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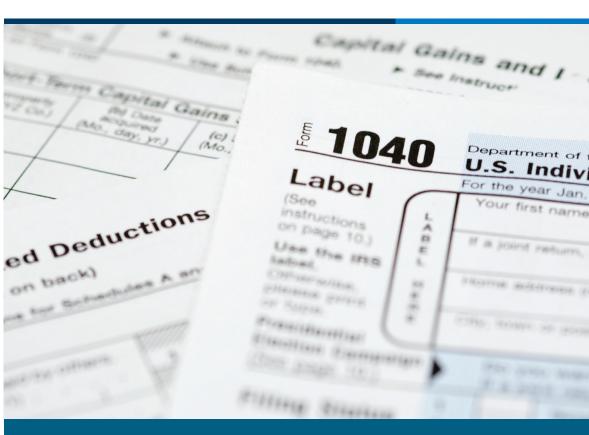
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Wednesday, December 9, 2015

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **First-Time Attendees Reception**

1:00 - 2:45 p.m. Low Income Taxpayer Assistance Workshop

Panelists: Armando Gomez, Claudia Hill, Francine Lipman

Moderator: Frank Agostino

Many taxpayers cannot afford professional advice. Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) represent lower income individuals in disputes with the IRS, including audits, appeals, collection matters, and federal tax litigation. LITCs also help taxpayers respond to IRS notices and correct account problems and provide advice about taxpayer rights and responsibilities. This workshop will address issues of importance to every tax practitioner - all are invited to attend registration is not required but preference will be provided to those expressing a desire to assist low income taxpayers in their local community.

Introduction: Frank Agostino

Break 2:45 - 3:00 p.m.

Civil Tax Workshop 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Panelists: Sheri Dillon, Hon. Marvin Garbis, Frank Jackson, Andrew Strelka

Moderator: Frank Agostino

Back by popular demand, this workshop will demonstrate the different skill sets and strategies in tax litigation before the Tax Court, District Court, and Federal Court of Claims. You will hear from judges and experienced trial lawyers on issues including pre-litigation and litigation strategies, drafting pleadings, discovery, dispositive motions, pre-trial conferences, trial witnesses, and expert testimony. The panelists will also discuss practical considerations in choosing a litigating forum, and will highlight recent procedural issues.

Introduction: Armando Gomez

Criminal Tax Workshop

Panelists: Caryn Finley, Peter Hardy, Lawrence Horn, Martin Schainbaum, Victor Song, Richard Speier

Moderator: Sandra R. Brown

This popular workshop will teach you strategies and techniques for handling sensitive civil examinations and criminal investigations, and defending a criminal prosecution. The workshop addresses when to anticipate a criminal referral, IRS Special Agent interviews of the taxpayer or preparer, representation of a target, subject or witness in a criminal investigation, how to approach a Department of Justice conference, procedural and trial issues that every criminal tax defense attorney should know, when and how to argue tax loss issues, effective plea negotiations, and sentencing strategies. The workshop materials include an invaluable "criminal tax toolkit" of practice tips prepared by experienced practitioners.

Introduction: Dennis Perez

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Institute Reception

Thursday, December 10, 2015

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks, Announcements and Overview

Kathryn Keneally & Charles Rettig

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Conflicts and Chaos: The Importance of Timely Recognizing and

Managing Conflicts of Interest and Related Problems

Ethics

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in Tax Litigation

Panelists: Michael Desmond, Miriam Fisher, Ashton "Hap" Trice, Stephen Whitlock

Moderator: Hon. L. Paige Marvel

Using hypotheticals, this panel will examine counsel's ethical obligations in tax litigation to identify, disclose, and manage conflicts of interest before they infect the litigation, creating problems for the parties, counsel and the Court. The panel will discuss Tax Court Rule 24(g) and relevant provisions of the Model Rules of Professional Responsibility and explore some of the problems presented by concepts such as informed consent, imputation of conflict, and unwaivable conflict. The panel will also explore the difficulties created by late disclosure and nondisclosure of conflicts, and discuss the related issue of trial counsel as a "necessary witness."

Introduction: Armando Gomez

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 - 11:15 a.m. **Civil Enforcement Priorities**

Panelists: Hon. Tamara Ashford, Diana Erbsen, Drita Tonuzi

Moderator: Kathleen Pakenham

Hear a roundtable discussion of hot topics, recent decisions, and enforcement priorities in civil tax enforcement. The speakers include high-ranking officials at the Department of Justice and the IRS and leading practitioners.

