



TZEDEK DC

Legal Help for People in Debt

VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Join the 80+ volunteers who have completed trainings with Tzedek DC!

Tzedek DC is a legal services nonprofit headquartered at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law and focused on safeguarding the legal rights of low and moderate-income DC families facing debt-related difficulties. www.tzedekdc.org

We believe these are civil rights issues because predatory lending and debt collection lawsuits have been concentrated in our communities of color and against immigrant families, often with ruinous consequences such as impairment of credit reports, garnishment of wages, or loss of a much-needed driver's license. In our litigation work, we advise and represent clients to protect them from adverse judgments, obtain dismissals of lawsuits where possible, and otherwise negotiate favorable resolutions.

We are holding an upcoming training (lunch provided) for those interested in volunteering:

❖ **October 24, 2019 12:15 - 1:30 PM at
Kelley Drye & Warren, 3050 K Street NW – STE 400**

There is no charge to attend but an RSVP is required. Please RSVP to Tzedek DC's Avodah Service Corps member, Rachel Sass (rs@tzedekdc.org) by Friday October 18th. Space is limited.

Volunteers are required to complete one training session before taking cases. Volunteers are able to represent clients from start to finish on issues involving, for example, medical debt, credit card debt, bank or car loans, credit history repair, identity theft, and housing-related consumer cases. Volunteer attorneys help our clients achieve sustainable solutions to debt and prevent loss of much-needed income.

After attending the training, but before taking a case, volunteers also have the option of shadowing in court before taking one of their own. Volunteer attorneys must be members of the DC bar or have begun the procedure to waive-in admission. Federal government attorneys are not required to be members of the DC Bar, but must be a member in good standing in the highest court of any state. Non-attorneys (paralegals, law students) are invited to attend the training, but are required to volunteer under the supervision of an attorney admitted to the DC Bar.