

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the current IRS priorities in enforcement and their impact on taxpayers
- Learn to identify key issues in dealing with potential conflicts of interest and other ethical issues that arise in IRS representation of clients
- Understand the cybersecurity issues surrounding tax practices and handling of taxpayer information
- Understand the estate and gift tax consequences of planning and issues that arise when the planning runs astray of IRS rules
- Identify when tax preparer issues exist and when the IRS may civilly and criminally pursues the preparer for violations
- Learn the red lines not to cross when doing tax planning for taxpayers in the construction industry and when planning becomes evasion
- Understand the IRS's programs of using private debt collectors and passport suspension to enforce collection
- Be able to explain the new opportunities and pitfalls created by the 2017 Tax Act
- Understand how the IRS shares information with the various state taxing authorities

Course Content: This program will consist of a Thursday workshop of 180 minutes and the Friday full-day program of 435 minutes of panel discussions with practitioners and government personnel covering a variety of hot tax topics, including practitioner penalties, ethical issues, and non-filers. Point slides, written outlines and exhibits will be provided to illustrate the issues and mechanics involved in IRS Representation, including notices, forms and key cases that practitioners should be aware of when helping their clients.

Course level: Basic

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation Needed: None

Recommended CPE Credits (based upon a 50-minute hour):

- Thursday LITC Workshop: 3 CPE Credits (Tax)
- Friday Full-Day Program: 8 CPE Credits (7 Tax, 1 Ethics)

Method of Study: Group Live and Group Online Live

Field of Study:

- Thursday: 3 CPE Credits Taxes
- Friday: 7 CPE Credits Taxes, 1 CPE Credit Ethics