# 2026 IRSAC Member Biographies

**Grace Allison** – Ms. Allison is Staff Attorney and former Director at New Mexico Legal Aid LITC in Albuquerque, New Mexico; she previously served as Director of the LITC at the University of New Mexico School of Law. Through these LITCs, Ms. Allison has represented a diverse population: rural, urban, indigenous and immigrant. Her clients include members of underserved and remote pueblos and reservations, as well as members of the Hispanic community---from far Northern New Mexico to Las Cruces. In 2022, the City of Albuquerque asked her to help draft what became its Tax Preparers Ordinance, a first step in combatting uncredentialed tax preparation. She is a member of the American Bar Association and is former Chair of its Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section Charitable Group. She currently serves as Treasurer of the Tax Section Board of the State Bar of New Mexico. Prior to her work with LITCs, Ms. Allison was, for 19 years, Tax Counsel for Northern Trust, the Fortune 500 wealth manager. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Robert Barr** – Mr. Barr has led digital transformations for both public and private sector organizations, including the South Carolina Department of Revenue, Intuit, Dell, Blockbuster and USAA. At the S.C. Department of Revenue, he enabled the Fed-State electronic filing program and pioneered the electronic payment of business taxes. At Intuit, he built the private sector platform to electronically file tax returns for TurboTax. He also served as the Internal Revenue Service Assistant Commissioner for Electronic Tax Administration where he branded IRS e-file and EFTPS, established the National Accounts Program, enabled credit card payment of taxes and digital signing, brokered the first free file programs by the private sector and introduced the IRS e-file provider program. Mr. Barr formerly served on the Commissioner's Advisory Group, the Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee, and the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Joseph Bender** – Mr. Bender is Partner with Difede Ramsdell Bender PLLC in Washington, DC. Bender has practiced federal tax law for nearly 30 years. Over the last 15 years, his practice has focused on investments by tax-exempt organizations, particularly leveraged and unleveraged investments, unrelated business income tax, unrelated debt-financed income, and real estate investment trusts (REIT). (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**Pablo Blank** – Mr. Blank is Director of Immigration Integration at CASA, Inc., in Rockville, Maryland. Mr. Blank oversees CASA's VITA sites in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. He works with Prince George’s CASH Coalition, the CASH Campaign for Maryland and the Direct File coalition. He leads a team of four managers and 50 members in three states. The VITA sites he runs are designed to be inclusive, primarily serving immigrant taxpayers. The sites offer a multicultural and multilingual approach, educating taxpayers also on US tax policy and helping them better prepare for future tax return filings. He is co-chair of the National Taxpayer Experience Coalition. Mr. Blank serves as the Chair of Montgomery County, Maryland's, Committee Against Hate/Violence, and as a member of the Maryland’s Comptroller New Americans Advisory Council. He holds a

BA in Management, a Master degree in Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability, and an Executive Master degree from Georgetown University in Leadership. A native of Argentina, he is bilingual in English and Spanish. Mr. Blank has been selected to represent VITA and non-English-speaking taxpayers. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Andrew Bloom** – Mr. Bloom is the Head of Tax at Golub Capital, a SEC-registered investment advisor and international asset manager. He advises on tax issues for investors, general partners, large partnerships, foreign corporations, and business development companies. He also manages substantive tax issues, including investment fund structuring, financial product planning, international tax planning, FDAP and FATCA withholding and tax treaty planning and compliance. Previously, he was a partner at Dechert LLP in New York. (Large Business and International Subgroup)

**Selvan Boominathan** – Mr. Boominathan is VP Global Head of Tax at Hackman Capital Partners, LLP, in Washington, DC. Mr. Boominathan is a former IRS Office of Chief Counsel attorney, where he provided technical expertise in timing of income and deductions, accounting methods, and employment taxes. He now manages the tax compliance team for a global real estate private equity group and portfolio company, including managing the federal, state, local, and foreign tax filings for approx. 300 entities. His current position focuses on international M&A planning, large fund structuring, tax financial modeling, partnership tax, and transfer pricing. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the National Asian Pacific Islander Bar Association. Mr. Boominathan has been selected to represent large, international businesses. (Large Business and International Subgroup)

