



# The Bulletin

East Bay Association  
of Enrolled Agents

A Chapter of the California Society of Enrolled Agents  
Affiliated with the National Association of Enrolled Agents

October 2017

NEXT MEETING: **Wed., Oct. 18, 2017**

Place: **Dublin Holiday Inn**

6680 Regional St., Dublin, CA 94568

(go to <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/dublin/dubrm/hoteldetail#Directions>) **or take BART!**

4:30 Board Meeting

5:30 Member Appreciation

6:30 Dinner Buffet

7:15 Program: **“CA BOE & other  
CA Topics”**

Cost: \$40.00 with reservation by Monday, Oct. 16  
\$50.00 with reservation after deadline

Sign up online at:

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(Please print out your confirmation to ensure that you clicked all the right buttons to register). Questions: email [ebaean@ebaean.org](mailto:ebaean@ebaean.org) (preferred) or call 800-617-1040.

## “CA BOE and other CA Topics” Guest Speaker: **Fiona Ma, CPA**



Fiona Ma, CPA, is the Chairwoman of the Board of Equalization. She was elected to the Board of Equalization in November 2014, to represent the Second Equalization District. Ms. Ma served in the California State Assembly from 2006 to 2012, serving as the first Asian woman

Assembly Speaker pro Tempore since 1850. While in the Assembly, Ms. Ma focused on improving California, authoring legislation to create jobs and grow the state's economy. Fiona previously also served 6 years with the SF Board of Supervisors from 2000-2006. As one of the few Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) to ever have served on the Board, Fiona understands the challenges that businesses and taxpayers face today.

Since there was a recent big reorganization of the Board of Equalization(BOE), Fiona will share some information about the reorganization. She will also speak on Proposition 64, the marijuana legalization initiative, the lack of cannabis banking, as well as legislations worked on this year.

There will not be any CPE for this presentation.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sharon Hinchman, EA, NTPI Fellow

Well, it's October and the extensions are almost done. I have never had to nudge and prod those last few stragglers as I have this year. Have you ever noticed, it's the same people year after year? It just seems to get worse. I'm looking forward to a “thank God it's over” glass of wine. (I'm too tired to party).

I'm looking forward to our October 18<sup>th</sup> speaker, Fiona Ma, CPA to fill us in on what is happening with the new State Board of Equalization replacement.

Don't miss our shred fest on October 21, in Danville. We are holding it in conjunction a local real estate

*Don't miss these  
deadlines*

Early Bird Registration for **Tax Talk 2017** is on or before October 18, 2017. See article and flyer later in this Bulletin.

Early Bird Registration for **Practice Potential Seminar** by Duncan Sandiland, EA, is on or before October 17, 2017. See article and flyer later in this Bulletin.

office on San Ramon Valley Blvd. easy drive in and out. Invite your clients to clean out their unwanted documents. See the flyer later in this Bulletin for all the details and send it to your clients so they can clean out too.

It's now time to get ready for next year and get your remaining continuing education out of the way. East Bay has put together a great three-day event for November 8-10 (see info and flyer later in this Bulletin). And for those of you who have asked for a Practice Management workshop, we have our own Duncan Sandiland, EA all the way from Houston to bring us up to speed on what's new out there to make our lives more fun and profitable. Class will be on Monday, November 13 (see his article and flyer later in this Bulletin).

Our November 15<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting will feature our own Ralph Nelson, EA whose topic of Offer In Compromise is always relevant – see the highlights of his presentation later in this Bulletin.

I attended both the State liaison meeting in Sacramento and the IRS town hall in San Jose. Each agency and department filled us in on what was going on and provided us with a phone list for reference for the coming year.

We have put together a lot of education and business enhancements for you over the next few months. Please join us in all or some of these activities. This is your chapter! Get some use out of it.



