

News Briefs

NEW PRIMARY SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

Thomson Tax and Accounting (TTA) and Thomson West are now a primary sponsor of the Section of Taxation. Together, they will provide enhanced publishing opportunities and member benefits to the Section. Thomson will also provide discounts and product offerings to Section members in months to come.



As a component of the Tax Section's new sponsorship relationship with Thomson, the Section is pleased to present TaxIQ (formerly Comm-Online). With thoughtful insights and useful analysis, this online resource provides current, high-level work product on the latest tax developments. Thousands of pages of cutting-edge committee program materials presented at **Section of Taxation Meetings** from May 1999 to the present can be viewed and searched on the Section's website. These documents contain analysis of the latest federal tax policy, initiatives, regulations, legislative forecasts, and planning ideas developed by the country's leading tax attorneys and government officials. Section members can access TaxIQ free of charge at: <http://www.abanet.org/tax/taxiq/>.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM AT MAY MEETING | LIKE-KIND EXCHANGES AND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE PRIMER

The Section of Taxation Professional Services and Diversity Committees, and the Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Community Outreach Committee are pleased to present the Community Outreach Program, a special continuing legal education program at the 2008 May Meeting on Thursday afternoon, May 8th. The program is designed to teach lawyers what they never learned in law school but need to know to get started in a specialized field and it seeks to assist lawyers having a hard time finding a professional niche.

This year's program will provide three hours of CLE on the basics of like-kind exchanges and commercial real

estate. Please note that registration is required for this program. To register, please contact the Tax Section Registrar at 202.662.8670 or salmont@staff.abanet.org.

MISSED A MEETING?

Audio CDs and MP3s of programs presented at Tax Section Meetings are available from Digital Conference Providers. Audio files of specific committee programs may be purchased separately. In addition, members can purchase the "Ultimate CD-ROM" complete conference package, including both audio files and program materials for each Section Meeting. For more information: <https://www.dcporder.com/abatx/> or phone 630.963.8311.

NEW JOB LOCATOR PROGRAM

The Section recently introduced a new Job Locator feature on its website: <http://www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/jobs/home.html>. The site is a great resource for young lawyers and law students and offers a directory of available tax opportunities around the country. Member law firms and other organizations are also encouraged to use the site to post job openings. For additional information, please e-mail tax@abanet.org, or call 202.662.8670.

CONSUMER OUTREACH

As part of its outreach to taxpayers and consumers, the Tax Section regularly produces audio and video news releases that are sent to radio and television stations around the country. In conjunction with these broadcast pieces, relevant information is also made available to the public on the Section's consumer website, www.TaxTips4U.org. During the 2007 filing season, two audio news releases—one warning taxpayers about tax scams, and one informing them about tax rebates included in the Economic Stimulus package—were produced and sent to radio stations around the country. In addition, a video news release featuring Section chair Stanley Blend, Pro Bono Committee Chair Robert McKenzie, and taxpayer Richard Sherwin, was produced to raise awareness of potential tax scams and how to avoid being a victim. The Section's video and audio news releases are available on the Section's website and at www.TaxTips4U.org.

IRS TAX FORUMS

As a component of its communication and outreach efforts, the IRS is conducting a series of tax forums across the nation this summer. Designed for tax professionals, the forums present the latest news and information from the IRS over three days of seminars taught by representatives of the IRS, the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, and other national organizations. The 2008 dates and locations are:

Location	Date
Atlanta, GA	July 1-3
Chicago, IL	July 22-24
Orlando, FL	August 5-7
Las Vegas, NV	August 19-21
New York, NY	August 26-28
San Diego, CA	September 9-11

For more information, visit www.taxforuminfo.com. ABA members qualify for a discount. Please note that CLE accreditation has not been requested in advance for these programs, and attorneys interested in attending and obtaining CLE credit are encouraged to check with their state regulatory boards.

GOVERNMENT SUBMISSIONS UPDATE

The Tax Section has coordinated—and gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the Task Force on Patenting Tax Strategies, and the Civil and Criminal Tax Penalties and Employee Benefits Committees on—the following government submissions this quarter, which can be viewed on the Section's website at www.abanet.org/tax/pubpolicy.

- Comments on the New Service Provider Exemption Under Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA
- Comments Concerning Proposed Regulations Under Section 6011 and 6111 of the Internal Revenue Code Relating to Patented Transactions
- Comments Concerning ERISA Bonding Rules
- Comments on the 2007 Amendments to the Section 6694 Preparer Penalty Rules ■