**Elizabeth Boonin** – Ms. Boonin is a CPA and Managing Member at Sound Accounting in Hauppauge, New York, and co-founder of Halcyon Still Water LLC in Red Bank, New Jersey. In 2013, Ms. Boonin started a full-service public accounting firm offering individual and business tax services, representation in IRS matters, and business valuations for mergers and acquisitions. In 2020, she co-founded a technology-based company providing automated tax preparation and third-party income verification aimed at leveraging technology in such a way that safeguards client information and reduces manual data entry for tax professionals and lending institutions. Prior to these ventures, she served as a VP of Global Markets Financing & Services with Bank of America/Merrill Lynch specializing in equity derivatives. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Caroline Bruckner** – Prof. Bruckner is a Hurst Senior Professional Lecturer & the Managing Director of the Kogod Tax Policy Center at American University Kogod School of Business (KSB) in Washington, DC. Prof. Bruckner teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on fundamentals of federal income tax, business law, business ownership and business basics, and conducts research on tax literacy and compliance issues. She is also on the board of trustees of the American Tax Policy Institute, and the board of directors of Community Tax Aid D.C. (CTA), the largest provider of volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) sites in the DC metropolitan area. Since 2019, she has served as a VITA volunteer and the coordinator for the KSB VITA program. During tax season, she has helped prepare tax returns for low-income taxpayers and has gained insight into their tax challenges. She serves as faculty advisor to the Kogod VITA

Volunteer Corps. She previously served as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, as well as Senior Counsel to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where she advised the committee on tax, labor, and budget matters. Before public service, she was a tax attorney with Paul Hastings LLP and PwC in their national tax office. She is a member of the American Bar Association Tax Section and the National Academy of Social Insurance and is an American College of Tax Counsel fellow. Prof. Bruckner has been selected to represent academia and VITA. (Small Business/Self-Employed Subgroup)

**Beatriz Castaneda** – Ms. Castaneda previously served as the Director of Tax Information Reporting at Coinbase, with over 25 years of experience in U.S. and international information reporting and tax transparency. Her career encompasses both traditional financial services and the rapidly evolving digital assets sector. In her previous role, she provided strategic guidance on tax regulation compliance, assessed regulatory risks, and lead the development of comprehensive reporting policies and governance frameworks. She also oversaw the creation of internal protocols and client communications to ensure alignment with dynamic reporting requirements. From 2014 to 2016, Ms. Castaneda served on the IRS Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee (IRPAC) as a member of the Information Reporting Subgroup. She continues to play an active role in policy development, shaping emerging regulatory guidance, and fostering collaboration between tax authorities and industry stakeholders to advance global information reporting and tax transparency. (Information Reporting Subgroup)

