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American Bar Association Section of Taxation announces two Public Service Fellows

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 8, 2016 — The American Bar Association Section of Taxation has named its 2016-2018 Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellows. The Fellows will be providing services to low-income taxpayers through sponsoring non-profit organizations for two years.

The 2016 Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellows are:

- Laura LaPrade, a recent graduate of the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, will be working with Community Tax Aid, Inc., in Washington, DC.

- Catherine Strouse, who earned her J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law and an LL.M. in Taxation from the University of San Diego School of Law, will be working with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego.

Laura will provide direct tax services to low-income individuals in the nation’s capital. Laura will represent clients in tax controversies, engage in educational outreach projects, and work to develop a network of pro bono tax attorneys to provide assistance to low-income taxpayers after her Fellowship is complete.

Catherine will work with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego to provide state and federal tax assistance to San Diego’s veteran population. Catherine’s work will provide legal advice and representation, education, and financial counseling, as well as work with other LASSD programs to help veterans overcome financial and legal obstacles and transition back to civilian life.

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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. Christine was a strong proponent of the Tax Section’s role in advancing public service efforts and fostering a fair and equitable tax system. Under her leadership, the Section has 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 plans to award as many as two fellowships each year.
The American Bar Association Section of Taxation is the largest professional association of tax lawyers, with approximately 20,000 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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