

## News Briefs

### 2009-2010 Nolan Fellows

The Tax Section congratulates the recipients of its 2009-2010 Nolan Fellows awards. The following six Nolan Fellows were recently honored at the Section's 2010 Midyear Meeting in San Antonio, TX.

- Kelley Cooper-Miller, Reed Smith LLP, Washington, DC
- Katherine E. David, Oppenheimer Blend Harrison & Tate Inc., San Antonio, TX
- Eric L. Green, Convicer & Percy LLP, Glastonbury, CT
- Kevin Morris Jacobs, Ropes & Gray LLP, Washington, DC
- Summer Ayers LePree, Holland & Knight LLP, Miami, FL
- Carlene Y. Miller, Snell & Wilmer LLP, Phoenix, AZ

Named for the late Jack Nolan, a dedicated and respected Tax Section member, the distinction is awarded to young lawyers who are actively involved in the Section and have demonstrated leadership qualities. Each one-year fellowship includes waived Section Meeting registration fees and assistance with travel to some Section Meetings.

### 19th Annual ABA/IPT Seminars – March 22-26, 2010, New Orleans

The ABA Section of Taxation and the Institute for Professionals in Taxation will present the annual Sales/Use Tax, Property Tax, and Income Tax Seminars this year at the Ritz-Carlton New Orleans in New Orleans, LA. The faculty will address issues common to income, sales, use and property tax cases in all jurisdictions with an emphasis on those issues that apply generally to state and local tax appeals throughout the country.

The early bird registration deadline is January 15, 2010. For program schedule and registration information, visit the Tax Section's website at: <https://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/IPT10/>.

### Members in San Antonio, Texas and Washington, DC, Train Volunteers for the Military VITA Program

Through the efforts of the Section's Pro Bono Committee, volunteers from the Tax Section received IRS training so that they could train VITA volunteers preparing returns for military service members and their families on military bases. In 2008, its first year, the project was limited to the metropolitan Washington, DC, area, and has expanded since that time to include San Antonio, Texas. Section members volunteered to train during the week of January 11, 2010 at Fort Belvoir and Andrews Air Force Base in Virginia and Lackland Security Hill in Texas. Last year the program helped train 63 volunteers who prepared 4236 income tax returns.

### Implement Disability Diversity In Your Workplace!

A free conference report from the Second National Conference on the Employment of Lawyers with Disabilities is now available from the ABA Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law. From this groundbreaking event—cosponsored by a number of ABA entities, including the Tax Section—came the 2009 Conference Report, which contains information relevant to both legal employers and lawyers/law students with disabilities. Download your copy today: <http://www.abanet.org/disability/docs/O9report.pdf>.

The Report encourages legal employers make a *Pledge for Change*, and includes a one-page pledge for legal employers to sign. The Pledge affirms the signatory's commitment to diversity, specifically, disability diversity, and recognizes that diversity is in

the best interest of the profession, those the profession serves, as well as the organization making the commitment. For details and instructions, visit: <http://www.abanet.org/disability/pledge>.

### Exempt Organizations Assistance Program

At the Section's 2010 Midyear Meeting in San Antonio, members of the Exempt Organizations Committee volunteered to provide consultation time to local tax exempt organizations that hold 501(c)(3) status and to nonprofit organizations who serve low-income individuals. The participating Section attorneys are experienced with exempt organization qualification issues, filings, compliance rules and governance issues. The program, the Exempt Organizations Assistance Program, co-sponsored by the Pro Bono Committee and the Exempt Organizations Committee, was a success.

### Section Meeting Materials & Recordings

As a benefit of membership, Tax Section members can search and download hundreds of papers and materials presented at the Section's Fall, Midyear, and May Meetings dating back ten years at: [www.abanet.org/tax/taxiq](http://www.abanet.org/tax/taxiq). This service is made possible through Thomson Reuters Tax & Accounting and West, a Thomson Reuters business—a primary sponsor of the Section.

Audiotapes, CDs, and MP3s of programs from recent Section Meetings are available from Digital Conference Providers (DCP), the Section's audio service provider. Orders can be placed through the DCP website at <https://www.dcporder.com/abatx/> or by calling 630-963-8311. ■