**Sam Cohen –** Mr. Cohen is the Chief Government Officer-Chief Legal Officer of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians in Riverside County, California. Mr. Cohen has devoted his legal practice solely to Native American law and policy since 1997. He currently is the general counsel for a casino with 2,400 devices, two hotels and four restaurants. As a commercial lawyer and tax practitioner, he assists in working on tax parity issues (adoption and employment tax credits, tax exempt bonds and pension reform) at the Tribal level and at the individual Tribal member level. Mr. Cohen has been selected to represent underserved taxpayer communities, specifically Indian Tribal Governments. (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**Kendra Cooks** – Ms. Cooks serves as the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Dr. Cooks has over 32 years of experience in financial and administration in higher education, including previous roles as Comptroller of Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN) and Controller at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, NC). Dr. Cooks is originally from Crawfordsville, IN, and is blessed to serve at Wabash College, combining her love for higher education with love of her hometown. Dr. Cooks' educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Planning and Counseling, a Master of Science degree in Management, and a PhD in Higher Education Administration from Purdue University. Dr. Cooks holds a CPA license in Indiana and North Carolina and serves on the Tax Council of the National Association of College and University Business Officers and was past president and board member of the Indiana Association of College and University Business Officers. Ms. Cooks has been selected to represent college and university business officers. (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**Omeed Firouzi** – Mr. Firouzi is Professor of Practice and Director at Temple University Beasley School of Law LITC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Firouzi has practiced in a low-income taxpayer clinic, representing hundreds of taxpayers in various IRS controversies at Philadelphia Legal Assistance and at Temple Law School LITC. He has represented multiple individuals in EITC and CTC audits and has worked to raise awareness about the disparities low-income taxpayers face in the tax system and IRS processes. He previously volunteered with VITA. He is a member of the American Bar Association Tax Section, where he serves as vice chair of the Pro Bono & Tax Clinics Committee. Mr. Firouzi has been selected to represent LITC and underserved taxpayer communities. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Christine Freeland** – Ms. Freeland is President of Christine Z. Freeland, CPA PC, in Chandler, Arizona. Freeland has volunteered tax services at both the local and state levels. At the national level, she has served as president of the National Society of Accountants (NSA). Freeland was also the NSA presenter for the IRS Nationwide Tax Forum in 2020 and 2021. She also works with the Arizona Association of Accounting and Tax Professionals and has developed continuing education events for IRS Tax Security Awareness Week. Freeland also teaches Circular 230 Ethics annually and participates in roundtables. (Small Business/Self-Employed Subgroup)

**David Gannaway** – Mr. Gannaway is a Principal at Bederson LLP, Accountants & Advisors, in Fairfield, New Jersey. Mr. Gannaway is an Enrolled Agent (EA) and a former IRS employee who spent four years as a revenue agent followed by 16 years in Criminal Investigation as a special agent in the southeast and as Assistant Special Agent in Charge in the NY Field Office. In 2007, he went to work in the private sector where he represents individuals and small/midsize businesses in audit and collection matters before the IRS and state income tax agencies. He specializes in forensic accounting, valuation, litigation support and tax controversy. He is an adjunct professor at Fordham University's Gabelli School of Business and Seton Hall University's Law School. He is a frequent speaker for the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA), National Society of Accountants (NSA), and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. He has also spoken about the field audit and appeals rights on "Tax Talk Today." He is a member of NAEA where he serves on the Board of Directors and the Government Relations Committee. Mr. Gannaway has been selected to represent small and midsize businesses and individual taxpayers. (Small Business/Self-Employed Subgroup)

**Jared Goldberger** – Mr. Goldberger is Partner at Mayer Brown LLP in New York, New York. Mr. Goldberger is an attorney who represents U.S. and non-U.S. financial institutions with respect to tax transparency and information reporting, such as FATCA, chapter 3 requirements and the QI regime, and chapter 61 information reporting requirements. He primarily provides tax advice to financial institutions, including banks, custodians, investment funds, and other financial intermediaries. He is the main contact at his global law firm for any information reporting issue that arises internally with respect to any corporate or finance transaction or litigation matter. Mr. Goldberger has been selected to represent information reporting. (Information Reporting Subgroup)

**Steven Grieb** - Mr. Grieb is the Senior Compliance Counsel at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Mr. Grieb has 30-plus years of experience working directly

with companies that sponsor qualified and non-qualified retirement plans. His work deals significantly with ERISA and fiduciary duties, as well as with helping plan sponsors and service providers understand and comply with the IRC requirements. He assists retirement plan clients with corrections under Rev. Proc. 2021-30 and elective deferral errors. More recently, he has daily helped clients navigate the rule changes from SECURE and SECURE 2.0, like the many optional provisions that require plan sponsors to think through the best plan design for their specific work force. (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**David Heywood** - Mr. Heywood is a lawyer in solo practice in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Heywood is the former head of tax at Lockheed Martin and previously General Tax Counsel at Union Pacific. He has 38 years of corporate and law firm experience in structuring mergers and acquisitions, spin-offs, domestic and international tax planning, strategic transactions, IRS rulings and audits, tax litigation, compensation, and tax legislation. At Lockheed Martin he led a team of 85 tax lawyers and accountants with responsibility for structuring, analysis, reporting, and public disclosure of the tax implications related to business operations, corporate transactions, reorganizations, partnerships, financings, and like-kind exchanges. He also handled multiple large-case audits and CAP audits. Since retiring from Lockheed Martin, he has been in solo practice where he focuses on tax-exempt 501(c)(3) entities. Mr. Heywood earned a bachelor's degree in Classics from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and clerked for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is admitted to the bar in Maryland, Pennsylvania, the U.S. Tax Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Heywood has been selected to represent large corporate taxpayers and tax-exempt entities. (Large Business and International Subgroup)

