



**APPLICATION FOR ABA SECTION OF TAXATION
PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP
(Commencing in 2012)**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2011

Applicant Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Sponsoring Organization: _____

The Section of Taxation will provide an unrestricted grant to each Sponsoring Organization equal to the Fellow's salary, payroll taxes, and direct cost of benefits limited to health, life and disability insurance. The Fellow's salary will be commensurate with the base federal judicial clerk salary, without location or experience adjustments. The Section will fund the grant in eight quarterly payments. In addition, the Section will provide, as part of the grant, assistance with educational loans for those Fellows who are not covered by a law school low-income-protection plan. The amount of such educational loan assistance provided to a Fellow will generally be equal to the interest actually accruing (after loan forgiveness) during the Fellowship period. The amount of the educational loan assistance provided will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Generally, the unrestricted grant to the Sponsoring Organization cannot exceed \$67,500 annually; the Section of Taxation will consider expected salary, direct benefits (as set forth above), and educational loan assistance in determining the amount of the grant. No amount will be paid for indirect or any other costs of the Sponsoring Organization.

Up to two Fellowships will be awarded annually to recent law school graduates or judicial clerks. Both LLM and JD candidates are eligible to apply. The proposed employment must involve taxation or administration of tax law and must be with a public-interest, non-profit section 501(c)(3) organization (the "Sponsoring Organization"). Each Fellow is expected to serve a two-year term with the Sponsoring Organization. The applicant must identify and secure a position with a Sponsoring Organization before applying for the Fellowship (although the position may be contingent upon award of the Fellowship).

Commitment Letter

The application must be accompanied by a commitment letter from the Sponsoring Organization that describes the proposed employment with the Sponsoring Organization and explain why the Sponsoring Organization considers the applicant to be qualified to perform the work. The Sponsoring Organization must agree to hire the applicant if the Fellowship is granted, to accept the amount of the grant as determined by the Section of Taxation and to fulfill all tax and other reporting obligations with respect to the amounts paid to the applicant. The Sponsoring Organization must also describe how the applicant will be supervised and identify the proposed supervisor. A description of the proposed supervisor's higher education and experience should be included in the commitment letter. The Section does not expect to select applicants unless the Sponsoring Organization has identified at least one attorney who will supervise the applicant throughout the fellowship period.

Interviews and Supplemental Information

The Section of Taxation expects to select 4-6 finalists from the pool of applicants. Finalists will be asked to travel and attend the February 16-18 meeting of the Section of Taxation in San Diego, CA, at the Section's expense. Finalists will be interviewed by members of the selection committee in San Diego on Saturday, February 18, 2011.

Resources and Services Provide to the Fellows

The Section of Taxation will provide each Fellow with access to mentors from its membership. The Section expects the Fellows to join and participate in the Section's activities during the Fellowship. The Section will waive the Fellows' ABA and Section dues during the Fellowship. Each Fellow will be required to attend at least two Section meetings per year. The Section will pay travel and meeting expenses for the two meetings in accordance with ABA and Section reimbursement policies. The Fellows are strongly encouraged to participate in relevant public service oriented committees, such as the Pro Bono Committee and the Low Income Taxpayers Committee.

Terms & Conditions

All the required documents listed above must be received by the application deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure and confirm receipt of documents prior to the deadline. Only complete applications received by November 1, 2011 will be considered.

Upon accepting the offer of Fellowship, the selected applicant must withdraw any outstanding applications for clerkships or other opportunities. The selected applicants cannot receive any other fellowship funds for the duration of the Section of Taxation Public Service Fellowship. The Fellowships cannot be deferred.



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Important Dates

- November 1, 2011 - Application Deadline
- February 18, 2012 - Finalist Interviews in San Diego

Required Documents

- Public Service Fellowship Application
 - Official Law School Transcript
 - Letter of Recommendation:
 - The letter must come from a former employer, supervisor of significant public service work, or law school professor.
- Note: The letter of recommendation must come directly from the source. If mailed, he/she must sign on the seal of the envelope; if sent electronically, the letter must come directly from the e-mail account of the sender.**
- Commitment Letter from the Sponsoring Organization. Any related literature or website references on the Sponsoring Organization's work are welcome.
 - Copy of the Sponsoring Organization's section 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Status Determination Letter
 - Resumé of the applicant (including educational background, employment history, and previous public service work)
 - Educational Loan Data (see application)
 - Four Essays (see application)

Send Completed Application to: ABA Section of Taxation

Attn: Public Service Fellowship
740 15th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Email: Taxlserve@americanbar.org

Subject: 2011 ABA Section of Taxation Public Service Fellowship

For information please visit our website at
<http://www.americanbar.org/groups/taxation/awards.html>
or call (202)662-8670.



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Applicant Name:

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address:

(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone No.

Email:

Law School:

Graduation date:

GPA/Class Rank:

Law Review:

Moot Court:

Relevant Courses:

Other activities:

Advanced Degree

School:

Year:

Degree:

Course of Study:

Undergraduate Degree

School:

Year:

Degree:

Bar Exam:

Bar Admissions:

_____ Date _____



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Judicial Clerkship

Judge: _____
Court: _____
Duration: _____

**Sponsoring
Organization:**

Address: _____
Tel. No. _____
Website/Email: _____
Supervising
Attorney: _____
Brief Description of
Project/Position: _____

Employment History

Employer: _____
Address: _____
Position: _____ Duration: _____



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References

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____ Email _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____ Email _____

**Activities, Awards,
Honors, Skills:**

Educational Loan Data:

a. What is the approximate expected total of your student loan indebtedness on the date your proposed fellowship would begin?

b. What is the approximate amount of interest you expect to accrue each year on student loans during the two-year period of the proposed Fellowship?

c. Is there a possibility that all or some of your educational loan costs will be forgiven or reimbursed during the two-year period of the proposed Fellowship?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please identify the possible sources of such loan forgiveness or reimbursement.

If you are selected as a finalist, the Section may request loan certifications from lenders, including balances, payment terms, and interest rates as well as details of any loan forgiveness or reimbursement.



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Why do you want to get involved in tax law? (500 words or less)



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What do you expect to accomplish through your work with the Sponsoring Organization?
(500 words or less)



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Where do you see yourself professionally in five years? Do you envision a career in the public service sector? (300 words or less)



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Please list and briefly describe any past public service experiences in which you have participated. (300 words or less)



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Certification

I _____ certify that the facts set forth in the above application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements on this application shall be considered sufficient cause for denial or withdrawal of a fellowship.

Applicant's Signature

Date