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**Taxpayer Advocate Service: Problems solved in real time**  
Representatives from the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service will conduct live problem-solving meetings.

### Day One — Wednesday, December 11, 2019

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Low Income Taxpayers: The role of hardship in tax and tax collection.**  
**Moderator:** Frank Agostino  
**Panelists:** Hon. Elizabeth Copeland, Jennifer Breen, Shawna Early, Rollin Thorley, Jaime Vasquez, Michael Wallace  
This panel will address the impact of hardship on the computation and collection of tax. Government representatives and practitioners will discuss best practices for proving hardship. All are welcome and all are encouraged to use what they learn to help the low income taxpayer community. (Registration not required for this panel.)

**1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**  
**First time attendees / old-timer welcome lunch**  
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**2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Civil Workshop – The Trust Fund Penalty – from investigation through litigation, including 6672(d) contribution**  
**Moderator:** Frank Agostino  
**Panelists:** Philip Colosanto, Antoinette L. Ellison, Darren M. Guillot, Michael Villa, Wesley J. Wong  
This popular workshop will teach the fundamentals of representing taxpayers in civil tax controversy by focusing on trust fund penalty issues. The program will provide an overview of section 6672 and its applicability to employment and other taxes. Panelists will demonstrate how to prepare a client to be interviewed and what written submissions to make. Learn best practices before IRS Collections and IRS Appeals, including collection due process proceedings, how to present your case in court, when and how to bring a contribution claim, when to make a Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2 request, and how to consider private causes of action. The skills addressed in this workshop will serve all practitioners across substantive tax controversy issues.

### Day Two — Thursday, December 12, 2019

**7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Women’s Networking Breakfast**  
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**9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.**  
**Introduction**

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| 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 p.m. | **Plenary: Write This Down? Experts Discuss Ethical and Other Considerations when Deciding Whether, How, and How Much to Document in the Life of a Civil or Criminal Tax Controversy**<br>
**Moderator:** Jenny Johnson Ware<br>
**Panelists:** Armando Gomez, Robert W. Keaster, Richard Sapinski<br>
During the life of a tax case, there are many moments when practitioners are faced with the dilemma of whether to document certain conversations, joint defense agreements, and more. The tension between protecting a client and the lawyer’s self-interest especially comes into play when considering documenting conversations about options for cleaning up past tax mistakes. This panel will explore the most common “documenting” decisions civil and criminal tax attorneys face and discuss best practices for how to handle. |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | **Break**                                                                                  |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | **Civil Enforcement Priorities**<br>
**Moderator:** Miriam L. Fisher<br>
**Panelists:** Hon. Michael J. Desmond, Eric Hylton, Barbara T. Kaplan, Steven Miller<br>
IRS leadership has recently been delivering a clear enforcement message. This panel will let you hear about these priorities directly from those leaders, and how to be prepared from experienced practitioners. |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | **DOJ Criminal Roundtable**<br>
**Moderator:** Sandra R. Brown<br>
**Panelists:** Richard Zuckerman; Nathan Hochman, Justin Thornton<br>
Hear a roundtable discussion of hot topics, recent decisions, and enforcement priorities in criminal tax enforcement. The speakers are all current or former Department of Justice leaders and prosecutors. |
| 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. | **Getting Out Front—Listed Transactions, Transactions of Interest and Injunction Actions**<br>
**Moderator:** Christopher S. Rizek<br>
**Panelists:** Thomas A. Cullinan, Charles E. Hodges, Michelle Levin<br>
This panel will explore how the IRS uses the tools of listed transactions and transactions of interest, and what this means for persons involved in the transactions. The panel will also consider how the IRS and the Department of Justice initiate and prosecute injunction actions. |
| 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | **IRS CI Roundtable**<br>
**Moderator:** Mark E. Matthews<br>
**Panelists:** Edward J. Cronin, Don Fort, Victor Song<br>
The IRS Criminal Investigation Division is on the front line of criminal tax investigations. Current and former IRS CI representatives and practitioners will discuss the top priorities and future challenges in criminal tax enforcement. |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | **Jerry Feffer Annual Lunch**<br>
**Keynote:** Hon. Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | **Ask the Judges**<br>
**Moderator:** Frank J. Jackson<br>
**Panelists:** Hon. Tamara W. Ashford, Hon. Maurice B. Foley, Hon. Mark Holmes, Todd Welty<br>Every litigator needs to know how best to present the client’s case. What do Judges consider to be best practices? What can Judges tell you about avoidable mistakes? Let this panel of Judges tell you how it looks from the bench. |
| 4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. | **What you Don’t Know But Need to Know About Internet Provider Searches**<br>
**Moderator:** Sandra R. Brown<br>
**Panelists:** Jason Poole, Michael S. Pasano, Thomas Zehnle<br>We now live in the digital world and the government may be searching your clients files without the historical knock on the door. The panel will discuss the statutory and constitutional issues caused by ISP searches, and the best practices and procedures to follow when the government employs this investigative tool. |

