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IRS Chief Counsel Selects Jonathan Forman as 2009-2010 Professor in Residence

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WASHINGTON — Internal Revenue Service Acting Chief Counsel Clarissa C. Potter has selected Jonathan Forman as the 2009-2010 Professor in Residence.

The IRS Professor in Residence reports directly to the Chief Counsel and provides advice and assistance on a wide array of legal issues within the scope of his or her expertise.

"We are delighted to have Professor Forman join us this fall to share his ideas and experience with our attorneys," said Potter. "His expertise in many areas, including pension plans and employee benefits, will be extremely beneficial to the office."

The current professor in residence David Hasen's term will conclude on July 27, 2009. Forman will serve a nine-month term starting Sept. 1.

Forman since 1985 has been a professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law where he currently holds the Alfred P. Murrah Professorship. He is vice chair of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). From 2001-2003, he served as a member of the Internal Revenue Service's Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities (ACT).

Forman has written extensively about employee benefits, the federal budget and the earned income tax credit, including over 250 publications, such as Making America Work (Urban Institute Press 2006).

Prior to joining the Oklahoma faculty, Forman clerked for Judge Robert J. Yock at the U.S. Court of Claims in Washington. He has been a trial attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division and served as tax counsel to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Forman holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan, an M.A. in economics from the George Washington University, an M.A. in psychology from the University of Iowa, and a B.A. from Northwestern University..

The IRS Chief Counsel's Professor in Residence program provides some of the nation's top legal academicians the opportunity to contribute to the development of legal tax policy and administration.