## **“Tax Talk 2017” Registration Now Open**

*By Patty Pringle, EA, Seminar Chair*

### **Tax Talk 2017, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 1, 2 or 3 Day Options Available**

**For a detailed description of topics & flyer, please check out the last pages of this bulletin.**

#### **Day 1, Wednesday, November 8th**

Lisa Ihm, EA

- Tax Stuff you thought you knew (all new for 2017) (2 HRS Fed)
- Repair or Improvement? (2 HRS Fed)

Vicki Mulak, EA, CFP

- S-Corp Basis & K-1 Issues (4 HRS Fed)

#### **Day 2, Thursday, November 9th**

Vicki Mulak, EA, CFP

- California K-1's (2 HRS CA, CTEC, NAEA)
- Single Member LLC's (2 HRS Fed)

Lisa Ihm, EA

- Rentals... Simple! Right? (2 HRS Fed)
- Correcting Depreciation - Form 3115 Line-by-Line (2 HRS Fed)

#### **Day 3, Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Beanna Whitlock, EA

- Ethics - For the 21st Century Tax Professional (Where do you keep your ethics?? (2 HRS Fed)
- Trust Basics - a Guide to Who Do You Trust (2 HRS Fed)
- Decedent's Final Return and Form 1041 (2 HRS Fed)
- Gifts, Estates and Trusts (2 HRS Fed)

## **SHRED FEST – October 21**

The East Bay Association of Enrolled Agents is partnering with a local real estate office in Danville for a "Shred Fest" on Saturday, October 21. Bring your old files and invite your clients to come. See the flyer later in this Bulletin.

## **Long-awaited Seminar Returns!**

*By Duncan Sandiland, EA, CFP, MSFS, NTPI Fellow*



Eleven years ago, my tax practice was doing better than ever before, and was poised to take off...and it was running my life. I had to find some way to dial it back so I could spend some time with my kids before they grew up. However, no matter where I looked, all I found

were ideas on how to grow a practice, not how to tame it. So, I started experimenting.

A few years later, I had significantly cut my workload, was going on almost every school field trip with my kids, and I had increased my take-home profit. Four years ago, I moved halfway across the country, normally a death knell for a tax practice. Instead of selling my old practice and starting up a new one from scratch, my experiments had made my client relationships so strong that more than 90% of my clients stayed with me and I now handle their needs remotely. My eventual retirement is completely under my control.

Would you like to have that much flexibility in your practice? Would you like to reduce your stress and your workload while increasing your profit? At the request of some Chapter members, before I moved I taught an all-day class, demonstrating the invaluable lessons I had developed by trial and error. That class was very well received, and since then I have been repeatedly asked to teach it again.

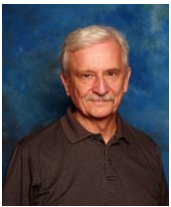
Travel schedules have finally aligned and, for one day only, the **Practice Potential** class is back! In conjunction with EBAEA, I will again be teaching those key

lessons that are still available nowhere else. Pull out your calendar and turn it to Monday, November 13, then look over the flyer in this Bulletin, and take two minutes **NOW** to click on the link and sign up, as space is limited and initial response looks like the class will sell out. I am offering a money-back guarantee so the only risk you take is being slow to register and thus losing your space.

And I am still practicing and refining those lessons. As I write this, it is 3pm on a school day afternoon in early October. My son just came home from school, so I am going to put aside extended returns and go help him make brownies – because my practice is no longer the boss, I am!

### **Offer in Compromise (OIC)**

*By Ralph Nelson, EA, NTPI Fellow*



At our November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, I will give a presentation on how to put together an Offer In Compromise (OIC).

What is a good amount of money to offer when filing an OIC? I've heard that 30% of the balance due is a fair amount to offer, or should I offer 40% so that my offer is more likely to be accepted? What should I offer??

The amount to offer is the Reasonable Collection Potential or RCP. The RCP is a formula-driven amount that the IRS has set up and it has absolutely nothing to do with the balance due. Case in point: a couple of my recent settlements are, Debt \$385,812 settled for \$11,844; Debt \$49,973 settled for \$22,060.

