

NATIONAL TAXPAYER ADVOCATE PUBLIC FORUMS

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Nina E. Olson

Nina E. Olson, the National Taxpayer Advocate, is the voice of the taxpayer at the IRS and before Congress. Under her leadership, the Taxpayer Advocate Service helps hundreds of thousands of people every year resolve problems with the IRS and addresses systemic issues within the IRS. Her Annual Report to Congress identifies the most serious problems facing taxpayers and recommends solutions. In 2014, the IRS adopted the Taxpayer Bill of Rights for which Ms. Olson had long advocated, placing dozens of existing rights in the Internal Revenue Code into ten fundamental rights, and making them clear, understandable, and accessible for taxpayers and IRS employees alike. Tax Analysts recently honored Nina Olson as one of ten Outstanding Women in Tax for 2016. This recognition reflects Nina Olson's influence on the work of legislators, tax administrators and tax professionals across the globe. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and North Carolina Central School of Law, and she holds a Master of Laws degree in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center.



Ben Cardin

Senator Ben Cardin is Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He is a member of the Finance, Small Business, and Environment & Public Works committees. Cardin understands that our tax code directly or indirectly affects every American and resident of the U.S. He believes comprehensive tax reform should be enacted but also is working to make the current system better encourage economic growth and development, spur innovation, and create jobs. Cardin authored the Taxpayer Rights Act (S. 2333), which will improve Internal Revenue Service (IRS) services and procedures and protect the rights of all U.S. taxpayers. Cardin previously served in the House of Representatives as a member of the Ways and Means Committee. He worked to pass the bipartisan Portman-Cardin Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, which, among other things, created the National Taxpayer Advocate and improved the IRS practices.



Angela Armstrong

Angela Armstrong, a Registered Veterinary Technician has been working in the veterinary field for over 37 years. She initially received her degree in Animal Science from CCBC. Angela spent her first years in general practice in Maryland and South Carolina. After starting her family, she elected to switch her career path to emergency medicine, which quickly became her passion. In pursuit of emergency medicine, she became an owner of a 24 hour Emergency Hospital. Then in 2008, along with her friends, Dr. Gretchen Ruby and Dr. Wendy Saubier, they joined to form the Animal Emergency Hospital. Their hospital provides 24 hour Emergency and Critical Care and is dedicated to serving the local communities and serves as a referral center for local veterinarians. In 2009, she was selected as one of Hartford County's most influential women.

Angela enjoys time with her husband and family. She loves being outdoors, gardening and reading. She has three dogs from rescue situations, Simon, Peter & Flynn, and four cats.



Elizabeth Atkinson

Ms. Atkinson focuses her practice on federal, state, local and international taxation and employee benefit matters with emphasis on tax controversy, employment tax issues, and tax and benefits planning. She also practices entertainment law with a focus on tax issues.

She advises employers on the tax and ERISA implications of employee benefit programs including compliance with the Affordable Care Act, taxable and non-taxable fringe benefit plans, multi-employer plans and plan filings and issues involving claims against fiduciaries of plans.

Ms. Atkinson has extensive experience in tax planning and tax litigation. She handles administrative and judicial controversies, which have included favorable resolution of numerous audits, appeals and collections matters. She has testified before Congress and has spoken to numerous groups including CPAs, attorneys, enrolled agents and judges on a wide variety of issues such as offers in compromise, entity formation, sales and use tax, IRS and state collection issues, and 1031 exchanges. Ms. Atkinson advises clients, including CPAs and other legal professionals, on the mitigation of tax and penalty risks related to tax reporting and compliance.



Adam Crandell

Adam N. Crandell is a Baltimore-based immigration attorney. His specific areas of practice include removal defense and litigation, waivers, family-based petitions, adjustment of status, naturalization, and asylum and related claims.

Mr. Crandell graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006, majoring in International Studies. He earned his law degree, cum laude, from the University of Maryland School of Law in May 2010. Mr. Crandell is admitted to practice law by the state of Maryland, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, and by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). He is the current vice-chair of the AILA Liaison Committee to the Baltimore Immigration Court, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Baltimore-based non-profit organization Asylee Women Enterprise (AWE).



Robin McKinney

Robin McKinney is Director and Co-Founder of the Maryland CASH Campaign, a nonprofit that promotes financial security for low-income working families. Maryland CASH's statewide network of partners annually prepares 20,000 free tax returns, bringing in \$32 million in tax refunds, provides free financial education and coaching, and conducts advocacy on state and federal policies. For the past 15 years, Robin has worked in the field of asset building, engaging in fundraising, advocacy, and program and coalition management, including for the Annie E. Casey Foundation. She has a BSW from Elizabethtown College and a MSW from the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Social Work, where she is currently an Adjunct Professor. Robin is a board member of the Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED).



Beverly Winstead

Beverly Winstead serves as Director and Clinical Law Instructor for the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) at the University of Maryland, Carey School of Law. The LITC provides pro bono assistance to low income taxpayers who have disputes with the IRS. As director she advocates on behalf of low income taxpayers to educate them regarding tax matters and to ensure that they are treated fairly. As a Clinical Law Instructor, she teaches students how to resolve federal and state tax controversies.

Beverly received her J.D. from the University of Maryland, Carey School of Law and is licensed to practice in the State of Maryland. Beverly is an active member of the Maryland State Bar Association, American Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the J. Edgar Murdock American Inn of Court.

Additionally, Beverly operates a solo practice, the Law Office of Beverly L. Winstead, LLC, in Laurel, MD where she handles tax controversy cases.