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## **Debtors' Rights and Bankruptcy**

**General Information:** At our monthly Debtors' Rights Clinic, we present clients with an overview of their rights and responsibilities when dealing with delinquent consumer debt. The presentation includes information on judgment enforcement, fair debt collection practices, credit reporting, bankruptcy, and alternatives to bankruptcy. Following the presentation, we conduct one-on-one interviews with clients needing additional legal assistance. The Clinic's aim is to ensure that clients facing a financial crisis can make an informed decision about how to handle their debt issues.

**Minimum Time Commitment:** Six to eight hours a week for a minimum of 10 weeks.

**Qualifications:** Volunteers must be attorneys, paralegals, paralegal students, or law school students/graduates. Volunteers must be able to communicate clearly with elderly clients. Spanish language skills highly preferred, but not required.

**Responsibilities:** Preparing Chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions, writing letters to creditors and collectors, preparing claim of exemptions and other legal documents, resolving identity theft issues, and handling short-term research assignments. Each volunteer will be trained on how to conduct the client interviews and will receive ongoing training and support from the Bet Tzedek staff to carry out the follow-up assignments.

### **Location:**

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12821 Victory Blvd.  
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### **Position Open To:**

- ✓ Attorneys
- ✓ Paralegals and paralegal students
- ✓ Law students