

## TAX COURT PRO BONO PROGRAM

Our Pro Bono Committee is excited to announce the continuation of our [TAX COURT PRO BONO PROGRAM](#), the first statewide program of its kind in the nation! Judges from the United States Tax Court hold approximately 20-25 trial sessions per year in Texas. Our program assists pro se, low income taxpayers during the calendar calls. We are looking for Tax Section members willing to volunteer their time for one or more of the calendar calls listed below.

The volunteers generally (1) answer the taxpayer's questions about the legal issues and procedure; (2) act as a mediator to assist the taxpayer with discussing the case with IRS Counsel; and/or (3) provide general advice concerning how to present the case at trial. The volunteers generally do NOT enter an appearance before the United States Tax Court. However, volunteers must be licensed to practice before the United States Tax Court in order to participate. The time commitment for any particular calendar call is limited to [ONE DAY ONLY](#) and often lasts only a couple of hours.

The program will provide tax practitioners excellent exposure to United States Tax Court Judges while providing a needed service to the community. We have received very positive feedback about the program from the taxpayers, the judges, and IRS Counsel.

We will be assisting on the dates set forth below with the Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, El Paso and Lubbock calendars. Interested Section members may contact the coordinators listed below for individual cities or the Pro Bono Committee Chair, Bob Probasco. The Tax Section will pick up any related travel expenses.

### Dallas, Texas

Coordinator: Bob Probasco

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2/11/2013	Small	Armen
3/4/2013	Regular	Kroupa
4/22/2013	Regular	Lauber
10/7/2013	Small	To be announced
12/2/2013	Regular	To be announced
12/9/2013	Regular	To be announced

### Houston, Texas

Coordinator: Pete Lowy

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1/14/2013	Regular	Kroupa
2/11/2013	Regular	Paris
3/18/2013	Regular	Foley
4/29/2013	Small	Guy
6/3/2013	Regular	Holmes
12/2/2013	Small	To be announced

### San Antonio, Texas

Coordinator: Elizabeth A. Copeland

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5/20/2013	Regular	Cohen
9/30/2013	Small	To be announced

### El Paso and Lubbock, Texas

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9/16/2013	Hybrid	To be announced (El Paso)
9/23/2013	Hybrid	To be announced (Lubbock)

Thanks for your assistance with an important contribution to the Court and the community!