

BET TZEDEK PRACTICE AREAS

Students work predominantly in one of our legal practice areas (alphabetically).

JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN

Kinship Care Project assists family caregivers with guardianships, adoptions, public benefits, wills, housing and other issues to help them provide for the children they protect, many of whom are disabled.

JUSTICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Outreach to Senior Citizens Project runs client intake multi-purpose senior centers throughout the county, including many poverty law issues covered by practice areas.

SOVA Advocacy Project is a collaborative clinic program through which we offer legal services while other agencies provide job training, health care and other social services.

JUSTICE FOR CONSUMERS

Debtors Rights Clinic Project assists low-income clients with wage garnishment, bankruptcy, federal loan set asides, identity theft, and fair debt collection practices claims.

JUSTICE IN HOUSING

Real Estate Fraud Project assists elderly and other homeowners who are victims of broker fraud, elder abuse, predatory lending and other practices.

Housing Conditions Project works with community organizers, legislative representatives, government agencies and other public interest groups to combat slum housing and pursue affordable housing policy.

Tenants Rights Project seeks to prevent homelessness and preserve affordable housing by defending tenants from unlawful evictions.

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JUSTICE AND PUBLIC BENEFITS

Public Benefits Project assists low-income, elderly and disabled individuals to obtain federal and state benefits (SSI, SSDI, CAPI, CALWorks and more).

JUSTICE FOR SENIORS

Caregiver Project provides legal education, counseling and legal representation on all aspects of health care decision making, SSI, Medi-Cal, In-Home Supportive Care, Wills, Advanced Healthcare Directives, Contested Conservatorships, and long-term care facilities to family caregivers and to programs who serve patients and caregivers.

Self-Help Conservatorship Clinic assists clients throughout LA County by giving step-by-step guidance to caregivers of developmentally disabled adults and relatives with dementia or Alzheimer's.

Nursing Home Advocacy Project protects the rights of nursing home residents with public advocacy, litigation and consumer guidebooks.

JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS

Holocaust Reparations Services Project files and monitors claims on behalf of clients who were interned in concentration camps or ghettos. This project works with law firms to file impact litigation involving survivor fraud scams, life insurance policies and stolen art.

JUSTICE FOR WORKERS

Employment Rights Project uses litigation, administrative representation, community organizing and legislative advocacy to assist clients fighting for their rights to a minimum wage and other basic labor rights as well as freedom from retaliation and human trafficking.

SUMMER FOR JUSTICE 2010



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Wilshire Office: 3435 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 470
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BET TZEDEK IS THE HOUSE OF JUSTICE

BASED ON *TZEDEK* (JUSTICE) AND *TIKKUN OLAM* (REPAIR OF THE WORLD), Bet Tzedek sets the standard for innovation in public interest law. Bet Tzedek's pioneering projects combine direct legal representation with powerful outreach, education, and legislative advocacy. The result is a vital lifeline - equal access to justice for over 12,000 low-income Angelenos every year.



IN A DYNAMIC COALITION OF PARTNERSHIPS between the public, private and non-profit sectors, Bet Tzedek's visionary leadership delivers innovative approaches to address the root causes of poverty and exploitation. Bet Tzedek has garnered national attention for its legal expertise and the proven capacity to effect positive, sustainable social change.

BET TZEDEK BUILDS LASTING NETWORKS OF LEADERS from the most prestigious law firms and law schools in the country. Providing over 30,000 hours in donated services, these volunteer attorneys and law students work with Bet Tzedek's staff of over 60 and share a common commitment to active engagement in the shape and pace of social change.

MANY LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS REPORT their time with Bet Tzedek as one of the most moving and satisfying experiences of their professional careers.

“Working at Bet Tzedek provided an invaluable experience that I could not have gotten in the classroom. I had the opportunity to work with lawyers and individuals who are truly passionate about the work they do. There was no better feeling than knowing I had played a part in helping our clients. I learned to be an advocate.”



- Courtney Ryan, law student

SUMMER FOR JUSTICE WITH BET TZEDEK

**DELIVER EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE WHEN YOU JOIN
SUMMER FOR JUSTICE 2010.**

SUMMER FOR JUSTICE CLERKS gain crucial skills for legal problem solving, learn to think critically about the policy implications of how our legal system functions, and leave ready to create positive social change.

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***OUR GOAL IS TO TRAIN THE PUBLIC
INTEREST LEADERS OF THE FUTURE.***

***WE BELIEVE THAT HANDS-ON LEGAL
TRAINING IS THE WAY TO DO IT.***

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SUMMER FOR JUSTICE CLERKS conduct client interviews, attend weekly case review meetings, and carry a supervised caseload. Casework may include drafting briefs, correspondence and research memoranda, helping staff legal clinics, attending community outreach meetings, preparing witnesses for depositions, administrative hearings or trials & more.

IN ADDITION TO DIRECT LEGAL SERVICES WORK,
Summer for Justice clerks:

- ☞ Visit State and Federal court judges
- ☞ Attend the Justice Ball (a live music concert); the Public Interest Bowl-a-Thon; and a Volunteer Recognition Event

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR LIST OF PRACTICE AREAS.

HOW TO APPLY

Bet Tzedek selects the top 25-30 candidates from law schools around the nation to participate in our 10-11 week, full-time program (no split summers).

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THE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGINS

Sept. 1, 2009 (2Ls)

Dec. 1, 2009 (1Ls)

FINAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Feb. 8, 2010

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

zlebovits@bettzedek.org

Attention: Pro Bono & Volunteer Coordinator

SUMMER FOR JUSTICE PROGRAM:

☞ **Begins May 25, 2010**

☞ **Ends August 6, 2010**

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INTERVIEWS:

Bet Tzedek interviews on campus at Los Angeles law schools and at the Northern and Southern California Public Interest Career Days. To register, please see your Career Services Office.

WHAT TO SEND (PDF OR WORD ONLY):

Cover letter; Resume; List of References; Short Legal Writing Sample; and Transcript (if available, official version not required).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ☞ Demonstrated empathy, compassion for low-income, disabled & elderly people
- ☞ Proven commitment to public service
- ☞ Strong legal writing & reasoning skills
- ☞ Language proficiency preferred (Spanish, Russian, Asian-Pacific, and others)

FUNDING: Students responsible for obtaining their own funding.

CERTIFICATION (OPTIONAL): Go to www.calbar.org for more information. Applicable for tenant's rights, kinship care, and conservatorship practice areas.