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IRS COMMISSIONER SHULMAN, TAX POLICY-MAKERS AND EXPERTS

TO SPEAK AT ABA TAX SECTION MAY MEETING

WHAT: American Bar Association Section of Taxation 2008 May Meeting

WHEN: May 8 – May 10

WHERE: Grand Hyatt Hotel
1000 H Street, NW
Washington, DC

WHO: IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman; Treasury, IRS, and DOJ Representatives; Tax Policy-makers and Experts

WASHINGTON D.C., April 10, 2008 – More than 2,000 tax lawyers from around the country will meet in Washington, D.C. to discuss and debate the latest developments in the tax world – including home mortgage foreclosure relief, international mergers and acquisitions, tax accounting developments, tax return preparer guidance, money laundering issues and much more – when the American Bar Association Section of Taxation meets May 8-10.

Some 120 government officials and policy-makers will be on hand for the event, including **Douglas Shulman**, the newly confirmed commissioner of the IRS, who will address the group at a breakfast at 8 a.m., May 9 in the Independence A Ballroom, Level 5B. Other speakers include: **Nathan Hochman**, the new assistant attorney general for tax at the Justice Department; **Donald Korb**, chief counsel, IRS; **Michael Chesman**, director, Office of Professional Responsibility at IRS; **Stephen Whitlock**, director of the Whistleblower Office at the IRS; **Nina Olson**, national taxpayer advocate, IRS; **Michael Desmond**, tax legislative counsel, Treasury Department; **John Colvin**, chief judge, U.S. Tax Court, and additional Tax Court judges; **Francis Allegra**, judge, U.S. Court of

Federal Claims; and House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee and Joint Committee on Taxation staff.

Other program highlights include:

- **Presentation of Distinguished Service Award to M. Carr Ferguson, Jr., Davis Polk & Wardwell;**
- **New Return Preparer Penalties;**
- **Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007;**
- **International Impact of 409A: What Employers Need to Know;**
- **Congressional, IRS and Department of Treasury Updates;**
- **Recent Corporate Tax Developments;**
- **Impact of Circular 230 on the Banking Industry;**
- **Resolution of U.S.-Canadian Transfer Pricing Disputes;**
- **High Profile Money Laundering Developments;**
- **Refund Anticipation Loans and Taxpayer Information Disclosure Issues**

Also, on May 8, 1 - 6:30 p.m., the Section of Taxation will feature a workshop on representing low-income taxpayers in IRS examinations. Co-sponsored by the section's Low-Income Taxpayer and Pro Bono committees, the *pro bono* workshop will provide context for the role of the IRS appeals process, with breakout sessions on identity theft, earned income tax credits, audits of disabled taxpayers, cancellation of debt and other issues. Separate registration is required to attend the workshop.

A special program on like-kind exchanges and commercial real estate will be held on May 8, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., to provide new lawyers with the basics of commercial real estate. This Community Outreach Program invites local participants to learn about structuring a like-kind exchange, including mortgage amortization, depreciation and the after-tax return. Separate registration is required for this workshop as well.

For a complete listing of programs and events at the 2008 May Meeting, or to register online, check <http://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/MAY08/>.

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Editor's note: Reporters are welcome to attend any or all sessions for free. Course materials are available upon request. For further information or to arrange for press credentials contact Anne Nicholas at 202/662-8648 or on-site at 202/624-8036/35.