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American Bar Association Section of Taxation announces Public Service Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 28, 2018 — The American Bar Association Section of Taxation has selected its 2018-2020 Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellows:

Anastassia Kolosova, a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, will be working with the Accounting Aid Society, in Detroit, Michigan, to conduct outreach and education activities for specific vulnerable populations in Detroit and expand the organization's ability to provide legal representation to low-income taxpayers.

Omeed Firouzi, a graduate of Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, will be working with Philadelphia Legal Assistance to provide education and legal assistance to workers misclassified as independent contractors and conduct advocacy and awareness efforts to decrease the practice among employers in Philadelphia.

The Public Service Fellowship program was developed in 2008 to address the need for tax legal assistance and to foster an interest in tax-related public service. In 2013, the fellowship was renamed the Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellowship in honor of the late Christine Brunswick, the Section's former Executive Director for over 20 years. Christine was a strong proponent of advancing public service efforts in tax law and fostering a fair and equitable tax system. Under her leadership, the Tax Section devoted significant resources to further that goal.

The Fellowships provide funding for the fellows’ salaries and benefits, as well as law school debt assistance, by means of charitable contributions to the sponsoring organizations. All applications were reviewed, and the successful applicants selected, by the Section’s Public Service Fellowship Committee. The Section awards as many as two fellowships each year.

The Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellowship will be funded by the Tax Assistance Public Service (TAPS) Endowment fund. For more information on the TAPS Endowment fund, including how to contribute, please click here.

The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with approximately 16,000 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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