

GOVERNMENT SUBMISSIONS

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Since the last issue of this Newsletter, the Tax Section has coordinated the following Government Submissions, which can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the Section's website at www.abanet.org/tax/pubpolicy.html. If you have any questions or need assistance in locating these documents please contact the Tax Section office at 202/662-1783.

I.R.C. §	DATE	TITLE	COMMITTEE	CONTACT
n/a	7/23/01	Supplemental Comments Concerning IRS Notice 2001-10	Employee Benefits, Insurance Companies, Estate & Gift Taxes, Small Law Firms and Closely Held Businesses	Andrew C. Liazos
368	7/26/01	Supplemental Comments Concerning Regulations Under Section 368 Regarding Mergers Involving Disregarded Entities	Corporate Tax	Benjamin G. Wells
355(e)	7/26/01	Comments Concerning Proposed Regulations Under Section 355(e) Defining a "Plan (or Series of Related Transactions)"	Corporate Tax	Donald B. Hensel M. Todd Prewett
various	7/31/01	Comments Concerning Current Language in Form 990 Regarding Reporting of Compensation Arrangements by Exempt Organizations	Exempt Organizations	Victoria B. Bjorklund
n/a	8/13/01	Administrative Recommendation Regarding Regulations Governing Practice Before IRS (Circular 230)	Tax Section	Richard M. Lipton Frederic L. Ballard, Jr.

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fortunately was comprised of attorneys who had some technical background and a couple of them were very experienced. It was a very active Committee and was very instrumental to our success. Then as today hardware changed every few months, so that by the time we would tentatively select something and almost get to final selection, the hardware or the deal would have been changed. So we experienced that frus-

tration. The one thing I emphasized was that we wanted to stay in the middle of the road. We didn't want to be leading the pack in hardware or software developments. We started developing software for membership and dues billing because that was the largest problem the ABA experienced. Then we took the other areas of concern in sequence, obviously getting to accounting in due course.

Notwithstanding all the testing by the players who would utilize the systems, there were still some glitches. Sometimes we didn't bill everybody who should have been billed.

Occasionally we gave free memberships to people who didn't deserve them—those kinds of glitches. So it was embarrassing and frustrating but we worked it through and I think now the system is pretty good. The Committee was always intended to sunset in 2000. I am very pleased that it worked out the way it did because I think the ABA now has a very good system and Bob Stein is dedicated to keeping it current. Of course, even with Bob's efforts he will only be able to keep it current so long as there is money to do it, so money will always be problem. ■