Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council
2005 Member Biographies

Judith A. Akin, EA

Ms. Akin is the owner and manager of Judith A. Akin, EA, Tax and Financial Services in Oklahoma City, OK. Some specialties of her practice include but are not limited to bookkeeping and tax preparation for individuals, small business, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts, as well as tax planning, business and financial planning. She also specializes in taxpayer representation before the Internal Revenue Service and other taxing authorities. Judy is a graduate of the National Tax Practice Institute. Judy is the past President for the National Association of Enrolled Agents. **(W&I Subgroup Chairperson)**

Jon M. Contreras

Mr. Contreras is currently a Director with Deloitte Tax, LLP, in Fresno, CA, in their Internal Revenue Service Tax Controversy Practice and has been with the firm for seven years. Prior to joining Deloitte, Mr. Contreras was with the Internal Revenue Service for 15 years in the Examination Division, concluding his career with the Fresno Service Center. Throughout his professional career, Mr. Contreras has been extensively involved in compliance activities. He has a thorough knowledge of Examination processes, as practiced in the Internal Revenue Service field and service center operations. Mr. Contreras is both a Certified Public Accountant and Enrolled Agent, he holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from California State University, Fresno. **(Vice Chair & LMSB Subgroup Chairman)**

John A. Glennie

Mr. Glennie completed his chartered accountant's designation in Toronto and shortly thereafter joined the Department of National Revenue. In 1978 he joined Shell Canada Limited in the Tax and Insurance Department in Calgary Alberta, Canada. Mr. Glennie is the General Manager, Tax and Insurance. Prior to becoming the General Manager he was the Director, Tax and Insurance. Mr. Glennie was the International President of the Tax Executives Institute for 2002/03 and he currently sits on the Board of Directors. Mr. Glennie is also a member of the Advisory Committee to the Minister of National Revenue in Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Toronto. **(LMSB Subgroup)**

Mary Harris, EA

Ms. Harris is an enrolled agent who, with her husband, co-owns Sirrah, Inc; an Arkansas Corporation dba Jackson Hewitt Tax Service in Little Rock, AR. Ms. Harris has been in the tax preparation industry since 1969 and is very involved in the day to day operations of her business. Of the twenty-five years she worked for H & R Block, the last 18 years she served as district manager with 18 city offices and 27 satellites operations across Arkansas for which she provided assistance. Her Jackson Hewitt operation includes 60 tax offices throughout Arkansas and Texas with approximately 300 employees. Preparing over 27,000 tax returns in the 2004 tax season, they e-filed over 98 percent. Ms. Harris served on the first ETAAC and served on the IRS Arkansas/Oklahoma Liaison Committee, and is a member of NAEA, and NSTP. **(W&I Subgroup)**

Karla R. Hyatt

Ms. Hyatt is an associate with Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis, PLLC and practices in the area of tax law in Nashville, TN. Prior to joining Waller Lansden Dortch and Davis, Ms. Hyatt served as a graduate research assistant at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl. She also served as a Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable William J. Haynes, Jr., United States Magistrate Judge in Nashville, TN. Ms. Hyatt holds a BS Degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee and a LLM in taxation from the University of Florida School of Law and a JD from Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana. **(SBSE Subgroup)**

Angel Ingram

Ms. Ingram is a International Tax Manager for Tyco International, Inc. Prior of joining Tyco Ms. Ingram was a Senior International Tax Analyst for Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, IN and was with the company for over seven years. Ms. Ingram is a CPA and is responsible for international tax compliance. She is the Central Region President and a current national board member of the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. Ms. Ingram holds a BA in accounting from the University of Michigan and a Masters of Science Degree in Taxation from DePaul University, Chicago, IL. **(LMSB Subgroup)**

Joan C. LeValley

Ms. LeValley is the owner and President of JCL and Company a full accounting practice in Park Ridge, IL. Ms. LeValley has over twenty-nine years experience in taxation. Her firm specializes in accounting and tax preparation for businesses. She was President of the Independent Accountants Association and continues to actively serve on its committees. In addition, she is Vice Chair of the Federal Taxation Committee of the National Society of Accountants (NSA), having served six years on this committee. Ms. LeValley holds a BA Degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Manchester College, N. Manchester, IN and is an Accredited Tax Advisor and an Accredited Tax Preparer. **(W&I Subgroup)**

