

2008 NOLAN FELLOWS

The Tax Section congratulates the recipients of its 2007-2008 Nolan Fellows awards. The following six Nolan Fellows were recently honored at the Section's Midyear Meeting in Lake Las Vegas, NV.

- Megan L. Brackney, Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP, New York, NY
- William E. Hansen, McDermott Will & Emery, Washington, DC
- Sarah M. Johnson, Venable, LLP, Washington, DC
- Robb A. Longman, Joseph, Greenwald & Laake, P.A., Bethesda, MD
- Colleen M. O'Connor, Ernst & Young LLP, Herndon, VA
- Juan F. Vasquez, Jr., Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin, Houston, TX

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 shown leadership qualities. Each one-year fellowship includes waived Section Meeting registration fees and assistance with travel to some Section Meetings. Congratulations to the new Fellows!

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The Tax Section thanks the following sponsors of the 2008 Midyear Meeting.

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17TH ANNUAL ABA/IPT SEMINARS | MARCH 10-14, 2008 – 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 advance registration deadline is February 28, 2008. For a program schedule and registration information, visit the Tax Section's website at: <https://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/IPT08/>.

4TH ANNUAL SALT SYMPOSIUM: COMBINED REPORTING | MAY 14, 2008 – WASHINGTON, DC

The Tax Section and Georgetown University Law Center are pleased to announce the 4th Annual State and Local Tax (SALT) Symposium, this year with the theme of Combined Reporting. This year's sessions will provide a comparative analysis of the states' non-uniform group reporting regimes, the principles that drive the sourcing of multijurisdictional income, the implications that stem from group reporting models that employ a single versus an aggregate taxpayer theory, and important matters for state legislatures and their taxpayers to consider when contemplating the continued use or adoption of a combined reporting regime.

The Symposium will feature nationally recognized SALT practitioners and academicians whose analysis will include a focus on tax policy issues as well as related traps and planning opportunities. To assure a broad exchange of ideas and concerns that are responsive to the interests of multijurisdictional taxpayers and the states, the program has been timed to correspond to the Law Center's 31st Annual Advanced Institute on State and Local Taxation, as well as a private meeting of the General Counsels from each of the states' Departments of Revenue that is being hosted by Georgetown. It is anticipated that many of the General

Counsels will be in attendance at both the Symposium and the annual Advanced SALT Institute.

For more information or to register, please visit www.georgetowncle.org or call 202/662-9890.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Over the past decade, the Section has experienced significant growth in active membership of its international tax committees, reflecting the expansion into non U.S. markets of U.S. law firms and the increased emphasis on international tax practice.

To accommodate this growing interest, the Section, in partnership with the International Bar Association, sponsors a very successful "Tax Planning Strategies—U.S. and Europe" conference, now going into its eighth year. The Section is also pleased to introduce a new conference on "U.S. and Latin American Tax Planning Strategies" this coming June in Miami.

Visit the meeting websites below for program details and registration information.

8th Annual Tax Planning Strategies - U.S. and Europe

April 3-4, 2008 | Madrid, Spain

For more information, please visit: <http://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/Madrid08/>

U.S. - Latin American Tax Planning Strategies Conference

June 11-13, 2008 | Miami, Florida, USA

For more information, please visit: <http://meetings.abanet.org/meeting/tax/Miami08/>

SECTION PRO BONO UPDATE

This past fall, the Section introduced a pilot program in the Washington, D.C. area, to assist the IRS Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program in handling income tax preparation for military personnel and their families. Section volunteers became certified in VITA training, and then learned about what specific issues are relevant to military personnel. Once the training was completed, they met at Andrews Air Force Base to train those who would be working with VITA volunteers in helping prepare federal income tax returns

for the military. The Section hopes to expand the project to other areas of the country, so that Tax Section volunteers can contribute their considerable skills and talents to these efforts on military bases in their communities. For more information on replicating this effort in your area, please contact the Section office at tel. 202/662-8671, e-mail tax@abanet.org.

In addition, the Section hosted a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) workshop in Washington, D.C. in December, in lieu of holding the session at the Midyear Meeting in Lake Las Vegas. The workshop attracted over 120 LITC staff and provided a primer on the appeals process for pro bono lawyers and those working in LITCs, and featured guests from the IRS, the Tax Court and academia. The next LITC workshop is scheduled for the May Meeting in Washington, DC.

CONSUMER OUTREACH

The Section routinely reaches out to taxpayers to let them know of tax-related issues that may affect their lives and pocketbooks. In the fall, two audio news releases (ANRs) were broadcast to stations around the country, and heard by millions of listeners. For taxpayers facing foreclosure on their homes due to the "subprime lending" crisis, the Section provided information about tax relief that may be available to them. The Section also provided information to the victims of the California wildfires who may be eligible to re-file their 2006 returns or claim collateral damage in the 2007 income tax filings. For more information about these projects, and other consumer news, please see the Section's consumer web site, www.taxtips4U.org.

MISSED A MEETING?

Audiotapes, CDs, and MP3s of programs held at the Tax Section's Midyear, May, and Fall Meetings, as well as its annual Advanced Income, Sales/Use, and Property Tax Seminars cosponsored with the Institute for Professionals in Taxation, are available from Digital Conference Providers, the Section's audio provider. Orders can be placed through the DCP website at: <https://www.dcporder.com/abatx/> or by calling 630/963-8311. ■