



PRO BONO AWARD RECIPIENT | JOSEPH BARRY SCHIMMEL

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This year, the ABA Section of Taxation is proud to present its Janet Spragens Pro Bono Award to Joseph Barry Schimmel, Cohen, Chase, Hoffman & Schimmel, Miami, Florida. With this award, established in 2002, the Tax Section recognizes one or more individuals or law firms that have provided meritorious pro bono service in the representation of low-income taxpayers. The award is intended to encourage pro bono activities by all members through public recognition of the pro bono services of the annual award winners.

Joseph Barry Schimmel has been dedicated to pro bono service for low income taxpayers since volunteering for the Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. (LSGMI) federally-funded Tax Clinic in 2000. He continues to provide that assistance, in addition to presenting LITC training and accepting referrals of LITC cases.

Joe is very active in the ABA Tax Section, most recently as chair of the Low Income Taxpayer (LITP) Committee. He has worked on numerous comment

projects, including the uniform definition of a qualifying child, processing of offers in compromise, collection due process procedures, installment agreement procedures, and U.S. Tax Court small tax case procedures. He has written Important Developments reports and served on panels for the LITP Committee and LITC Workshops. He is also vice chair of the Membership & Marketing Committee.

As an active member of The Florida Bar, Joe chairs the Council of Sections, and has served on the Tax Section's Director's Committee and Executive Council, as well as the Tax Law Certification Committee.

Joe received his B.E.E. from Georgia Institute of Technology, his J.D. from Florida State University College of Law, and his LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. ■