")

Note: All positions are subject to funding; ongoing funding or employment cannot be assured.

To best serve our communities, Bet Tzedek seeks a diverse staff with cultural competency reflecting our client populations. We strongly encourage candidates from traditionally underrepresented communities and historically oppressed groups to apply.

Funding for the Attorney I/II-Eviction Defense Project requires candidate to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination and/or proof of exemption status as per funder's guidelines.