Introduction: Ellis Reemer

DOJ Criminal Roundtable

Panelists: Sandra, R. Brown, Caroline Ciraolo, Mark Daly, Charles J. Muller

Moderator: James A. Bruton, III

Hear a roundtable discussion of hot topics, recent decisions, and enforcement priorities in criminal tax enforcement. The speakers are all current or former Department of Justice leaders and prosecutors.

Introduction: Leigh Kessler

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What's New at Exam and Appeals 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Panelists: John Colvin, Sheldon Kay, Steven Miller

Moderator: Jenny Johnson

The IRS has made significant changes to procedures at Examination and Appeals during the last several years, and has stated that there is more to come. Hear about the new approaches from IRS and practitioners, and the everyday impact that these changes are having.

Introduction: Brian McManus

IRS CI Roundtable

Panelists: Edward Cronin, Charles Meadows, Richard Speier, Richard Weber

Moderator: Mark E. Matthews

The IRS Criminal Investigation Division is on the front line of criminal tax investigations. IRS CI representatives and practitioners will discuss the top priorities and future challenges in criminal tax enforcement.

Introduction: Victor Song

12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Jerry Feffer Annual Luncheon

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. IRS Penalty Collections: How to Protect Your Client's Rights

Panelists: Christin Bucci, Tara Krieger, Robert Pope

Moderator: Sara Neill

From collection due process to innocent spouse, this panel will address the procedures and substantive issues that you need to know to protect your client. In particular, enforcement in connection with the use of offshore bank accounts has seen an increase in assertion and collection of penalties in this area. This panel will work through a series of hypotheticals to demonstrate how to be effective in these cases.

Introduction: Frank Jackson

Offshore: Where in the World is Enforcement Now?

Panelists: Nanette Davis, Max Weder, Terra-Lynn Zentara

Moderator: Scott Michel

It is over seven years and counting, and enforcement by the IRS and the Department of Justice continues on. Much of this focus has been on Swiss accounts, culminating in the Swiss Bank Program. This panel will discuss criminal and FBAR penalty enforcement efforts against banks, bankers, professionals, facilitators, and accountholders, including an update on the Swiss Bank Program and where the government may next turn its attention.

Introduction: Dan Levy

2:30 - 3:20 p.m. When the Accountant is a Witness: Ethical and Other **Considerations**

Panelists: Paula Junghans; Richard Kando; J. Allen Kosowsky, CPA; Michelle Feit Schwerin

Moderator: Richard Sapinski

Accountants play many roles. An accountant may be a key witness for either the government or the defense, or part of the team in a sensitive examination, or the forensic expert. This panel will bring together practitioners and accountants to explore the ethical and strategic issues that arise.

Introduction: Michelle Schwerin

Offshore: What Should the Noncompliant Accountholders Be **Doing Now?**

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Panelists: Wendy Abkin, Niles Elber, David Horton, John C. McDougal

Moderator: Larry A. Campagna

Over 50,000 foreign accountholders have come forward through the IRS Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Programs and the Streamline Program. Remarkably, still more have not. These panelists will discuss the risks and options available to accountholders, and many of the recurring issues under the various programs.

Introduction: Jenny Johnson

Break 3:20 - 3:30 p.m.

When the Trasaction Crosses the Border: What You Need to Know 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Panelists: David Horton, Matthew D. Lerner, Diana Wollman

Moderator: Joan Arnold

Businesses of all sizes engage in cross-border transactions. Increasingly, IRS examinations are bringing a more sophisticated analysis to the tax consequences. This panel will set out what you need to know today and tomorrow to help your clients address issues including withholding obligations, transfer-pricing, BEPS, and similar issues.

Introduction: Matthew Cooper

When The Past Isn't The Past: How To Correct Past Wrongdoing

Panelists: Eric Green, Barbara Kaplan, Janet McHard

Moderator: Ellis Reemer

Unreported income, employees paid in cash, misclassified expenses, overstated inventory - these are some of the recurring issues that clients bring us. Past wrongdoing may need to be addressed when a business is being sold. This panel will address how to remedy past non-compliance in scenarios ranging from when the client just can't sleep to when to consider voluntary disclosure.