So what is the RCP? The RCP has two components, the equity in the taxpayer's accessible assets and Remaining Monthly Income after allowable expenses are deducted. The art in settling an OIC is knowing how to use the allowable expenses. They can be tricky. There are National Standards and Local Standard that guide how much you can deduct for a particular expense. Should I always use the National and Standard deductions? No. The rules are fairly strict for an OIC but it still boils down to regular old horse trading.

That's what I will present at our November chapter meeting, how to put together an OIC and how to horse trade. Another thing I will cover is how to disqualify an OIC candidate in 30 seconds or less.

### **MEMBERS SPEAK**

Upcoming presentations by EBAEA Members include:

- 10/18/17** – Andy Rogers – Basic Payroll 9 am – 3 pm  
San Francisco, 455 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor
- 10/19/17** – Michele Zimmerman – Basic Payroll 9 am – 3 pm  
Oakland, 1515 Clay Street Room 9
- 11/8/17** – Andy Rogers – Basic Payroll 9 am – 3 pm  
San Francisco, 455 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

- 11/29/17** – Michele Zimmerman – Basic Payroll 9 am – 3 pm  
Concord, 4071 Port Chicago Highway, Suite 250, Room A
- 12/7/17** – Mark Bole – Basic Payroll 9 am – 3 pm  
Oakland, 1515 Clay Street Room 9
- 12/13/17** – Andy Rogers – Basic Payroll 9 am – 3 pm  
San Francisco, 455 Market Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor

### **EAs AVAILABLE TO SPEAK**

There are a number of chapter members who welcome the opportunity to speak on a variety of tax topics. If you know of a group that would like a guest speaker, please contact Andy Rogers, EA, or Mark Bole, EA for suggestions.



### **October 2017**

- 18** **EBAEA Dinner - Dublin Holiday Inn**  
**Speaker** – Fiona Ma, CPA  
**Topic** – CA BOE and other CA Topics
- 21** **Shred Fest – Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Drysdale Properties**  
588 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Danville

### **November 2017**

- 8-10** **EBAEA Tax Talk Seminar – Dublin Holiday Inn**  
**Speakers** – Beanna Whitlock, EA, Lisa Ihm, EA and Vicki Mulak, EA
- 13** **Practice Potential Seminar – Dublin Holiday Inn**  
**Speaker** – Duncan Sandiland, EA
- 15** **EBAEA Dinner - Dublin Holiday Inn**  
**Speaker** – Ralph Nelson  
**Topic** - OICs

### **December 2017**

- 13** **EBAEA Dinner - Dublin Holiday Inn**  
***This is a new date for this meeting***



### Small Group Tax Meetings

**Antioch /Brentwood**      Fridays 8:00am  
Brentwood Café, 8500 Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood  
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**Danville Area**      4<sup>th</sup> Tue 9:30am  
Pascals French Oven, 155 Railroad Ave, Danville  
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**Oakland Area (Near BART)**    4<sup>th</sup> Tue 9:00am  
Buttercup Café, 229 Broadway, Oakland  
**Andy Rogers EA**      (510) 332-0401

**Livermore Area**      Fridays 8:45am  
Shari's Restaurant, 1116 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore  
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**Castro Valley**      3<sup>rd</sup> Tue 8:30am  
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*by Gail Stan, EA, Bulletin Editor*

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### Dublin Holiday Inn

6680 Regional St.  
Dublin, CA 94568



# Member Appreciation



Thanks to our Past President Patty Pringle for all the rest of these photos except for this first one that the Editor managed to take of our intrepid photographer.

Not every photo below identifies the participants because the Editor does not know everyone personally.



