

**APPLICATION FOR OSB TAXATION SECTION
PUBLIC INTEREST STIPEND****APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 2, 2012**

The New Tax Lawyers Committee (NTLC) of the Oregon State Bar (OSB) Taxation Section will award two stipends in the amount of \$4,800 (\$1,600 per month) to two students currently enrolled in a J.D. or LL.M program. The students must serve in a position involving taxation or the administration of tax law with a pre-selected non-profit organization, state agency, or state court that has partnered with the Section in order to receive the stipend. Recipients will be required to commit to working for 12 weeks (13 weeks for the Oregon Tax Court) during the summer of 2012 and will be paid monthly by the OSB Taxation Section.

The Section will prioritize applicants who intend to practice law in Oregon and become active members in the OSB Taxation Section upon completion of their J.D. or LL.M degrees. The NTLC will review and evaluate each applicant based on his or her academic record and the potential that the stipend will advance the applicant's practical experience. The Section will select two recipients and an alternate. The alternate will receive the public interest stipend in the event the chosen recipients do not receive a position with an approved organization, agency, or court by the April 15, 2012 deadline.

The application must include a cover letter, law school transcript, resume, three references, and short writing sample addressing a timely tax issue. The recipient will have the opportunity to publish his or her article in the OSB Taxation Section's quarterly newsletter.

PARTNERS

The Section's current partners include the Tax and Finance Section of the Oregon Department of Justice, the Oregon Tax Court, and the Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO) Low Income Taxpayer Clinic. Interested applicants should review each organization's application and timeline in conjunction with applying for the public interest stipend. **Application deadlines may overlap.**

- Legal Aid Services of Oregon: www.lasoregon.org
- Oregon Department of Justice: www.doj.state.or.us/career/law_clerk.shtml
- Oregon Tax Court: <http://courts.oregon.gov/Tax/Externship.page>

TIMELINE AND SUPPLEMENTAL NTLC INFORMATION

The OSB Taxation Section will accept applications for the Public Interest Stipend until the deadline of 11:59pm on January 2, 2012 and will notify the recipient by January 31, 2012. The public interest stipend application is a two-step process. An applicant must apply to the OSB Taxation Section NTLC for the stipend by January 2, 2012. The NTLC will select a recipient and an alternate by January 31, 2012. The public interest stipend application is located on the Oregon State Taxation Section website at <http://www.osbartax.com/>.

In addition, applicants must apply to one or more of the programs listed above. **Application deadlines vary and may precede the January 2, 2012 deadline.** When applying for positions with these entities, please indicate in your cover letter that you have applied or intend to apply for the OSB Taxation Section Public Interest Stipend.

In order to receive the stipend, the recipient must apply for and secure a position with one of these pre-selected programs by April 15, 2012. If the recipient is unable to secure a position by April 15, 2012, the alternate will receive the public interest stipend if the alternate has secured a position. Only when an applicant has secured the stipend and a position will the NTLC award the stipend.

The recipient will begin his or her position in May 2012. The recipient of the stipend will not be employed by the Oregon State Bar.

RESOURCES AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE RECIPIENT

The Section has arranged partnerships with select non-profit organizations, state courts, and state agencies for purposes of the public interest stipend and hopes to increase the number of partners in future years.

The NTLC will also invite the recipient to participate in any events and meetings, including the 2012 Oregon Tax Institute, that arise over the course of the stipend and during the subsequent academic year.

OREGON STATE BAR TAXATION SECTION

The OSB Taxation Section provides current information on federal and state tax issues and helps promote professionalism, leadership, and continuing legal education for its members and other attorneys practicing tax law in Oregon. The OSB Taxation Section established the New Tax Lawyers Committee to provide professional development, leadership, and educational opportunities and resources to lawyers new to the practice. Within this framework, the OSB Taxation Section and the NTLC seeks to advance public service efforts in tax law through funding a public interest stipend for J.D. and LL.M students interested in public service tax law.

This application shall remain the property of the OSB Taxation Section whether approved, denied or withdrawn.

2012 OSB TAXATION SECTION PUBLIC INTEREST STIPEND APPLICATION

In addition to this application form, please submit a cover letter, law school transcript, resumé, three references, and writing sample on a taxation topic. The writing sample should be no longer than four pages. NOTE: *If you need more space to answer any of these questions, please attach a separate page at the end of the application.*

Name			
Address		Tax Classes	
Phone (day)	Phone (evening)	Fax	
Language(s) [indicate proficiency in speaking, reading, writing]		E-mail Address	
Undergraduate School	Undergraduate Major	Graduate school and area of study	
Law School: <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Eve		Start Year	Graduation Date
<i>References or Contacts (law related references preferred but not necessary):</i>			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Phone</i>	

Please verify that you are submitting a complete application by checking the corresponding boxes. Incomplete applications will result in disqualification.

- Application
- Current Resumé
- Cover Letter
- Law School Transcript
- Writing Sample on Topic in Taxation (max. 4 pages)

Please attest to the following statements with your initials:

_____ For my own records and future reference, I acknowledge that I retained a copy of my submitted application materials.

_____ I have dated each sheet in my application materials (including statements and attachments) with the submission date. If I update any document, I will mark such document with the new submission date.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in these application materials is complete and accurate.

I authorize the OSB Taxation Section to verify the information contained in these application materials.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return to: Please e-mail your completed application and attachments to jones.kate@morley.com For further information, contact the New Tax Lawyers Committee at jones.kate@morley.com