Introduction: Sanford Boxerman

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4:30 - 4:40 p.m. Break

4:40 - 5:55 p.m. Hot-Tubbing: How To Get To The Truth From Expert Testimony

Panelists: Jenny Johnson, Hon. David Laro, Lawrence A. Sannicandro

Moderator: Frank Agostino

The expert is often the link to a successful result at trial. Valuation cases often become a battle of the experts. Recently judges have been using new tools, from court-appointed experts to "hot-tubbing," to aid them in sorting through the conflicting positions to get to the essence of the matter. Hear from a judge about these tools, and from practitioners about how to prepare expert witnesses in this evolving environment.

Introduction: Matthew Turtoro

Ask the Experts: Top Tips in Criminal Tax Cases

Panelists: Ian Comisky, Lawrence Feld, Hon. Marvin Garbis, Nathan Hochman, Sharon McCarthy, Edward Robbins Moderator: Bryan Skarlatos

Get practical guidance and personal views from leading criminal tax experts on both sides regarding the most challenging issues. Panelists will discuss strategies during a criminal investigation, plea negotiations, pre-trial and trial strategies.

Introduction: Kathleen Agbayani

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Holland & Knight Fifth Annual Women's Networking Event

Join Jenny Johnson of Holland & Knight at the Eastside Lounge for a relaxing reception with your favorite colleagues before the Institute Reception and Dinner at Maggiano's. We look forward to seeing you for a night of great food and lively conversation!

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7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner at Maggiano's {Ticketed Event}

10:00 p.m. - TBD Agostino & Associates Annual After-Hours Event

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Friday, December 11, 2015

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks, Announcements and Introductions

Kathryn Keneally & Charles Rettig

8:45 - 10:00 a.m. Tax Enforcement in a Resource-Challenged World

Panelists: Michael Danilack, Eli Dicker, Nina Olson, William Wilkins

Moderator: Thomas Cullinan

The IRS has seen budget cuts and attrition, and has needed to adjust to these resource challenges. As a result, taxpayers have increasing difficulty getting some issues addressed. This panel will present an open discussion on the challenges to both the government and practitioners, and strategies on both sides.

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Employment Taxes: Always an Enforcement Priority

Panelists: Fred Murray, Josh Ungerman, Betty Williams

Moderator: Juan Vasquez Jr.

Issues from cash payroll to pyramiding to worker classification are a routine focus of tax enforcement. This panel will discuss recent enforcement activity and address IRC section 7434, which gives workers the right to seek damages for a wrong classification.

Introduction: Eric Green

Disclosure in a Criminal Prosecution: Are You Getting What You Should Have

Panelists: Justin Gelfand, Leigh Kessler, Jeffrey Neiman

Moderator: Jay Nanavati

Defendants in criminal cases have the right to receive exculpatory evidence and witness statements under the long-standing principles of *Brady*, *Giglio* and the Jencks Act. Unlike many other law enforcement agencies, however, the IRS has a significant civil function, which will present challenges to the government and the defense. For example, who is on the prosecution team? What right does a defendant have to disclosure of civil audit results in other cases? Is an indicted return preparer entitled to disclosure of the IRS examinations for all of the returns that he or she may have prepared? Is an indicted promoter entitled to disclosure of the civil audit results in cases that fit a particular pattern? How should the burden on the IRS be weighed? What is the impact of Section 6103 in addressing these issues?

Introduction: Sharon McCarthy

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11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. When the Money Isn't Here: The Government's Tools to Collect Outside the United States

Panelists: Lindsay Clayton, William J. Lovett, Bruce Zagaris

Moderator: Brian McManus

Secrecy wasn't the only reason that the money went offshore, and some of the money went into assets that remained offshore. This panel will examine the government's ability to locate and collect when the assets are not in the United States

Introduction: Miriam Fisher

Sentencing: Best Practices in a Changing Landscape

Panelists: Sandra Brown, Alexander Robbins (Invited), Justin Thornton

Moderator: Steven Toscher

In recent years we have seen changes in the Sentencing Guidelines and significant developments in the issuance of restitution orders as part of sentencing. This panel brings together prosecutors and defense counsel to discuss the impact of these issues on representing clients at sentencing.

Introduction: Lacey Strachan

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