Our Federal Tax panelists – Phil Fiegler, Cheryl Meder and Lonnie Gary



Dagmar Bedard and Marjorie Williams-Jones



Hung O, President Sharon Hinchman and Past President Gail Nanbu



Andy Rogers, Mark Bole and Ralph Nelson



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Surekha Vaidya, Peggy Hall, Pam Bayer, Sharon Hinchman



Phil Fiegler and Lonnie Gary



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	Vicki Mulak, EA, CFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>S-Corp K-1's</b> - How to get it on the 1040? <i>WZA09-T-02135-17-I; 4 hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8588; 4 hrs Fed Tax</i></li> </ul>	
<b>DAY 2</b> Thursday NOV 9 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Mulak, EA, CFP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>California K-1's</b> - What's the Purpose of 4 Columns? <i>1001-CE-8589; 2 hrs State Tax Law</i></li> <li>▶ <b>Single Member LLC's</b> - Disregarded For Tax Filing Only <i>WZA09-T-02136-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8590; 2hrs Fed Tax</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continental Breakfast</li> <li>▶ Rome Lunch Buffet (<i>Italian</i>)</li> </ul>
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<b>DAY 3</b> Friday NOV 10 <sup>th</sup>	Beanna Whitlock, EA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Ethics</b> <i>WZA09-E-02146-17-I; 2hrs Ethics &amp; 1001-CE-8599; 2hrs Ethics</i></li> <li>▶ <b>Trust Basics</b> <i>WZA09-T-02144-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8598; 2 hrs Fed Tax</i></li> <li>▶ <b>Decedent's Final Return &amp; Form 1041</b> <i>WZA09-T-02143-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8597; 2hrs Fed Tax</i></li> <li>▶ <b>Gifts, Estates, &amp; Trusts</b> <i>WZA09-T-02142-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8596; 2hrs Fed Tax</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continental Breakfast</li> <li>▶ Plated Lunch: Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Marsala or Salmon (<i>select one entree</i>)</li> <li>▶ Natural Choice Afternoon Snack</li> </ul>



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**REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:**

- ▶ Continental Breakfast
- ▶ Hot Lunch (*Buffet & Plated*)
- ▶ Afternoon Snacks
- ▶ Tax Talk 2017 Materials\*

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**BART Dublin-Pleasanton**



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**REGISTRATION FEES**

Early Bird Special	October 18, 2017 or before	
	MEMBER**	NON-MEMBER***
1 DAY (any)	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00
2 DAYS (any)	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
3 DAYS (all)	\$ 550.00	\$ 650.00
General Registration	October 19, 2017 thru October 31, 2017	
1 DAY (any)	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
2 DAYS (any)	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
3 DAYS (all)	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
Last Minute Registration*	November 1, 2017 and after	
1 DAY (any)	\$ 350.00	\$ 450.00
2 DAYS (any)	\$ 550.00	\$ 650.00
3 DAYS (all)	\$ 650.00	\$ 750.00

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**Tax Talk After Hours**

Wednesday\*  
5:30p to 7:00p

Stay and enjoy nibbles, sodas & wine during a Q&A Session

**Featured Presenter:**  
**Marc Narlesky, CPA**  
Technical Assistant to the Advocate  
Taxpayers' Rights Office California  
Franchise Tax Board

\*Tax Talk After Hours is available on Wednesday only with paid Wednesday Seminar Registration



# TAX TALK 2017 ■ MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

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<b>DAY 2</b> Thursday NOV 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Vicki Mulak, EA, CFP</b>	▶ <b>S-Corp K-1's</b> - How to get it on the 1040? <small>WZA09-T-02135-17-I; 4 hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8588; 4 hrs Fed Tax</small>	▶ Natural Choice Afternoon Snack
	<b>Lisa Ihm, EA</b>	▶ <b>California K-1's</b> - What's the Purpose of 4 Columns? <small>1001-CE-8589; 2 hrs State Tax Law</small>	▶ Continental Breakfast
		▶ <b>Single Member LLC's</b> - Disregarded For Tax Filing Only <small>WZA09-T-02136-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8590; 2hrs Fed Tax</small>	▶ Rome Lunch Buffet ( <i>Italian</i> )
		▶ <b>Rentals...Simple, right?</b> <small>WZA09-T-02140-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8594; 2hrs Fed Tax</small>	▶ Fruit & Cookies Afternoon Snack
<b>DAY 3</b> Friday NOV 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Beanna Whitlock, EA</b>	▶ <b>Correcting Depreciation</b> <small>WZA09-T-02139-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8593; 2hrs Fed Tax</small>	▶ Continental Breakfast
		▶ <b>Ethics</b> <small>WZA09-E-02146-17-I; 2hrs Ethics &amp; 1001-CE-8599; 2hrs Ethics</small>	▶ Plated Lunch: Eggplant Parmesan, Chicken Marsala or Salmon ( <i>select one entree</i> )
		▶ <b>Trust Basics</b> <small>WZA09-T-02144-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8598; 2hrs Fed Tax</small>	▶ Natural Choice Afternoon Snack
		▶ <b>Decedent's Final Return &amp; Form 1041</b> <small>WZA09-T-02143-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8597; 2hrs Fed Tax</small>	
	▶ <b>Gifts, Estates, &amp; Trusts</b> <small>WZA09-T-02142-17-I; 2hrs Fed Tax &amp; 1001-CE-8596; 2hrs Fed Tax</small>		

**REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE:**

- ▶ Continental Breakfast
- ▶ Hot Lunch (*Buffet & Plated*)
- ▶ Afternoon Snacks
- ▶ Tax Talk 2017 Materials

**SEMINAR LOCATION:**

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Wednesday\* 5:30p to 7:00p

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- Eggplant Parmesan
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- Salmon

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			WED	THUR	FRI	
<b>Early Bird Special</b>	<b>September 30, 2017 or before</b>					
1 DAY (any)	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
2 DAYS (any)	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
3 DAYS (all)	\$ 550.00	\$ 650.00	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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1 DAY (any)	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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# East Bay Tax Talk 2017

## Course Descriptions

### DAY 1 – November 8th

#### ◉ Lisa Ihm, EA

##### **Tax Stuff you thought you knew (all new for 2017) (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *We've all had those "light bulb" moments when we realize that we've been missing out on a great tax deduction for a client or have overlooked a perfect tax planning opportunity. These revelations come from many sources. Sometimes it's the one really useful piece of information we learn at a seminar, or a colleague mentions something at lunch that gets us to thinking, or we are researching another tax topic and come across something totally unexpected. You are in "Jeopardy" of having fun while you learn in this fast-paced seminar. All NEW topics for 2017! You'll have at least one "AH HAH!" moment, guaranteed!*

##### **Repair or Improvement? (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *Can you expense a new kitchen in a rental property? Or a new furnace? Or new windows? Or a new fence? The answers may surprise you!!! New regulations recently issued by the IRS provide guidance to help answer the common and difficult question of whether expenses are deductible as maintenance or must be capitalized as improvements, and may make it possible to deduct many items you would have capitalized in the past! A handy flowchart will lead you through the required questions.*

#### ◉ Vicki Mulak, EA, CFP

##### **S-Corp Basis & K-1 Issues (4 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *This session will concentrate on the transfer of flow-through items reported on the S Corporation K-1 to shareholder returns, with an emphasis on the calculation of S Corporation stock basis and loan basis. Included will be information on the impact of distributions and loan repayments on basis, the differences between the stock basis ordering rules and the AAA ordering rules, the shareholder election to reverse the ordering rules and the specific accounting election when shareholders participate for less than full tax years.*

### DAY 2 – November 9th

#### ◉ Vicki Mulak, EA, CFP

##### **California K-1's (2 HRS CA, CTEC, NAEA)**

- ❖ *Unlike the federal K-1, California uses a 4-column K-1 for partners, LLC members and S Corporation shareholders. Although seemingly complex at first blush, this session will unravel that complexity in an easy-to-understand manner. When preparing returns with K-1's, the entity return preparer needs competency in understanding apportionment and California source income. When preparing personal tax returns, understanding the impact of residency and non-residency is the key concept which enables the tax professional to transfer K-1 data accurately.*

##### **Single Member LLC's (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *This session will examine the issues associated with a single member LLC (SMLLC). Although they are regarded for legal and business purposes, they are disregarded for tax filing purposes, thus creating a level of confusion which requires constant guidance by the practitioner. Understanding this distinction is important so that the practitioner's interaction with the SMLLC is the same as their interaction with a one-person C or S Corporation. The fact that the individually-owned SMLLC files on the sole-proprietor's schedule does not change the fact that they are an entity and must conduct their business as an entity.*