**Manuela Markarian** – Ms. Markarian is Senior Tax Advisor at Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina. A CPA and EA, Ms. Markarian is senior advisor for corporate tax information reporting and withholding. She manages the consumer line of business and institutional retirement function, serving as the subject matter expert. She monitors legislative, regulatory and industry developments related to tax information reporting. She also reviews regulatory updates and communicates tax technical practical recommendations to business lines and tax reporting departments. She has served as both a VITA volunteer and supervisor. Ms. Markarian has been selected to represent the banking industry. (Information Reporting Subgroup)

**Charles Markham** – Mr. Markham is an EA, CPA, and Principal of Markham & Company LLC in Gainesville, Virginia. Markham & Company is a 'client-centric' tax preparation and representation firm, preparing over 400 returns annually. He is admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court. He specializes in audits and collections issues and also has extensive experience dealing with stock options and related equity issues and R&D tax credits. Since 2009, Markham has worked with the IRS's Office of Professional Responsibility, and its test contractor, ProMetric, as a Subject Matter Expert developing scope and content for the IRS Enrolled Agent (EA) exam. Markham is a "non-public" arbitrator for FINRA, serving as a panel member that adjudicates securities disputes. Markham is an elected member of the National Board of Directors of NATP. He is a member of NAEA, where he previously served on the Bylaws and Government Relations Committees. He is a member of the American Society of Tax Problem Solvers. He is a

consulting member of the Tax Defense Institute where he received the “Paul R. Tom Award” for outstanding contributions. Mr. Markham has been selected to represent individual taxpayers. (Small Business/Self-Employed Subgroup)

**Anthony Massoud** - Mr. Massoud is Vice President of Corporate Finance and Tax at Van Metre Companies in Fairfax, Virginia. He began his career at Van Metre as Tax Manager, where he was responsible for the tax compliance and planning for over 200 partnerships, as well as numerous trusts, foundations, and high-net-worth individuals. Over time, his role expanded to include oversight of the company’s broader financial operations, strategic planning, and corporate finance initiatives. Mr. Massoud began his professional career in public accounting, working with high-net-worth individuals and international businesses on complex tax matters. He earned his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Connecticut and a Master’s degree from Boston University. In addition to his professional work, Mr. Massoud has served on the Board of the Parkinson’s Foundation of the National Capital Area for six years, including as Chair in his final year, and on the Board of the Van Metre Companies Foundation for four years, an employee-managed charitable foundation that supports community-focused initiatives. Having lived in the Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain, Mr. Massoud brings a global perspective to his work in taxation and finance (Large Business and International Subgroup)

