



Oregon Society of
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2010 OrSEA Spring Conference

“Bordering on Brilliant”

Speaker Bios:

Francis X. Degen, EA

Frank Degen, EA is a self employed practitioner in Setauket (Long Island), New York. He has a Bachelors degree in mathematics from Iona College and a Masters degree from Johns Hopkins University. He became an enrolled agent in 1984.

Frank is a non-attorney admitted to practice in the United States Tax Court and a fellow of the National Tax Practice Institute.

He was a member of the IRS Advisory Council (IRSAC) and served as the 2009 IRSAC chair. Frank is a past president of NAEA and currently chairs the association’s Government Relations Committee. Prior to serving on NAEA’s board, he was a three term president of the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents (NYSSEA) and was awarded the NYSSEA Founders Award in 1999. He received the NAEA Excellence in Public Awareness Award in 2001, the NAEA EA Mentor Award in 2004 and the NAEA Founders Award in 2006.

He has been quoted extensively in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Business Week, US News and World Report, Newsday and Kiplingers. Frank is a frequent speaker on tax related topics including presentations at the IRS Nationwide Tax Forums. He has also been a participant in both television and radio interviews on behalf of NAEA. Degen has testified on behalf of NAEA before the House Ways & Means Oversight Subcommittee, the Senate Finance Committee and the IRS Oversight Board.

LF Brooks

LG Brooks is an Enrolled Agent and a senior consultant with The Tax Practice, Inc. He has been in the field of taxation for more than 25 years and has been in practice full-time since 1990. Brooks' areas of practice include tax representation, tax consulting, tax preparation, and pre-tax court litigation support services. He continues to provide tax presentations for numerous tax and accounting societies and has made presentations at several IRS Annual Tax Forums. Brooks received his BA from Bishop College Dallas, Texas in 1977 and is a fellow and a current faculty member of the National Tax Practice Institute (NTPI).

Brian Wozniak

Brian Wozniak is a Senior Tax Specialist with the Internal Revenue Service's Stakeholder Liaison Division in Portland and works with tax professionals to identify ways the agency can be more responsive to customers' needs. Mr Wozniak coordinates IRS outreach and education to the tax practitioner community and small business owners.

Jolene Swint

Jolene Swint is a Unit Manager with ODOR

Russell Ward, EA

Russ Ward has over 40 years of investigative experience including 30 years with the Internal Revenue Service, the last 27 years with the Criminal Investigation Division, from which he retired. During his career as an IRS Special Agent, he conducted several large financial investigations. Some involved the diversion of millions of dollars of investor/client funds through the use of ponzi schemes. Many investigations resulted in prosecution recommendations for tax fraud, securities fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, money laundering, narcotics violations, Federal gambling violations and conspiracy. During his special agent career he also taught financial fraud investigative classes to various state and federal law enforcement agencies.

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