

## Relief from IRS Collection and COVID Hardships

**Thursday, October 29, 2020**

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Live Interactive Webinar

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Learn the basics on how to help taxpayers deal with IRS debts and seek collection alternatives, and what to do about some common Economic Income Payment issues. This program can be a valuable addition to your practice, but also an easy way to provide pro bono assistance. Tax representation lends itself well to remote work; no existing tax expertise is necessary.

Hundreds of taxpayers seeking help with federal tax issues go without legal services every year due to a lack of resources. Many of these applicants that go unassisted are seeking audience because they are threatened with collection action by the IRS. This is a frightening and overwhelming experience for all of them. There is a great need for volunteers to become involved in helping these applicants in whatever way possible. Income loss related to COVID is increasing demand.

### REGISTRATION

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4008905565763258638>

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### AGENDA

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| 1:00 - 1:15 p.m. | Description of the Tax Pro Bono Project and Procedures<br><i>Rachel Lewinsky-Young</i>         |
| 1:15 – 1:45 p.m. | Economic Impact Payment and Troubleshooting in the COVID Era<br><i>Kathy Hoover</i>            |
| 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. | Collections – Reasonable Collection Potential<br><i>Megan Sullivan &amp; Melissa Skilliter</i> |
| 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. | Break  |

## AGENDA Continued

2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Collections – Currently Not Collectible Status, Installment Agreements, and Offers in Compromise

*Megan Sullivan & Melissa Skilliter*

## SPEAKER BIOS

**Kathy Hoover** is a staff attorney with the Tax Team and the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC). She received a B.S. in accounting from Franklin University in 1998. In 2004, she became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She worked nearly 20 years in Real Estate Development preparing worksheets and schedules for tax analysis and return preparation. In 2013, Kathy enrolled in Capital University Law School’s evening program and graduated in January 2017 with her J.D. and in May 2017 with an LLM in Taxation. She passed the Bar in February 2017 and was admitted to the Tax Court Bar later that year. She joined the Low-Income Taxpayer clinic in January 2018. In addition to working with clients to resolve tax controversies, correct tax accounts and help with collection alternatives, she also teaches tax procedure classes at Capital University Law School and has been working with the VITA tax clinic since 2014.

**Rachel Lewinsky-Young** is a Paralegal for the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus and Southeastern Ohio Legal Services. She began her position in July of 2018. She is back-up for the LASC reception desk and assists each month with the Madison County Brief Advice Clinic (when in person). Starting in June of 2020, Rachel took on the added role of assisting with the Pro Bono and Community Engagement program, which includes spending much of that time working with referrals to private attorneys. She studied Criminology at Columbus State Community College before transferring to Sinclair, where she received her Associates Degree as a Paralegal and is now working on her Criminal Justice degree. She has worked in the areas of Criminal, Domestic Relations, Probate, Bankruptcy, Real Estate and now Tax. She has experience ranging from small law firms to a corporate office and now non-profit.

**Melissa Skilliter** is Director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) in the Columbus office, a position she has held since 2008. Through the LITC, she handles tax controversies with the IRS, including U.S. Tax Court cases, examinations, and other cases before the IRS. She joined SEOLS in 2005 as a staff attorney in the Zanesville office. She has been licensed to practice law in Ohio since 2004. She is admitted to practice in United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and the United States Tax Court. She earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2004 and an LLM in Taxation from Villanova University School of Law in 2018.

**Megan Sullivan** is the managing attorney of the tax team and the Director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at The Legal Aid Society of Columbus (LASC). She has been representing taxpayers through the Clinic for over 15 years. She obtained her J.D. and Master of Social Work at The Ohio State University in 2002 and her LLM in Taxation from Villanova University School of Law in 2019. Megan serves on the Steering Committee of Move to Prosper and the Leadership Team of the Financial Capability Network of Central Ohio.