

Staff Attorney - Holocaust Reparations

CLASSIFICATION: Attorney I (Union)	SALARY: \$58,756.80+DOQ
DEPARTMENT: Legal	FLSA STATUS: Exempt
REPORTS TO: Directing Attorney	APPLICATION DEADLINE: Until filled

For over 45 years, Bet Tzedek Legal Services has provided high-quality, free legal services to Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents. Since its inception, this has included advocacy on behalf of Holocaust survivors. Holocaust survivors in the United States are disproportionately impoverished, with one-third of all survivors in Los Angeles County living at or below the federal poverty level. At the same time, many survivors have never received Holocaust reparations of any kind, while others have yet to access additional payments and benefits for which they are eligible. Fueled by a belief that no survivor should live in poverty or without the necessities of life, Bet Tzedek is one of the only legal aid agencies in the United States that offers services designed to meet the unique needs of aging Holocaust survivors, including representation in reparations matters and assistance with government benefits, preserving access to caregiving and other community-based services, protection from abuse and neglect, and end of life planning. Bet Tzedek seeks a full-time staff attorney to join its nationally recognized Holocaust Services Program. The Holocaust Reparations Staff Attorney will assist survivors with reparations claims through direct representation, advocacy and pro bono engagement, utilizing a person-centered, trauma informed practice model.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of Bet Tzedek staff, the Holocaust Reparations Staff Attorney will:

- Represent survivors in Holocaust compensation applications and appeals.
- Conduct outreach to the survivor community and to social services agencies that assist survivors.
- Supervise, mentor and train in-house volunteers and outside pro bono attorneys working on reparations cases.
- Assist with legislative and policy initiatives related to Holocaust reparations and the unique needs of Holocaust survivors.

Qualifications:

- Active member of the California State Bar in good standing or licensed in another state and eligible to practice under CRC Rule 9.45 (Registered Legal Services Attorneys) (required)
- Minimum of 2 years of experience in litigation (required).
- Demonstrated strong advocacy and mentoring skills (strongly preferred).
- Experience providing legal assistance to low-income, elderly clients (preferred).
- Demonstrated understanding of and empathy with the experiences and problems of vulnerable populations, including the elderly and poor and, in particular, Holocaust survivors (required).

- Familiarity with California Rules of Professional Conduct and commitment to ethical legal practice involving elderly clients and clients with limited capacity (required).
- Demonstrated commitment to Bet Tzedek's mission to provide free legal services to those who need them most (required).
- Demonstrated commitment to applying principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion in performance of job duties (required).
- Foreign language skills, including Russian, are welcome but not required.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Email **letter of interest**, resume, and salary requirements to bettzedek.04.52C@applynow.io.
Please, no phone calls.

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

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