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<td>examination of partnerships and subsequent litigation over tax disputes as we know it will be vastly different from past years. Now that the Treasury Regulations setting forth the new audit regime have been finalized and the Tax Court rules regarding partnership have been amended, it is time to jump in and learn them.</td>
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<td>Whether and when the government may bring money laundering charges in a tax case has long been a controversial topic. This panel will address developing issues in crypto-currency enforcement, and whether money laundering may become the go-to charge when cryptocurrency is involved. Find out when this is a risk and the implications to the defendant if money laundering is charged.</td>
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<td>Private debt collectors, passport revocation, and other traditional and new tools for collection – this panel will explore what the IRS is doing today, and some of the policy concerns that are being raised. The speakers will also discuss best practices to protect your clients.</td>
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<td>We are well into a post-paper world. Evidence today comes not just from the obvious electronically stored information, but also from trillions of bits of data that are collected by private businesses, credit bureaus, social media platforms and the government. Find out what you need to know about how the government is using this data treasure trove.</td>
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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | **Plenary: Voluntary Disclosures and Addressing the Sins of the Past: Ethical and Other Considerations**  
**Moderator:** Larry Campagna  
**Panelists:** Diana L. Erbsen, Carolyn Schenck, Edward Robbins Jr., Zhanna Zeiring, |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Break                                                                                             |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. | **Protecting Privileges—Domestic and International**  
**Moderator:** Frank Agostino  
**Panelists:** Sheri A. Dillon, Brian C. McManus, Patricia A. Pilleggi, Bruce Zagaris |
| 10:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. | **Plenary: Ethical Issues When Representing the Accountant in an IRS Service Investigation**  
**Moderator:** Sanford Boxerman  
**Panelists:** G. Michelle Ferreira, Sara G. Neill, Josh O. Ungerman |

There is no legal duty to amend an incorrect tax return, but there may be ethical and strategic reasons to do so — including to avoid or mitigate civil and criminal tax penalties. There has been an evolution of the IRS voluntary disclosure practice over the last 10 years, with recent changes made in November 2018 and more recently with the IRS ‘soft letter” crypto currency initiative. The panel will discuss ethical and other considerations in deciding whether to amend a tax return, and the tools available today to help mitigate both domestic and international compliance issues.

The tax practice and tax enforcement has increasing become a cross-border endeavor, with governments collaborating in tax enforcement. Privileges protecting against one sovereign may not be applicable against another sovereign, and collaboration among countries—such as the new J5 initiative, complicate these issues. The panel will discuss how to address privileges in these contexts.

Tax crimes are specific intent crimes—requiring the violation of a known legal duty. The panel will explore when a potential mental impairment should be considered as a defense or as mitigation in sentencing.

The accountant or tax preparer plays a crucial in any tax investigation. The panel will discuss ethical and strategic issues concerning when and how the accountant should be represented, and the extent to which the accountant may or must or should cooperate with the taxpayer. The panel will also consider the role of the accountant in a sensitive tax examination.

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Attire
Business casual attire is appropriate for all activities.

Attendees with Special Needs
Please specify your special needs below. To ensure your request is fulfilled, the registration form must be received by November 15, 2019. For questions, please contact staff designee Donna Williams, Meetings Manager, at donna.
Every effort will be made to accommodate advance requests; onsite requests cannot be guaranteed.

I will need the following accommodations:
Interpreters:
- ❏ ASL Transliterator
- ❏ Oral
- ❏ Tactile
- ❏ Trilingual
- ❏ Deaf
- ❏ Other (please specify):

- ❏ Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) (realtime speech to text translation displayed on computer or large screen)
- ❏ Captioned videos
- ❏ Notetaker
- ❏ Reader
- ❏ Assistive Listening Devices:
  - ❏ Hearing/Induction Loops
  - ❏ FM Systems
  - ❏ Infrared Systems
  - ❏ Other (please specify):

- ❏ Headphones/Earbuds to Connect to Assistive Listening System

Materials in Alternative Formats:
- ❏ Large Print (specify font size: ___)
- ❏ Braille
- ❏ Audio
- ❏ Digital Files
- ❏ Flash Drive/CD
- ❏ Orientation by staff to the facility/meeting site

Special Diet:
- ❏ Vegetarian
- ❏ Vegan
- ❏ Gluten-free
- ❏ Dairy-free
- ❏ Nut-free
- ❏ Pre-cut Meal
- ❏ Other (please specify):

- ❏ Accessible Transportation: Event ________ Date(s) ________ Time(s) ________ Location(s) ________

ADA Accessible Guestroom:
- ❏ Roll-in shower
- ❏ Shower/tub chair
- ❏ Visual alerts (fire and other emergency alarms, door knocks, phone calls)
- ❏ Audible alerts/alarm bells
- ❏ Scent free
- ❏ Wheelchair/Mobility Device Accessible
- ❏ Other (please specify):

- ❏ A personal care attendant will be accompanying me.
- ❏ A service animal will be accompanying me.
- ❏ I will be using a mobility device at the conference.
- ❏ Additional needs (please specify):

Cancellations
Cancellations received five business days or more before the program will receive a full refund, less a $50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be provided for cancellations after that date; however, substitute registrants are welcome at any time. To cancel your registration or substitute another individual, please call the ABA at (800) 285-2221 or fax your request to (312) 988-5850. Registrants who do not cancel within the allotted time period and who do not attend the program will receive a copy of the program course materials after program completion.

In-Person Registration
If you plan to register in person, please call the ABA at least 24 hours in advance to confirm that the program is being held as scheduled and that space is available. Cash payments will not be accepted.

Program Confirmation
Written confirmation of your registration will be sent to you upon receipt. If you do not receive the confirmation notice prior to the program, please call the ABA at (800) 285-2221 at least 24 hours in advance to confirm that your registration was received and that the program is being held as scheduled.

Hotel Information
Wynn | Encore Las Vegas
(meetings will take place at the Wynn)
3131 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Hotel Deadline: November 19, 2019
Reservations can be made by calling the Wynn | Encore Las Vegas directly at 1-866-770-7555. Refer to the ABA National Institute on ABA Criminal Tax Law or use group code 8ABA1219 to get the group rate.

Group Rate:
- Single: Sun-Thurs $169/night  Fri & Sat: $189/night
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