

## News Briefs

### Government Submissions Update

Since January, the Tax Section has submitted the following technical comments to the IRS, which can be viewed and downloaded free of charge from the Section's website at [www.abanet.org/tax/pubpolicy](http://www.abanet.org/tax/pubpolicy):

- Comments Concerning Notice 2008-19 and Segregated Arrangements That Do Not Involve Insurance, coordinated by the Partnerships & LLCs Committee.
- Comments Regarding Transfer Pricing as Related to Enhancing Canada's International Tax Advantage, coordinated by the Transfer Pricing Committee.

### 2009 Midyear Meeting Pictures

Check the Tax Section website for photos from the Midyear Meeting in New Orleans. See if you can find your friends and colleagues in slideshows of the CLE programs or social events posted on the website at [www.abanet.org/tax](http://www.abanet.org/tax). To see pictures of judges and students in action at this year's Law Student Tax Challenge, visit the LSTC website at [www.abanet.org/tax/lstc](http://www.abanet.org/tax/lstc).

### Purchase Section Meeting and Teleconference Recordings

Audio CDs and MP3s of programs presented at Tax Section Meetings are available from Digital Conference Providers; members can also purchase the "Ultimate CD-ROM" complete conference package, which includes audio files and program materials from the entire Section Meeting. For more information on obtaining Section Meeting recordings, visit <https://www.dcporder.com/abatx> or call 630/963-8311. To purchase audio

CDs and MP3s of Tax Section teleconferences, go to the CLE products page in the ABA webstore at [www.ababooks.org](http://www.ababooks.org).

### Section Launches Pro Bono Opportunities Page

As part of the Section's commitment to improve access to legal assistance for taxpayers and to foster support for free legal services, the Section is providing information about ongoing pro bono opportunities available to members. The new site is located at [www.abanet.org/tax/probono](http://www.abanet.org/tax/probono).

The Section also has created an LITC Match Program on this site to connect qualified attorneys with Low Income Tax Clinics in need of extra assistance. If you are from a clinic interested in posting pro bono opportunities, please take a moment to fill out a form by going to [www.abanet.org/tax/probono/litcs.html](http://www.abanet.org/tax/probono/litcs.html).

Members interested in participating in the Section's pro bono activities are invited to become active in the Low Income Taxpayer and Pro Bono Committees. For more information, please contact the Section's Pro Bono Counsel, Catherine Engell, at [engellc@staff.abanet.org](mailto:engellc@staff.abanet.org) or 202/442-3425.

### Public Service Fellowship Program

The Tax Section is pleased to announce that the application period for its Public Service Fellowship program for 2010-2012 is now open. Applications must be received by August 1, 2009, to be considered. Applicants selected for interviews will be invited to attend the Section's Joint Fall CLE Meeting in Chicago on September 24-26, 2009, and asked to participate in interviews on September 26, 2009.

The Public Service Fellowship program, which began in 2008, reflects the Section's desire to advance public service efforts in tax law, and to foster a

more fair and equitable tax system. Pro Bono service has been an integral part of the Section's activities for many years. The Section actively encourages member participation in various Pro Bono efforts, holds numerous training sessions to that end, and devotes many of its resources to providing legal services to those in need. The Section recognizes the need for funding and fostering recent law school graduates or judicial clerks who wish to dedicate some portion of their professional careers to public service in tax. For a complete fellowship description and instructions on how to apply, visit our website at [www.abanet.org/tax/awards/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/tax/awards/home.html).

### IRS Nationwide 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 ABA Section of Taxation, and other national organizations. The 2009 dates and locations are:

| Location      | Date            |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Las Vegas, NV | July 7-9        |
| San Diego, CA | July 14-16      |
| Orlando, FL   | August 4-6      |
| New York, NY  | August 25-27    |
| Dallas, TX    | September 8-10  |
| Atlanta, GA   | September 22-24 |

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