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As the IRS focuses on increasing the quantity of audits performed, it's more important than ever for you to be knowledgeable and prepared to work with the IRS in a variety of situations. The IRS Solutions Conference will provide you with functional tools and an understanding of what the IRS is currently focusing on. Leading these discussions are experts in handling IRS issues including CPAs and attorneys.

Who Should Attend: CPAs at all levels of experience in public practice, as well as business and industry. Whether you represent clients on a regular basis, or are the CFO of a company, knowing how to work with and respond to the IRS in an array of situations is critical.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

7:15 - 8 a.m.
Registration/Continental Breakfast

8 - 8:05 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

8:05 - 9:30 a.m.

A - Dealing with The IRS Now and in the Future

Art Auerbach, CPA, CGMA, Atlanta, Ga.

Discuss what budget cuts will mean for service to the practitioner community and to taxpayers. Increased use of electronic communications; using the "secure portal" to obtain services from the IRS; and greater emphasis on practitioner enforcement by Office of Professional Responsibility. Review some of their efforts regarding conflicts of interest, cybersecurity efforts, and how that will affect the way we are dealing with the IRS, including virtual conferencing for answers to questions and perhaps examinations and Appellate conferences. The new IRS is not what we may be accustomed to and we will have to learn to adjust.

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Break

9:45 - 10:35 a.m.

B - What is the Definition of Contemporaneous Records and Are There any Timesavers?

Cecily V. Welch, CPA, CFP®, PFS,

Welch Financial Advisors, LLC, Atlanta, Ga.

We tell clients they're responsible for maintaining records and substantiating expenses. Are we diligent in explaining what we mean? Do we stop when they say, "If I'm audited, I can get it."? Let's understand what contemporaneous records mean, and if our tax software accomplishes some of the requirements for us.

10:35 - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 - 11:35 a.m.

C - Understanding the New Partnership/LLC Audit Rules

Deborah L. Priest, CPA, Windham Brannon, PC, Atlanta, Ga. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 repealed the TEFRA audit rules and enacted new rules for partnership audits effective for tax years beginning after 2017. The new rules change how partnership audits are conducted, as well as how tax and penalties are assessed against the partners. While focusing on providing a basic overview of the new audit procedures, discuss changes that partnerships may wish to make to their partnership agreements to reduce the impact of the new rules in the event of an audit.

11:35 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Lunch

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

© D - The Unagreed Case from a CPA Standpoint and The New Appeal Process from an Attorney's Point of View

Colin E. Blalock, CPA, CGMA, PFS, CFP®,

Jones and Kolb, CPAs, Atlanta, Ga.

Robert B. Gardner, III, Esq.,

Taylor English Duma LLP, Atlanta, Ga.

Explore how a CPA should approach an unagreed IRS examination in a professional manner, as the taxpayer's advocate, and prepare the case for Appeals and/or tax court. Once the attorney is involved, discuss the progression of the case and describe the role of the attorney, the CPA and the taxpayer.

1:30 - 1:40 p.m. Break

1:40 - 2:45 p.m.

E - The Anatomy of an IRS Examination from an IRS Agent's Viewpoint

O'Daniel Outlaw, CPA, Conyers, Ga.

Discuss initiation of the audit, the planning of the audit, taxpayer contact, the appointment, the initial review, the overview of books and records, specific documentation requested, the analysis of the documentation, the closing conference, proposed changes and explanation of taxpayers' options.

2:45 - 3 p.m. Break

3 - 4:15 p.m.

F - Where Does Tax Reform Stand: Q&A Panel

Colin E. Blalock, CPA, CGMA, PFS, CFP®,

Jones and Kolb, CPAs, Atlanta, Ga., Moderator Art Auerbach, CPA, CGMA, Atlanta, Ga. Robert B. Gardner, III, Esg.,

Taylor English Duma LLP, Atlanta, Ga.

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Deborah L. Priest, CPA, Windham Brannon, PC, Atlanta, Ga. Cecily V. Welch, CPA, CFP, PFS,

Welch Financial Advisors, LLC, Atlanta, Ga.

A panel discussion focusing on actual examples of IRS examinations, issues incurred and the corrected actions taken, including an analysis of what transpired. The panel will address live cases the participants are encountering and recommendations from the panel on the best approach to mitigate the negative impact. Topics covered will include working with an unreasonable agent, request to extend the statute, and challenges to documentation due to (1) fact, (2) law, (3) documentation, or (4) timelines.

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