



TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC DIRECTOR

Position Summary: The Temple University Beasley School of Law Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (the “Clinic”) was initially funded in 2021 and began accepting clients that summer. The Clinic is located at the Law School, on the University’s Main Campus in North Philadelphia and focuses on providing services to taxpayers who live in the surrounding communities, particularly taxpayers who speak English as a second language. It is also the only LITC that provides services to taxpayers who live in northeastern Pennsylvania. The Clinic is one of seven in-house clinics at Temple Law School, and is also part of the larger tax community at Temple, which includes a Graduate Tax Program (LL.M.) as well as a Masters in Tax Program (M.T.), various certificate programs, an elective course in Taxation for first-year students, and the Center for Tax Policy and Social Justice, which sponsors numerous tax-related events. Like all LITCs, the Clinic handles tax controversies with the IRS and generally does not provide tax return preparation services. Students take the lead on most Clinic cases, provide community and educational outreach, and, where appropriate, participate in Tax Court and IRS sponsored programs designed to assist low-income taxpayers. Students earn academic credit by attending a weekly seminar in addition to working in the Clinic for a semester.

The Clinic is entering year two of its three-year grant from the IRS and is looking to hire a full-time Director. That individual will be expected to continue to grow Clinic operations, perform and supervise casework, organize community and educational outreach, maintain the IRS grant, and submit appropriate applications for its extension or renewal. In addition, the Clinic Director will be expected to teach the Clinic seminar and provide guidance to students working in the Clinic. Other potential projects include developing a pro bono panel and applying for additional funding streams.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must have an excellent academic record, a J.D. degree, and be a member in good standing of the bar of any U.S. jurisdiction. Candidates must also have sufficient tax law expertise to perform and oversee the substantive and procedural aspects of client representation in controversies with the IRS and either be admitted to practice before the U.S. Tax Court or eligible for such admission.

Temple University is an AA/EO employer, values diversity, and is committed to equal opportunity for all persons regardless of age, color, disability, marital status, parental status, national or ethnic origin, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information or veteran status, or any other status protected by law.

To Apply: Potential candidates are encouraged to contact the selection committee's Chair, Professor Alice Abreu, at litcdir@temple.edu with the following: 1) cover letter and/or statement of interest; 2) current resume or CV; 3) the names, affiliations, and contact information for at least three individuals who can serve as professional references. Candidates are welcome to submit any other material that demonstrates their ability to succeed in the position, such as a publication, brief, or similar document, but are not required to do so.

Applications should be submitted as soon as possible; initial interviews, which will be conducted online, could begin as early as January 2023. The position will remain open until filled.