

# Tax Section of the Florida Bar

April 2015 E-Newsletter

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## MEETINGS

### 2015 Annual Meeting and Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year Award and Dinner

Register NOW for the 2015 Annual Meeting on April 24 & 25, 2015. Events start late Friday following the Florida Tax Institute and end with the Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year Award and Dinner on Saturday night. The Tax Section will have shuttle service available on Friday afternoon to all members attending the Florida Tax Institute to take you from the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay to the Don Cesar on St. Pete Beach.

We have an exciting line-up of events planned, including Sunset at the Hurricane on Friday, a presentation by Paul Lee, with Bernstein Global Wealth Management, excellent networking and informal CLE, a shooting range opportunity, the Annual Meeting souvenir glass, and, of course, honoring our Gerald T. Hart Outstanding Tax Attorney of the Year, Mark Holcomb. You do not want to miss it!

Registration materials for the 2015 Annual Meeting are available online at <http://floridatallaxlawyers.org>

### **Florida Tax Institute**

Join your fellow Tax Section members at the 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Florida Tax Institute, which will take place **April 22-24, 2015** at the Grand Hyatt in Tampa, Florida, immediately *before* the Tax Section Annual Meeting.

The Florida Bar Tax Section will be also co-sponsoring a reception with the University of Florida Foundation on Thursday, Apr. 23 from 5pm to 7pm. We hope to see you there!

For more information, visit <http://www.floridatallaxinstitute.org> and follow the Institute on Twitter @FLTaxInstitute.

### Annual Wealth

May 2015  
West Palm Beach

**“Asset Protection” is coming to your neighborhood! Mark your Calendars!**  
The Florida Bar Tax Section presents

**“Asset Protection – Level 1 and 2”**

May 7-8, 2015 - Hyatt Regency - Downtown Miami

**Every Attendee will receive a free 600 page course-book onsite!**  
**(attendees will also receive an electronic version of the materials)**

**With topics like:**

Defining the Asset Protection Plan Goals; The Florida Advantage in Exemption Planning;  
Blending Estate Planning and Asset Protection;  
10 Examples of Effective Asset Protection Plans That Have Worked; Advanced Look at  
Domestic Asset Protection Trust;  
Charging Orders – and the Implications Thereof;  
and Basic Bankruptcy – Welcome to the Fish Bowl.....this is one seminar you don't want to  
miss!

This is a first time 2 day program, and attendees can choose to attend one or both days. Day one is a comprehensive Fundamentals Day designed to provide a well-balanced introduction/refresher and Day two will be advanced and well suited for experienced practitioners, and also beginners who have attended the first day. All attendees are invited to interact with speakers and each other in interactive panel discussions and a Thursday Evening cocktail party followed by a Dutch treat speaker's dinner. A splendid time is guaranteed for all. Accelerate your skills and practice in this very well respected annual program that is celebrating its 57th year.

**FICPA/FL Bar State Tax Conference**

June 10-13, 2015

Disney's Swan & Dolphin Resort – Walt Disney World

The FICPA/FL Bar State Tax Conference  
will take place as part of the FICPA's 2015 MEGA Conference.  
Register here: <http://www.ficpa.org/Content/CPE/Events/MegaCPEConference.aspx>

**2015 Organizational Meeting**

July 2-5, 2015

Omni Amelia Island Plantation

**THE FLORIDA BAR TAX SECTION**

**2015 MARVIN C. GUTTER OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

The Florida Bar Tax Section wishes to recognize a government employee in the area of State or Federal Taxation for Outstanding Public Service over the past year. We will present this award at the Tax Section Organizational Meeting at Amelia Island, Florida, to be held July 2-5, 2015.

Please take a few moments to consider the following standards for excellence and nominate one or more individuals for the 2015 Marvin C. Gutter Outstanding Public Service Award.

Please send your nominations to the Tax Section via e-mail to James Barrett at [james.barrett@bakermckenzie.com](mailto:james.barrett@bakermckenzie.com) before March 15, 2015.

Visit the Tax Section website for more information: <http://www.floridataxlawyers.org>

## **CLE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **CLE Florida Bar Tax Telephone Conference Schedule**

Each CLE program is Free and is one hour for one CLE credit.  
Participants can connect to the call by dialing (712) 432-0900, Code: 611713.

#### **Phone CLE Programs**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>SPEAKER</u></b>	<b><u>TOPIC</u></b>	<b><u>DIVISION RESPONSIBLE</u></b>
5/06/2015	12:00:00 PM	Scott Bowman	International Tax Topic	Fed Tax
5/20/2015	12:00:00 PM	French Brown	Legislative Update	State Tax
6/17/2015	12:00:00 PM	Open	Open	Fed Tax

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## **WRITING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Florida Bar Tax Section Bulletin**

Are you interested in publishing an article that will be circulated to the 2000 plus members of the Tax Section? If so, preparing an article for the Tax Section Bulletin is a great way to gain notoriety in the Section and beyond. Please contact any one of the following Tax Section representatives if you are interested:

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### **Pro Bono Volunteer Opportunities**

**Florida's Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) assist low income taxpayers with IRS controversies, including, collections, liability disputes and Tax Court petitions. Studies show that representation significantly increases positive outcomes for low income taxpayers. If interested in representing a low income taxpayer, please directly contact the LITC nearest you (for a complete list of the**

LITCs in Florida, go to [www.lsgmi.org](http://www.lsgmi.org) and click on Low Income Taxpayer Clinic under Quick Links).

**Volunteers needed for the U.S. Tax Court Pro-Bono Calendar Call Program. The Program is designed to have local tax practitioners volunteer their time to pro se taxpayers during Small Case calendar call sessions without entering their name as the attorney of record. If you are interested in participating, please contact Karen J. Lapekas at 305-600-1485 or [karen@lapekaslaw.com](mailto:karen@lapekaslaw.com)."**

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