



AMERICORPS LEGAL FELLOW – ELDER JUSTICE

CLASSIFICATION: Law Fellow	SALARY: See Below
DEPARTMENT: Legal Services	FLSA STATUS: Exempt
REPORTS TO: Directing Attorney	START DATE: Immediately

Bet Tzedek seeks an attorney to serve as an AmeriCorps Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Fellow. An initiative within the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps program, this exciting fellowship will combat elder abuse (financial, physical, and psychological) through a combination of outreach, education, and direct representation of victims of elder abuse. The position will begin immediately and will last one year.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Represent senior clients in court proceedings to prevent or protect clients from various forms of elder abuse. The fellowships will focus primarily on civil litigation involving elder financial abuse, real estate fraud, identity theft, and consumer fraud;
- Conduct community education and outreach presentations to seniors on various elder abuse topics, including physical, psychological, and financial abuse;
- Serve as part of an impact litigation team to remedy and prevent scams against the elderly;
- Work closely with Pro Bono team to place matters with pro bono attorneys, and train and mentor pro bono attorneys and law students handling elder abuse cases and other project work;
- Case management and grant compliance, including, but not limited to timely opening, coding, entry of case time, case reviews, etc.

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) (preferred)
- A demonstrated commitment to public interest work. Experience in elder abuse, including consumer rights, debtors’ rights, home equity/title fraud or elder financial abuse preferred
- Bilingual in English/Spanish preferred
- Note: all AmeriCorps Fellows must pass a criminal background check (conviction for murder or sex offender status are automatic bars to service)

SALARY

- Fellows receive annual living allowance, as well as financial support for housing, student loan repayment, and other permissible reimbursable living expenses. Additionally, Fellows receive an education award, health insurance, and other benefits.

HOW TO APPLY

- Email letter of interest and resume to_resume@bettzedek.org, subject line “ELDER JUSTICE”

Bet Tzedek Legal Services hires individuals without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, veteran status, or disability. Our clients are diverse and we seek to recruit fellows with life experience, skills, and qualifications that maximize their ability to serve these clients well. Reasonable accommodations are available to qualified applicants upon request. Auxiliary aids and services are available in alternative formats.