**Mark Matkovich** – Mr. Matkovich is an attorney in Charleston, West Virginia, specializing as bond, underwriter's, lender’s, and borrower's counsel in public and government financing. His practice focuses on tax-exempt bonds and economic development financings, with particular emphasis on projects in water, wastewater, public facilities, economic development, and affordable housing. He regularly advises on IRC Section 103 and Sections 141-150 to resolve tax issues for various entities, including municipal governments and tax-exempt organizations. He served as Commissioner of the West Virginia State Tax Department (2013-2017); as general counsel to the West Virginia Department of Revenue (2011-2013); and as staff attorney and general counsel for the West Virginia State Senate. Mr. Matkovich has been selected to represent tax-exempt bonds. (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**Susan Nakano** – Ms. Nakano is Senior Manager in Compliance with Capital One Financial in Virginia and Illinois, providing operational tax advisory to the enterprise. Ms. Nakano came to Capital One through their recent acquisition of Discover Financial Services. She obtained a Masters Degree in Taxation from the University of Illinois and also has a Masters Degree in Information Technology. Ms. Nakano is experienced in operations, audit, risk, compliance, analytics, and information technology. She helps internal business partners develop tax-compliant systems and processes, and is an expert in federal and state tax codes, as well as the supporting regulations and guidance. Ms. Nakano advises on information reporting, focused on reporting for bank depository, lending including auto lending, credit card settlements and accounts payable vendor reporting. (Information Reporting Subgroup)

**Sarah Narkiewicz** – Ms. Narkiewicz is LITC Director at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri. Ms. Narkiewicz co-founded the Washington University School of Law LITC in 2014 and has directed it independently since 2019. She supervises the

staff attorney and students and manages all clinic work from intake to case execution. She is also the Associate Dean of the Clinical Education Program, Assistant Professor of Practice, and Director of the Tax LL. M. Program at Washington University School of Law. Prior to teaching, she practiced corporate law for seven years. She is a member of the American Bar Association Tax Section. Ms. Narkiewicz has been selected to represent LITC and underserved taxpayer communities. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Annette Nellen** – Ms. Nellen is Professor of Accounting and Taxation and MST Program Director at San Jose State University. Nellen is a CPA and attorney and is active in the tax sections of the AICPA (including former chair of the Tax Executive Committee), ABA (past chair of the Tax Policy & Simplification Committee, current Council Director), and California Lawyers Association. She is the recipient of the 2013 Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award given by the Tax Division of the AICPA, the highest award given by the accounting profession in the area of taxation. Nellen has written numerous tax articles and is a co-author/co-editor of four tax textbooks. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and education programs for tax professionals focusing on tax developments, property transactions, digital assets, tax research, ethics, tax reform, and tax policy and has testified several times before various legislative committees and tax reform commissions on tax policy and reform. Prior to joining SJSU in 1990, she worked at the IRS (revenue agent and lead instructor) and a Big 4 CPA firm. Ms. Nellen served as chair of IRSAC in 2024. (Small Business/Self-Employed Subgroup)

**Adam Robbins** - Mr. Robbins is Senior Vice President – Tax & Tax Counsel at bet365 in Denver, CO. Prior to his current role, Mr. Robbins served as US Tax Vice President at FanDuel Group, Inc. for nearly 7 years during which time he and his team pioneered a customer-centric, data and automation driven approach to integrating decades-old information reporting and withholding laws into the technologically complex and rapidly growing US online gaming industry. Their efforts ensured the market leader appropriately applied product-line specific Forms 1099, 1042, and W-2G rules to billions of dollars of transactions per year. Prior to FanDuel, Mr. Robbins oversaw all information reporting and withholding obligations for a music technology company that tracked and paid music royalties to millions of domestic and foreign recipients annually. Mr. Robbins began his career at KPMG and PwC where his work focused on the taxation of REITs and other real estate investment funds. Mr. Robbins has been selected to represent information reporting. (Information Reporting Subgroup)

**Brayan Rosa-Rodriguez** – Mr. Rosa-Rodriguez is an independent policy and government relations consultant whose work focuses on tax and fiscal policy, public benefits, and economic security for Puerto Rico and Latino communities across the United States. He provides policy analysis, research, and strategic support to nonprofit organizations working on public finance transparency, health policy, and economic democracy. He is also a research fellow at Boston University's Institute for Equity in Child Opportunity and Healthy Development. As a Senior Policy Analyst at UnidosUS, he led a multi-state campaign for Latino taxpayers in California, Arizona, Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico built on the American Rescue Plan expansions of the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit. He previously served as Executive Director of the Instituto del Desarrollo de la Juventud (Youth Development Institute) in San Juan. He holds a Master of Public Administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School

