

# NEWS BRIEFS

## TAX SECTION EXAMINES POST 9/11 TAX ISSUES

The Tax Section has taken several steps to inform consumers of many tax issues that have surfaced in the wake of the September 11 attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. Among them, the Section has launched an educational campaign on its website at [www.abanet.org/tax/](http://www.abanet.org/tax/) to help donors identify legitimate charities and receive proper tax benefits for their gifts.

In addition, the Section has mobilized a task force, chaired by Michael Hirschfeld of New York, which will serve as a resource to Congress, the IRS, the Treasury Department, state and local tax authorities, the media and other interested groups, in establishing tax procedures that can offer aid to families who have lost loved ones and to businesses trying to rebuild.

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## 2001 LAW STUDENT TAX CHALLENGE

The Section is pleased to announce the first Annual Law Student Tax Challenge, sponsored by the Section's Young Lawyers Forum. This unique competition is open to all law students at ABA-accredited law schools who wish to challenge their tax knowledge by examining the

tax consequences of a complex business planning problem and present their analysis to the Section. Written submissions are due November 19, 2001, from which semi-finalists will be chosen to defend their papers before a panel of leading tax practitioners, judges and professors at the Section of Taxation Midyear Meeting, January 18-19, 2002, in New Orleans. Prizes include free travel and registration to Section Meetings and cash donations to the winner's law school. For more information visit the Tax Section website at [www.abanet.org/tax/](http://www.abanet.org/tax/).

## THE MORE THINGS CHANGE...

David W. Richmond, Tax Section Chairman, 1955-57, reminds us how some things never change in a note he sent to Section Chair Richard M. Lipton this past summer:

"The Section of Taxation *Newsletter* tells me that you intend to continue the Section's appeals to Congress for tax simplification.

I was employed by Robert N. Miller to assist him while he was chairman of the Tax Committee of the American Bar Association in 1936.

One of the Committee's primary concerns was tax simplification. Some things never change!" ■

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