

Saturday

8:30AM – 11:45AM

Pro Bono & Tax Clinics (TX)

Chair: Christine Speidel, Vermont Legal Aid Inc., Springfield, VT

- 8:30am** **Private Debt Collection.** Panelists will explain the applicable procedures and protections for taxpayers in the private collection of federal tax debts. Novel legal questions and challenges arise in the application of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to private collection agencies' actions as IRS contractors.
Moderator: Joshua R. Beck, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director of Systemic Advocacy, IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, Des Moines, IA
Panelists: Bill R. Banowski, Director, Collection Planning and Performance Analysis, IRS, Austin, TX; Mandi L. Matlock, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Austin, TX; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, Washington, DC
Co-Sponsored by: Individual & Family Taxation
- 9:30am** **Break.** (No CLE)
- 9:45am** **Recent Developments.** Government and LITC panelists will explore recent developments of interest to low-income taxpayer representatives.
Moderator: Christine Speidel, Vermont Legal Aid, Springfield, VT
Panelists: Eric Benson, Senior Technician Reviewer, IRS Office of Chief Counsel (Procedure & Administration), Washington, DC (Invited); Rochelle Hodes, Associate Tax Legislative Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of Treasury, Washington, DC (Invited); Professor Bruce McGovern, South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX
- 10:45am** **Tax Issues Facing International Low-Income Families.** Immigrants, migrant workers, and guest workers in the US face complex rules and choices when complying with their tax obligations. This is especially the case when spouses and dependents reside outside the US and the worker retains significant ties to their country of origin.
Moderator: Tamara A. Borland, Director, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic Program, IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, Washington, DC
Panelists: Amanda K. Bartmann, Attorney Advisor to the National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service, Washington, DC; Polly J. Bone, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, San Antonio, TX; Ellen Kreitmeier, Westminster, VT (Invited)