



ABA Section of Taxation Tax Assistance Public Service Endowment Fund

Through the newly created Tax Assistance Public Service (TAPS) endowment fund, the American Bar Association Section of Taxation will provide stable, long-term funding for its tax-related public service programs for underserved taxpayers. The initial expectation is that, once the \$5 million endowment goal is reached, income from the TAPS fund will be dedicated to support the Christine A. Brunswick Public Service Fellowship program. Young tax attorneys funded by this two-year fellowship work to provide tax-related legal assistance to the underserved. When applying for these highly competitive fellowships, the applicants must secure a potential position with a nonprofit organization that will sponsor and supervise their work during the term of their fellowship.

Other programs and services that might be supported by the TAPS Endowment include:

- **Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Assistance:** The Section of Taxation publishes a manual to help LITCs understand how to effectively represent low income taxpayers, and provides scholarships to clinicians to attend Section meetings where they can obtain continuing legal education and training to take back to their clinics.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA):** Across the nation, volunteers help prepare basic income tax returns for low-income taxpayers or those with special needs such as the elderly, non-English speaking persons, and persons with disabilities.
- **Adopt-a-Base:** Volunteers go through a training and certification process, and then train military personnel to prepare returns in their base's VITA program. Volunteers can also be available to provide representation to members of the military who encounter tax controversies with the IRS or state tax authorities, or to provide tax advice on issues specific to their military service.
- **Calendar Calls:** Volunteers provide national coverage at Tax Court calendar calls and are available to consult with unrepresented taxpayers to advise them on court procedure, assist with settlement discussions, and in some cases, to take on their representation before the court.
- **Tax Assistance to Disaster Victims:** The Section of Taxation has provided pro bono tax assistance to victims of disasters, including in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina. The Section of Taxation helped put in place a memorandum of understanding with the IRS and FEMA to establish a network of volunteers who are able to provide pro bono tax assistance to displaced Americans in times of need.
- **Education and Research:** The Section of Taxation has funded numerous educational programs and studies addressing important tax policy issues, including the needs of underserved taxpayers.

What You Can Do to Help

In addition to volunteering your time, we need your financial support. Please give generously to the TAPS endowment fund. Donations of \$5000 or more can be spread over up to five years. The TAPS endowment fund will accept contributions of cash or appreciated securities, and also has flexibility to accept contributions through various planned giving options.



Celebrate the Section of Taxation's 75th Anniversary

Your generous gift or multi-year pledge to the Section's newly created Tax Assistance Public Service (TAPS) endowment fund, created in honor of its 75th Anniversary, will ensure that we can meet the growing demand for legal representation of underserved taxpayers across the country now and in the future. Your support will be recognized to all Section members and throughout the ABA at the following levels:

Chair's Circle: \$25,000 or more*

- Invitation to special Chair's reception and dinner to celebrate the TAPS endowment campaign.
- Recognition on the front interior cover of the Section's conference program books which appear online and are printed for distribution onsite for the five years following the pledge date.
- Acknowledgement on the Section's website.
- Prominent listing in the ABA Fund for Justice and Education (FJE) Annual Report circulated to 50,000 donors.
- TAPS Donor Indicia affixed to the donor's 2015 conference name badges.

Founder's Circle: \$10,000 to \$24,999*

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Member's Circle: \$5,000 to \$9,999*

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75th Anniversary Supporters: \$1,000 to \$4,999**

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75th Anniversary Donors: \$75 to \$999

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