



Tax Trailblazers: Mentoring the Next Generation

Please join the United States Tax Court in honoring Black History Month and kicking off the first in a series of monthly programs celebrating diversity and inclusion in tax law. Moderated by Chief Judge Maurice B. Foley, February's webinar will focus on Loretta Collins Argrett and her path to—and success in—the field of tax law.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:00-8:15 PM EST

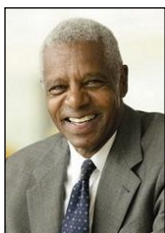
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Loretta Collins Argrett graduated from Howard University with a B.S. degree in chemistry, with honors. Upon graduation, she received a Fellowship for summer study with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland whose Chief years later was awarded the Nobel prize in Chemistry. When she returned to the States, she worked for several years as a research chemist at local U.S. government institutions and became the co-author, with senior researchers, of a few scientific publications. Then, she decided she wanted to become a lawyer and, with the support of her husband, applied to Harvard Law School where she was accepted. At the time, she was 35 years old and the mother of two children (13 and 10 years), who also moved with her to new schools in the Boston area. She graduated in 1976, and the family moved back to their home in Maryland. She has had a trailblazing series of firsts in her tax law career: the first African American (“AA”) staff member of the U.S. Congress Joint Committee on Taxation; the first AA woman partner at Wald, Harkrader and Ross in Washington, D.C.; the first AA to serve as the Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, in the U.S. Department of Justice. She also was the first AA woman in Justice Department history to hold a position that required Senate confirmation. In Academia, she was a tenured professor at Howard Law School and an adjunct professor at both Georgetown and American University Law Schools. For a time, she served on the Board of Advisors of the NYU/IRS Continuing Professional Education Program.



The numerous awards received by Professor Argrett include: *Outstanding Tax Attorney Award* (NBA Tax Section, 1997); *Chief Counsel's Award* (U.S. Dept. of Treasury, 1999); *The Charlotte E. Ray Award* (2004); *Special Recognition for Contributions to the Tax System* (ABA, 2000); and the *ABA Margaret Brent Women of Achievement Award* (2005). She has also been featured in two books: [Stories From Trailblazing Women Lawyers, Lives in the Law](#) and [Jewels: 50 Phenomenal Black Women Over 50](#).

Upcoming Programs



March 31, 2021
7:00-8:15 PM EST
Samuel C. Thompson, Jr.
Director, Center for the Study of Mergers and Acquisitions at Penn State Law



April 28, 2021
7:00-8:15 PM EST
Glenn Carrington
Dean, School of Business at Norfolk State University