of Public Service and a Master of Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Lawrence A. Sannicandro** – Mr. Sannicandro is a Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in New York, New York. Mr. Sannicandro has significant experience representing small businesses and self-employed taxpayers in audits, administrative appeals, investigations, collection matters, and litigation in federal trial and appellate courts. He was co-counsel to the taxpayers in a case concerning the procedural requirements of section 6751(b)(1) that affected the IRS's approach to assessing penalties. He is a principal draftsperson of written comments from the ABA Tax Section to the IRS on issues, including changes to Schedule UTP, the closure of the IRS's voluntary disclosure program, and the proposed elimination of attorney positions from OPR. He has been nationally recognized for co-founding the Exonerees' Tax Assistance Network, which provides tax-related assistance that he and others provided to wrongfully incarcerated individuals. (Small Business/Self-Employed Subgroup)

**Tralynna Scott** – Ms. Scott is the Chief Economist at Cherokee Nation Businesses, LLC, in Catoosa, Oklahoma. Ms. Scott conducts research on economic policy and economic events to assess and project the impact on Cherokee Nation Businesses. She leads bi-annual studies of the economic impact of the Cherokee Nation. Since 2021, she has served as Special Envoy and Cherokee Nation's representative to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. She previously served as Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation; she was responsible for the investment, deposit and cash flow management of all Cherokee Nation funds as well as the acceptance and oversight of all sources of available monies including $2 billion in COVID-19 federal relief funding. Ms. Scott has been selected to represent Indian Tribal Governments. (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**Peter Smith** – Mr. Smith is the Head of Investment Tax at Artisan Partners Limited Partnership in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Smith is a tax specialist with 20 years of financial services industry experience in both public accounting and in-house tax practices focusing on tax compliance and the application of U.S. and international tax law for portfolio managers, investment funds, and investors. He has a broad range of expertise on tax issues that impact the investment fund community and has worked extensively in both the research and compliance of tax law for U.S. and non-U.S. regulated and non-regulated funds, securities, and investors. Mr. Smith’s firm provides multiple investment strategies across a wide variety of investment vehicle types. (Information Reporting Subgroup)

**Cory Steinmetz** – Mr. Steinmetz is an IRS Compliance Officer and Section Counsel in the Office of the Ohio Attorney General in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Steinmetz has worked in government taxation for the last 12 years and is the Office of the Ohio Attorney General's main contact with the IRS. Prior to 2020 he was an attorney with the Ohio Department of Taxation. He manages IRS compliance for the Office and litigates tax issues in state and bankruptcy courts across the country, representing governmental creditors in consumer and corporate bankruptcy cases. Mr. Steinmetz also serves as subject matter expert for individual and business tax issues. He is often consulted on state legislation where federal law intersects and ensures current policies and procedures are in alignment with legal

requirements related to federal tax or bankruptcy code. (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**Hussein Tarraf** – Mr. Tarraf is President of Tarraf & Associates, PC, in Dearborn, Michigan. He has more than 25 years of experience in public accounting, providing tax advisory and assurance services primarily to small and medium-sized businesses and high-net-worth individuals. His work has also included accounting, auditing, consulting, business planning, and taxation at several firms. A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Mr. Tarraf is an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA), the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), and the National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP). Mr. Tarraf has extensive experience with U.S. international tax reporting and compliance, including the preparation of federal Forms 5471, 5472, 8865, 8992, 1116, 1040-NR, 2555, and 8938, and FinCEN Form 114. He has guided hundreds of clients on offshore asset, FBAR, and FATCA reporting obligations. Mr. Tarraf currently serves as a tax advisor to Lebanon's Minister of Finance. He also has years of experience teaching accounting and finance at various universities. He holds a Doctor of Business Administration from Lawrence Technological University, an MBA from Wayne State University, and a B.A. in Accounting from Lebanese University. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Kristofer Thiessen** is the Senior Partner, Tax and Advisory, at Block Advisors in New York, New York. Mr. Thiessen is an EA who works with families and business owners to offer solutions for their complex tax matters, including tax compliance, controversy, and planning. His small business and self-employed specialties include capital assets, digital assets, passthrough entities, trusts and estates, international information return, and FATCA compliance, and working with resident and nonresident aliens. He has taught continuing education courses on fiduciary tax, passthrough entities, capital assets, and tax planning. He is a member of NAEA, the NY State Society of EAs, the NY State Society of CPAs, and the Association of International Certified Professional Accountants. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Harvard College and a Master's of Science in Taxation from Baruch College Zicklin School of Business. Mr. Thiessen has been selected to represent small businesses and individual and self-employed taxpayers. (IRSAC Vice Chair and Small Business/Self-Employed Subgroup)

