

Publications

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Created in 2007, the mission of the Tax Section's new Publications Committee is to lend focus to and develop the Section's publishing program in order to provide high quality information on tax law and practice and to serve the needs of Section members, the tax profession, and the general public in a manner that enhances the reputation of the Section and generates revenues.

The Committee on Publications meets at the Section's three annual meetings and brings together the editors of *The Tax Lawyer*, *The Tax Lawyer - The State and Local Tax Edition*, *NewsQuarterly*, *Important Developments*, and other interested members to discuss common issues and to research and identify new publishing opportunities for the Section.

In addition to volunteering on a new publication, members may contribute to the Section's current publishing activities in a variety of writing, editing, and mentoring capacities, including:

The Tax Lawyer (Including the State and Local Tax Edition)

The Section's flagship publication, *The Tax Lawyer* (TTL) is a quarterly law journal featuring scholarly articles by practitioners and academics and case notes and comments by Georgetown law students on topics and comments believed to be of professional interest to members of the Section and other readers. Three issues of TTL are devoted to federal subject matters. Beginning in 2007, the Summer Edition of the TTL features legal scholarship devoted to state and local taxation. In addition to submitting articles to TTL, members are encouraged to contribute to TTL as Law Student Note Mentors. Most Georgetown students who write for TTL have very little exposure to tax and ABA volunteers are needed to provide guidance and feedback on their analysis. Contacts: Managing Editor of TTL, Prof. Bill Lyons (wlyons2@unlnotes.unl.edu); Managing Editor of TTL- State and Local Tax Edition, Debra Silverman Herman (dherman@rhtax.com). Website: www.abanet.org/tax/pubs/ttl.

NewsQuarterly

The Section's newsletter—the *NewsQuarterly* (NQ)—like TTL is published quarterly, and it provides short articles on developments pertaining to taxation, Section news, and other information of professional interest to Section members and others. Regular features include Points to Remember—concise, 1500 word pieces dealing with specific developments and hot topics, Point & Counterpoint—an opportunity for two or more authors to provide differing viewpoints on a specific tax practice or policy matter; the annual Challenge Point—published in conjunction with the Law Student Tax Challenge Writing Competition organized by the Young Lawyer Forum; and Tax Bites—puzzles, poems, and other interesting trivia on how tax touches everyday life. In addition, members are encouraged to contribute special reports and opinion pieces. Contact: Supervising Editor, Prof. Gail Richmond (richmondg@nsu.law.nova.edu). Website: www.abanet.org/tax/pubs/nq.

Important Developments

The Section's substantive committees are required to submit Annual Reports on Important Developments (due Feb. 1). Beginning with the Annual Reports on Important Developments for the calendar year 2005, the Section discontinued publication of the annual report in the summer print edition of *The Tax Lawyer*; however, the reports continue to be a useful and required committee work product, and they are published as an exclusive member benefit on the Tax Section website, via an online important developments database featuring both the Annual Reports and the current developments reports presented at section meetings. Members interested in writing a committee's Annual Report should contact the committee chair. Members interested in assisting with editing the reports should contact Prof. Stephen Black, Teaching Tax Committee, Important Development Subcommittee Chair (sblack@piercelaw.edu). Website: www.abanet.org/tax/developments/.

The Practical Tax Lawyer

Published by ALI-ABA in cooperation with the Tax Section, *The Practical Tax Lawyer* (PTL) offers concise, practice-oriented articles covering all aspects of tax law. The articles are written by practitioners and are reviewed by an expert board of editorial advisors who are members of the Tax Section and are appointed by the Section. For more information, visit ALI-ABA's website: www.ali-aba.org. As a component of PTL, the Section organizes The Young Lawyer Writing Project, which partners young lawyers with senior lawyers in the Section to write articles for PTL. Young Lawyer Writing Project Contact: Sam Braunstein (sam@btlawfirm.com).

Other Publications

In addition to the periodicals described above, the Section also publishes the following single titles, which are available through the ABA webstore, and also on *Westlaw*:

- A Comprehensive Analysis of Current Consumption Tax Proposals
- Effectively Representing Your Client Before the IRS: A Practical Manual for the Tax Practitioner with Sample Correspondence and Forms
- Guide to Nonprofit Corporate Governance in the Wake of Sarbanes-Oxley
- The Property Tax Deskbook
- The Sales & Use Tax Deskbook
- The State and Local Tax Lawyer (Vols. 1-11)
- Value Added Tax: A Model Statute and Commentary

To learn more about these titles, visit the Section's publications website:

<http://www.abanet.org/tax/pubs/>.

The Publications Committee welcomes participation by members who are interested in writing for the Section and in proposing and developing new publications. Contacts: Lou Mezzullo, Section Vice Chair – Publications (lmezzullo@luce.com); Anne Dunn, Director-Publishing & Program Development (dunna@staff.abanet.org). ■

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