#### ◉ Lisa Ihm, EA

##### **Rentals... Simple! Right? (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *Roommate... Rental to family member... Occasional rental... Vacation home... Bed and Breakfast... Less than 7-day average rental... Less than 14 days personal use... Extraordinary services provided... Foreign exchange student... Less than FMV rent... Passive loss limitations... 280A limitations... Joint ventures... The list of complications is endless. Learn how to handle all these glitches using an AMAZING flowchart that will lead you to the correct answer step-by-step.*

## **Correcting Depreciation - Form 3115 Line-by-Line (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *Have you ever had a client who was not depreciating their rental property? Or one who was depreciating the land as well as the building? The Form 3115 is the way you must make corrections in these types of situations. Many preparers had their first exposure to Form 3115 when they filed them for clients who were affected by the new personal property regs. Most of those taxpayers were able to file a "Short Form 3115", but in other situations where filing a Form 3115 is beneficial to a client you must complete the entire 8-page form. We'll dissect this complex form line-by-line and determine what all that incomprehensible language means. More importantly, you'll get some valuable templates and learn some amazing shortcuts that will help you complete this 8-page form in mere minutes!*

## **DAY 3 – November 10th**

### ○ **Beanna Whitlock, EA**

#### **Ethics - For the 21st Century Tax Professional (Where do you keep your ethics??) (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *Program begins with the premise that others will follow your lead when it comes to acting ethically. Various areas of Circular 230, Federal Code of Regulations will be reviewed in order that we have some guidance when we are faced with ethical dilemmas. Finally, we will review 3 separate case scenarios where our ethics will be challenged and determine how we can use Circular 230 to resolve our issue. Practitioners will learn that it is not the ethical encounter that is the issue but how we deal with it.*

#### **Trust Basics - A Guide to Who Do You Trust (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *Attendees will receive an overview of trust basics, discovering the differences between Simple and Complex trusts and when all trusts are Complex. The Grantor trust will be examined and preparers will be informed on the workings and tax reporting's. Various types of trusts and why clients may be looking to use them are examined. Who is right for a trust and who is not will be discussed. The Intentionally Defective Grantor Trust, the new kid on the block, will be reviewed and attendees will be comfortable addressing these issues with their taxpayers.*

#### **Decedent's Final Return and Form 1041 (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *Examining a case example from death to settlement of estate, preparers in attendance will examine what is reported on the final 1040 and what is reported on the Estate Tax Return, Form 1041. Practitioners will learn what IRD, Income in Respect of Decedent, is and how to treat it on the tax return. Various issues of working with the Last Will and Testament and any Trust created by the Will (Testamentary) will be discussed. Those in attendance will learn a greater understanding of the decedent's final return and the estate created at death.*

#### **Gifts, Estates and Trusts (2 HRS Fed)**

- ❖ *A review of the current rates for gifts and estates as well as Generation Skipping Trusts will begin the presentation. Form 706 discussions will concentrate on the issue of portability and how to complete the Form 706 with the new procedures for late election. Participants will learn who the candidates for filing the Form 706 are and how to protect themselves from potential law suits brought by heirs when no Form 706 is filed.*



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by: Duncan Sandiland, EA

1 DAY ONLY

- ⦿ Are you worried about the Trump proposal to simplify tax returns?
- ⦿ Do you feel you're working harder than you used to?
- ⦿ Are you tired of dealing with some clients but you can't afford to fire them?
- ⦿ Are you looking to increase your income without increasing your workload?
- ⦿ Would you like to ease your workload without affecting your income?
- ⦿ Are you struggling with attracting the right kind of client?
- ⦿ Are you tired of missing family time, or vacations, or hanging out with friends?
- ⦿ Are you considering retiring or downsizing but want to get the best price for your practice?
- ⦿ Are you happy with your practice but want to have more FUN with it?

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Anything else you would like the members of EBAEA to know about you?

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