Richard M. Lipton

Mr. Lipton has been in practice for over twenty four years and is currently a partner with Baker and McKenzie in Chicago, IL. He has served as tax counsel in many of the largest transactions in the country, and in the City of Chicago has been closely involved in transactions concerning the Sears Tower, John Hancock Building Aon, Prudential, etc. He has expertise in representing large corporations in complex partnership transactions and has served as an expert witness on matters concerning partnerships and partnership taxation. He has written numerous publications and articles. Mr. Lipton is the former chair of the Tax Section of the American Bar Association as well as the former chair of the Chicago Bar Association;

Tax Committee and the Chicago Federal Tax Forum. He is a fellow and a regent of the American College of Tax Counsel. Mr. Lipton is a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School and received his B.A. from Amherst College. **(LMSB Subgroup)**

Kenneth C. Nirenberg

Mr. Nirenberg has worked in the payroll industry for over thirty years and is currently a Senior Software Developer for Intuit Inc., in Austin, TX, where he specializes in tax filing systems. Prior to this, and until its sale, he was President of Charter Information Corp, a payroll services firm with offices in Texas and Massachusetts. Mr. Nirenberg is a representative to the National Payroll Reporting Consortium and has been involved with the IRS RAF Modernization Committee and Reporting Agent Forum. He spent three years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malaysia, during which time the Malaysian government requested his services to assist in the computerization of its federal government payroll. Mr. Nirenberg received his B.A. in Economics from Brandeis University and serves on the Brandeis University Alumni Admissions Council. **(SBSE Subgroup Chairman)**

Deborah Cutler-Ortiz

Ms. Cutler-Ortiz is currently the Director of National Programs & Policy for Wider Opportunities for Women. Prior to joining Wider Opportunities for Women she was the Director of Family Income at the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC, and has over 17 years experience in taxation. Ms. Cutler-Ortiz served as the National point person to resolve tax preparation conflicts for 168 VITA sites. In addition, she has been a panel speaker at three Hill briefings on EITC. Ms. Cutler-Ortiz holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from the State University College at Buffalo, NY and a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University, New York, NY. **(W&I Subgroup)**

Robert E. Panoff

Mr. Panoff is an attorney with the firm of Robert E. Panoff, PA in Miami, Fl. Mr. Panoff has over twenty-seven years experience in taxation. He limits his practice to civil and criminal tax controversies and related matters. He has been an adjunct Professor at the University of Miami School of Law for twenty-three years. He is a frequent speaker at CLE and CPE programs on tax litigation topics and has written a number of articles on this subject. Mr. Panoff is past chair of the Tax Section of the Florida Bar, the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Florida Bar, and the Greater Miami Tax Institute. He is currently a member of the Tax Section's Board of Directors. He is a member of the American Bar Association and was the principal draftsperson of the American Bar Association's "Comments on the OECD Draft Convention on Mutual Administration Assistance in Tax Matters." Mr. Panoff was also chair of the IRS South Florida District Compliance Plan Study Group. Mr. Panoff holds an AB Degree from Brandeis University, a JD and LLM in Taxation from the University of Miami. **(SBSE Subgroup)**

Cathy Brown Peinhardt

Ms. Peinhardt is a CPA and Licensed Tax Consultant for Coast Business Services in Gearhart, OR. She has over twenty years experience in accounting and taxation, primarily working with individuals and small businesses. Ms. Peinhardt served as Controller/Treasurer for Information Science Incorporated in Montvale, NJ. She began her career with Arthur Andersen & Company, New York, NY. Ms. Peinhardt holds a BA Degree in Art History from Princeton University and a Masters Degree in Accounting from NY University. **(SBSE Subgroup)**

Joni Johnson-Powe

Ms. Johnson-Powe is currently a managing Director at J.P. Powe & Associates, LLC in Greenwood Village, CO; she has been with the company for five years. Prior to joining J.P. Powe & Associates Ms. Johnson-Powe worked for KMPG, L.L.P. in Denver CO as the Managing Director-National Communications – State and Local Tax. She also worked for Ernst & Young, LLP in Denver, CO & San Jose, CA as a tax Consultant. Ms. Johnson-Powe expertise is in individual, small business & government audits, corporate tax, consulting compliance and legal services. Ms. Johnson-Powe is a CPA and holds a BS Degree in Accounting from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a JD from the University of Colorado School of Law. **(SBSE Subgroup)**

William F Reilly

Mr. Reilly received his Enrolled Agents license from the Director of Practice in June 1981 and immediately opened his own practice, William F. Reilly, EA in Palo Cedro, CA. His practice currently serves more than 400 clients ranging from the simplest returns to partnerships, corporations, trusts and includes payroll, write up, representation and business consulting. He is an active participant in his local chapter of the California Society of Enrolled Agents (CSEA), a member of CSEA Board of Directors and is currently nominated for the office of Treasurer of the Society. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors of the California Tax Education Council. Mr. Reilly studied math and physics at the University of San Francisco. **(W&I Subgroup)**

