

NEWS BRIEFS

SECTION TO VOTE ON BYLAW CHANGES AND MODEL STATE TAX TRIBUNAL ACT

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8.4 of the Bylaws of the Section of Taxation, this message serves as notice to the Section that proposed changes to its Bylaws will be submitted to the ABA Board of Governors for approval contingent upon approval by the members of the Section at the 2006 May Meeting Plenary Session. The revised Bylaws are available for review on the Section's website at:

<http://www.abanet.org/tax/mo/premium-tx/sectionvote/sectionbylaws.pdf>.

The Council of the Section of Taxation has approved a Model State Administrative Tax Tribunal Act, which will be submitted for consideration by the ABA House of Delegates at the 2006 Annual Meeting contingent upon approval of the members of

the Section at its 2006 May Meeting Plenary Session. To review the full report with recommendations, which was prepared by members of the State and Local Taxes Committee, please visit the Section's website at: <http://www.abanet.org/tax/mo/premium-tx/sectionvote/mstta.pdf>.

MIDYEAR MEETING TAPES AND CDS AVAILABLE

Tapes and CDs of the 2006 Midyear Meeting programs are now available from Digital Conference Providers, the Section's new audio vendor. Orders can be placed through their website at: <https://www.dcporder.com/abatx/> or by calling: 1-630-985-1182.

IRS TO HOST SIX TAX FORUMS THIS YEAR

As a component of the Internal Revenue Service's communication and outreach efforts, the IRS will

host a series of tax forums across the nation this summer for the benefit of tax professionals. The forums present the latest news and information from the IRS over three days of seminars. Representatives of the IRS, the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, and other organizations will lead seminars and be available for discussion.

The locations and dates of the 2006 tax forums are:

- Anaheim, Calif. — June 27-29
- Chicago, Ill. — July 11-13
- Atlanta, Ga. — July 25-27
- Orlando, Fla. — Aug. 1-3
- Las Vegas, Nev. — Aug. 22-24
- New York, N.Y. — Aug. 29-31

ABA members will qualify for a registration discount. For more information, visit www.taxforuminfo.com.

LAW STUDENT TAX CHALLENGE

The Section is pleased to announce the winners of the 2005 Law Student Tax Challenge:

J.D. DIVISION RESULTS

1st Place	Tonita Northington and Teri Ellison, Louisiana State University Law Center
2nd Place	Mary Riley and Cathryn Streeter, Northern Illinois University College of Law
3rd Place	Gainey Johnson and Travis Combs, University of Houston Law Center
Best Written Submission	Jed Tomkins and Luke Jones, Lewis and Clark Law School

LL.M. DIVISION RESULTS

1st Place	Kelley Miller and Michael Gitlin, Georgetown University Law Center
2nd Place	Jeffrey Malo and Agnieszka Samoc, Georgetown University Law Center
Best Written Submission	Jeffrey Malo and Agnieszka Samoc of Georgetown University Law Center

For the first time, this year's competition included both J.D. and LL.M. students; the top seven J.D. teams and the top four LL.M. teams traveled to San Diego, California to compete in the oral rounds at the Section's Midyear Meeting.

The Law Student Tax Challenge (LSTC) is a national tax planning competition sponsored by the Young Lawyers Forum of the Section of Taxation and designed to reflect everyday tax practice more accurately than traditional moot court competitions. The LSTC offers students the opportunity to demonstrate their acquired knowledge and interact with experienced practitioners and potential future employers. The top-performing students are recognized before the Section of Taxation and receive prizes, including monetary awards. In the competition's four year history, the LSTC has become one of the largest tax competitions for law students in the United States.

A complete listing of the teams entered in the 2005 competition, along with samples of entries, is available on the Section's Web site at: <http://www.abanet.org/tax/lstc>. ■