

**The University of Minnesota Law School
Corporate Institute
Forum on Taxation and Regulation**

invites you to attend a

Perspectives on Taxation Lecture Series

presentation,

The State of the IRS

by

**Nina Olson
National Taxpayer Advocate**

Moderator: TBD

**Friday, March 2, 2018
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.**

at

The University of Minnesota Law School
229 - 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455

A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 p.m.

(1 hour CLE and CPE applied for)

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About our topic:

Drawing from her 2017 Annual Report to Congress, Ms. Olson will talk about problems facing the IRS and the implications for tax compliance and enforcement, including

- IRS funding and personnel cuts;
- declining audit rates; and
- flawed implementation of congressional mandates requiring the use of private debt collectors and the denial of passports to certain U.S. citizens with substantial tax debts.

She will also address possible solutions to these problems.

About our speaker:

Nina Olson is the National Taxpayer Advocate, the voice of the taxpayer at the IRS and before Congress. Under her leadership, the Taxpayer Advocate Service helps hundreds of thousands of taxpayers every year resolve problems with the IRS and addresses systemic issues affecting groups of taxpayers. Her Annual Report to Congress identifies the most serious problems facing taxpayers and recommends solutions. One of her most significant achievements has been the codification of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights by Congress in 2015. Ms. Olson has also established a series of International Conferences on Taxpayer Rights, bringing together government officials, scholars, and practitioners from dozens of countries to explore how taxpayer rights globally serve as the foundation for effective tax administration. In 2017, Ms. Olson received the ABA Tax Section's Distinguished Service Award and the Jules Ritholz Memorial Merit Award for outstanding dedication, achievement, and integrity in the field of civil and criminal tax controversies.