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**PUBLIC SERVICE TAX FELLOWSHIPS LAUNCHED BY
NATION'S LARGEST TAX LAWYERS GROUP**

Two annual fellowships will benefit public service tax organizations/communities

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug. 1, 2008 – This fall, the American Bar Association Section of Taxation will award its first *pro bono* fellowships to recent law school graduates or judicial clerks for their work in tax-related public service organizations. The section developed the Public Service Fellowships to help fill the need for tax legal service assistance around the country, and to foster an interest in tax-related public service for those lawyers who participate.

“This is a terrific opportunity for the Tax Section to increase our contribution to those taxpayers who need legal services,” said Stanley L. Blend, chair of the ABA Section of Taxation. “At the same time, we are supporting the *pro bono* efforts of young lawyers who choose to give back to their communities and contribute to a more accessible and equitable tax system,” Blend said. “The lessons they learn here will stay with them throughout their careers,” he added.

The section is now accepting applications for those interested in the two annual fellowships. Applicants must arrange employment with a tax-related IRC§501(c)(3)

organization of choice, and must commit to working there for two years. Their work must involve taxation or the administration of tax law. Possible options include the Low Income Taxpayer Clinics in all fifty states, supported in part by the Internal Revenue Service.

The section will pay the salary and benefits for two fellows each year, and will provide a law school debt service plan to those not already covered by such a program.

“We are very excited about this new opportunity,” said Ken Gideon, chair of the section’s Public Service Fellowship Committee. “It is one more meaningful step toward addressing the unmet legal tax needs in communities throughout the nation, and we hope that it will reap great rewards in those communities, and in the tax legal community.”

For more information about the Fellowship requirements, and to access the application, please go to <http://www.abanet.org/tax/awards/publicservice>.

The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with approximately 21,000 members nationwide. Its goals include helping taxpayers better understand their rights and obligations under the tax laws and working to achieve a simplified tax system that is equitable and efficient.

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