**Rolanda Watson** – Ms. Watson is Owner of Empower 2 Impact (DBA Rolanda's Tax & Professional Service) in Houston, Texas. Ms. Watson is an EA who operates her own practice providing tax advocacy and compliance services to a diverse range of clients. She has over 25 years of experience preparing tax returns and offering planning and resolution services to businesses and nonprofits. Her practice frequently conducts tax literacy workshops tailored to a variety of professional groups, including realtors, truck drivers, and small business owners. She also volunteers her time mentoring new tax professionals, emphasizing the importance of ethical practice and continuing education. She is a member of NAEA and NATP. Ms. Watson has been selected to represent individual taxpayers and small business owners. (Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Lucinda Weigel** – Ms. Weigel is a CPA, EA, and Owner of Weigel Tax & Accounting Services LLC in Vienna, Virginia. Ms. Weigel recently served on the Taxpayer Advocacy

Panel where she was a subgroup chair on its Tax Forms and Publications Committee. She owns and manages a small tax accounting firm specializing in helping elderly and disabled clients manage their tax matters and financial affairs. She primarily focuses on individual and fiduciary (estate and trust) returns, though has some business clients and clients with information reporting requirements. She also represents clients before the IRS and state tax authorities to help resolve issues. (IRSAC Chair and Taxpayer Services Subgroup)

**Thomas Wheadon** – Mr. Wheadon is currently the Head of International Tax and Transfer Pricing at MAHLE, a German-owned manufacturing company, in Farmington Hills, Michigan. In this role, he is responsible for international tax calculations, modeling, and reporting related to BEAT and GILTI, as well as managing transfer pricing in accordance with OECD guidelines. Previously, he worked in a large public accounting firm as an International Tax Manager. He has extensive experience with a diverse range of clients, from individuals involved with PFICs to multinational corporations with numerous foreign subsidiaries. His expertise includes managing international compliance projects, calculating GILTI, foreign tax credits, and FDII, and providing strategic advice on cross-border transactions and structuring. Mr. Wheadon is an attorney admitted in Michigan, and a member of the Tax Executives Institute. (Large Business and International Subgroup)

**Brian Yacker** – Mr. Yacker is Principal (Nonprofit Tax) at Baker Tilly Advisory Group in Orange County, California. Yacker's career has focused on exclusively working with nonprofits and he currently serves over 1,000 different nonprofits, including public charities, private foundations, hospitals, higher education institutions, religious organizations, social clubs, business organizations, and labor organizations. He has authored numerous publications re the effective/efficient preparation of many nonprofit tax returns and over the years has presented in 36 different states re various nonprofit tax/legal issues. (Tax Exempt & Government Entities Subgroup)

**Nicholas Yannaci** – Mr. Yannaci is an Executive Director in Group Tax at UBS in Stamford, Connecticut. Mr. Yannaci is responsible for IRS correspondence (IRS audits, abatement requests, liens, and notices of default). He works closely with Operations to ensure accurate reporting and withholding. He is a valued member of the QI periodic review team as the liaison between the external reviewer and UBS. He advises on all manners of U.S. reporting and withholding along with OECD's Common Reporting Standards. His role also includes review and completion of Forms 945, 1042, 1099, 1042-S, W-8, and W-9. (Information Reporting Subgroup)