

PRESS RELEASE

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**Bet Tzedek Congratulates Gus May, Vice President of Legal Services,
on appointment to Los Angeles County Superior Court**

May 22, 2017 (Los Angeles) – Bet Tzedek applauds Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.’s appointment of Gus May to a judgeship in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

May, 52, of Los Angeles, has been Vice President of legal services at Bet Tzedek since 2016, and was a directing attorney on staff from 2001 to 2016. Prior to joining Bet Tzedek, Gus was legal director at Public Interest Investigations from 1996 to 1998 and served as a law clerk for the Honorable A. Howard Matz at the U.S. district Court, Central District of California from 1998 to 1999. May was litigation director at the Center for Law in the Public Interest from 1996 to 1998, an associate at Hall and Associates from 1993 to 1996 and a law clerk for the Honorable Lawrence K. Karlton at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California from 1991 to 1993. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Northeastern University School of Law and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

As Vice President of Legal Services Gus has overseen all of Bet Tzedek’s program services. He has directly supervised the Employment Rights Project, Low Income Tax Clinic, Small Claims Clinic, Self-Help Conservatorship Clinic, and Bet Tzedek’s Elder Abuse/Caregiver Projects.

QUOTE FROM JESSIE KORNBERG, PRESIDENT & CEO

“In ascending to the bench Gus May continues a distinguished tradition at Bet Tzedek, that includes the Honorable Terry Friedman, the Honorable Michelle Williams Court, and the Honorable Paul Abrams. For 15 years, Gus has been a critically important leader, not just at Bet Tzedek, but for our social justice community. His work has transformed the rights and protections for low-wage workers in Los Angeles, ensuring equal justice for carwash workers, restaurant workers, domestic workers, warehouse workers, and survivors of human trafficking. His legacy of a commitment to excellence and equity for all our clients is an indelible one, for which we will long be most grateful.”

QUOTE FROM GUS MAY, VICE PRESIDENT, LEGAL SERVICES

“I am deeply honored by the Governor’s appointment and his demonstrated commitment to ensuring that California’s judiciary both reflects the diversity of our state and honors the dedication of those who work in the public interest legal community. Although I will be transitioning from my role as an advocate on behalf of Bet Tzedek’s clients, I look forward to continuing to serve the public and working to provide all Los Angeles residents with access to justice.”

ABOUT BET TZEDEK

Founded in 1974, Bet Tzedek provides free comprehensive legal assistance and representation, volunteer and court-based self-help services and legal education to more than 20,000 people each year regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, immigration status or gender identity. Our areas of practice include: aging with dignity, kids in need, economic justice, Holocaust survivor services, and Rapid Response. More information can be found at www.bettzedek.org

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