

Pro Bono Survey



The Center for Economic Progress (CEP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that helps low-income families move from financial uncertainty to financial security. Each year, CEP provides 20,000 clients with free tax and financial services. CEP's **Tax Clinic** represents low-income taxpayers in controversies before the Internal Revenue Service. Before finalizing a referral, the Tax Clinic: (1) screens the client for financial eligibility and case merit, and (2) discusses the case with the volunteer attorney. The Tax Clinic provides training and support for all members of its pro bono panel.

The Tax Clinic's activities provide Illinois attorneys with ample opportunities to fulfill their ethical obligations to perform pro bono publico and public service. We welcome all suggestions in furtherance of our goal of providing tax representation to all low-income individuals. Please fill out the form below and return it to:

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You may also scan and email the form (or any comments) to: esternberg@economicprogress.org

Name: _____ States Licensed: _____
Firm: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

___ I am a member in good standing of the Illinois State Bar.

IL Bar Number: _____ Date Admitted: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The above information is required for our funding sources.

If you are not a tax attorney, please indicate area of expertise: _____

Additional Languages: _____

Admitted to Tax Court: yes no Tax Court Bar No: _____

___ I am interested in volunteering and advising pro se petitioners at the United States Tax Court calendars in Chicago.

Volunteer attorneys consult with pro se Tax Court petitioners at the calendar call and advise them about Tax Court procedure and the merits of the case.

___ I am willing to accept pro bono referrals in the following procedural areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Court Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Fund Recovery Penalties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Offers in Compromise | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiler Re-entry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRS Audits/Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> § 6015 "Innocent Spouse" Relief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe): |

All cases are prescreened by the Tax Clinic and are discussed with volunteers prior to assignment.

___ My firm is interested in donating space for training programs.

___ I am interested in conducting educational workshops for low-income taxpayers regarding taxpayer rights and responsibilities.

___ I would like to support the Tax Clinic financially. Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution for

___ \$35 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ Other: _____

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