Patti M. Richards

Ms. Richards is currently a Member Manager at the Richards Law Firm, LLC and The Tax Controversy Group, LLC in Atlanta, GA. Ms. Richards, who is also a CPA, has over fifteen years experience in taxation. Her expertise is in domestic and international tax controversy. Prior to starting her own firm, she was with Powell Goldstein, LLP in Atlanta, GA. She worked for Dewey Ballentine LLP and Burt Maner, Miller and Staples in Washington, DC. In addition, she worked as an Attorney-Advisory (Tax) for the Internal Revenue Service, Office of Chief Counsel, Income Tax & Accounting. Ms. Richards holds a BS Degree from Centenary College of Louisiana, an MA Degree from Louisiana State University, an a JD from Georgetown University Law Center. **(LMSB Subgroup)**

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Gary C. Rohrs	Mr. Rohrs owns and operates A. Clyde Rohrs & Associates, Inc. Accountants, in Independence, Missouri. This is a full service accounting, tax consulting, tax preparation and financial services firm of forty-eight years duration. In 1974 he became enrolled to Practice before the Internal Revenue when Donald C. Alexander was the Commissioner. He is an Accredited Business Accountant (ABA) and an Accredited Tax Consultant (ATA). Additionally, he is a Registered Representative for Terra Securities, Inc., which is part of Genworth Financial. He was President of the National Society of Accountants 1993-1994, and continues to actively serve. He was President of the Missouri Society of Accountants 1980-1981 and has served as its Legislative Chair for many years. He was actively involved in the rewriting of the Missouri Accountancy law adopted in 2001. Mr. Rohrs holds a BA Degree in Political Science & English from Central Missouri State University. **(IRSAC Chairman)**
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Mitchell S. Trager	Mr. Trager is currently the Senior Tax Counsel for Georgia-Pacific Corporation in Atlanta, GA and has been with Georgia-Pacific Corporation for 17 years. Mr. Trager has over twenty-three years experience in taxation. He has significant experience in research and planning, including work on compensation and benefits issues, IRS audit procedures, and issues involving capitalization. Prior to joining Georgia-Pacific, Mr. Trager was a tax attorney with The Joseph E. Seagrams Corporation in New York. In addition, he is the former chair of Tax Executives Institute's Federal Tax Committee and a two-time member of TEI's Executive Committee. Mr. Trager holds a BA Degree in Accounting from Queens College, NY, NY, a JD and a Masters in Taxation, LLM from the University of Bridgeport, School of Law. **(LMSB Subgroup)**

David A. Uhler

Mr. Uhler is a certified public accountant and a Partner in the tax department of Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP in Santa Barbara, California. He heads up the firm's Business Tax Group which assists businesses and their owners with active, strategic tax planning focused on entity structuring, compensation planning, and tax incentive optimization. Prior to joining Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, Mr. Uhler was a manager in the tax department of Arthur Andersen, LLP. Mr. Uhler currently serves as an officer on the Board of Directors of the Central Coast MIT Enterprise Forum and Central Coast Venture Forum, two organizations focused primarily on fundraising for new business ventures throughout the Central Coast of California. Mr. Uhler has a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree with an emphasis in accounting from Santa Clara University. **(LMSB Subgroup)**

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Mr. Weinberger is currently the Vice President for Government Relations for H&R Block, Inc. and head of its Washington Office. His responsibilities include liaison with the White House, the Treasury Department, IRS, Congress and business, consumer and public policy groups. Mr. Weinberger graduated from Oberlin College and the University of Illinois College of Law. In addition, he studied at the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs and at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. **(W&I Subgroup)**

Thomas Wharton

Mr. Wharton is currently the Vice-President of Tax at Pearson Inc. and US subsidiaries, located in New York City. He is responsible for Pearson's US income tax affairs, including nine billion dollars in assets and five billion in revenues. He has over twenty-eight years in corporate tax experience. Mr. Wharton is past-president of the New York Chapter of TEI and is currently the Chair of the Chapter's IRS Administrative Affairs Committee. He holds a BS Degree in Psychology and a minor in Chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY a BS in Accounting from New York Institute of Technology and a Masters of Science Degree in Taxation from C.W. Post University, Greenvale, NY. **(LMSB Subgroup)**