

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

invites you to attend a

**Perspectives on Taxation Lecture Series**

presentation,

***Automated Legal Guidance***

by

**Prof. Joshua Blank**

**University of California, Irvine School of Law  
&**

**Prof. Leigh Osofsky**

**University of North Carolina School of Law**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Central**

On Zoom

Registration is required but free at

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*(1 hour CLE and CPE applied for)*

**About our topic:**

The IRS, like other government agencies, is tasked with communicating a complex statutory and regulatory scheme to members of the public, in order to enable them to comply with the law. In our work, we illustrate how this task requires the IRS to rely upon “simplicity,” where the government presents complex law as though it is simple, without engaging in simplification of the underlying law. We explore how this phenomenon is only going to become more prominent and important as the IRS, and other government agencies, turn to automated legal guidance to educate the public about the law.

**About our speakers:**

Joshua Blank is a Professor of Law and Faculty Director of Strategic Initiatives at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. His work on tax administration and compliance, taxpayer privacy, and taxation of business entities has appeared in *New York University Law Review*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, and *Tax Law Review*, among other publications. He also contributes frequently to *Bloomberg*, *CNN*, *Fortune*, the *New York Times*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. Prof. Blank previously taught at Rutgers School of Law–Newark and at New York University School of Law, where he also served as vice dean for technology-enhanced education and faculty director of the graduate tax program.

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