



**HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR JUSTICE NETWORK
NATIONAL HOUSING RIGHTS ATTORNEY**

CLASSIFICATION: Union- Attorney I	
DEPARTMENT: Legal	FLSA STATUS: Exempt
REPORTS TO: Directing Attorney	APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 15, 2018

For over 40 years, Bet Tzedek Legal Services has provided high-quality, free legal services to Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents. In 2008, Bet Tzedek launched the Holocaust Survivors Justice Network (HSJN) with law firms and social service agencies in more than 30 other cities throughout the United States to provide pro bono assistance to Holocaust survivors seeking reparations payments from Germany and other European countries. In 2017, Bet Tzedek expanded HSJN's services to assist survivors on elder law issues, including advance planning documents and federal public benefits.

Now Bet Tzedek seeks a staff attorney to work with pro bono counsel and housing rights experts to provide eviction defense and housing-related legal services to survivors in HSJN cities where housing duress is threatening survivors' health and safety. We know that housing insecurity is of paramount concern for low income seniors nationwide. Those concerns are even more pronounced for survivors who are more likely to live in extreme poverty than other older adults and for whom involuntary displacement represents a re-traumatizing experience.

The twin goals of this expansion are to prevent displacement for survivors facing an imminent threat of homelessness and to better equip dedicated volunteer attorneys and social service providers with housing rights resources that will be a continuing resource to low income seniors long after survivors' needs have been met.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Coordinate national network programming between Bet Tzedek, pro bono volunteers, social service providers, and, if necessary, other local and national service providers.
- Maintain accurate records of volunteers, referral partners, clients, and client outcomes.
- Collaborate with Bet Tzedek's expert Holocaust and Elder Law service providers to develop and share best practices and trainings.
- Advocate on behalf of clients on a wide variety of legal issues that may include eviction defense, housing, public benefits, consumer law, and other issues impacting obtaining and maintaining stable housing.
- Collaborate with Development Staff to meet all relevant grant reporting requirements, including helping compile and interpret data and draft narratives.
- Provide operational support to the Directing Attorney and Holocaust Team for presentations, data collection, relationship building, and project continuity.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Active member of California State Bar in good standing or licensed in another state and eligible to practice under CRC Rule 9.45 (required).
- Willingness to train and work with volunteer attorneys and students (required).
- Minimum one-to-two years non-profit legal services experience (preferred).
- Experience in landlord-tenant law, public benefits law, and/or elder law (preferred).
- Demonstrate an understanding and commitment to Bet Tzedek's mission and Bet Tzedek's core values of leadership, community-based advocacy, and innovation.

HOW TO APPLY

- Email letter of interest, resume, and minimum salary requirement to resume@bettzedek.org. (Subject: "HSJN STAFF ATTORNEY")

Note: *This position is part of a special program created using designated funds; there is no assurance of ongoing funding or employment beyond the period for which the funds are obtained. To best serve our communities Bet Tzedek seeks a diverse staff with cultural competency reflecting our client populations. We strongly encourage candidates from traditionally underrepresented communities and historically oppressed groups to apply.*