

TROUBLESOME TAX ISSUES?

Can't See the Forest for the Trees?

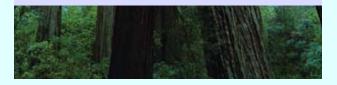
Contact TAS! It's Free!

The Taxpayer Advocate Service

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS, led by the National Taxpayer Advocate. The Taxpayer Advocate Service helps individual and business taxpayers resolve problems with the IRS by:

- Promptly and impartially handling taxpayer problems that have not been resolved through normal IRS channels;
- Assisting taxpayers who are facing hardships;
- Identifying issues that impact taxpayer rights, increase taxpayer burden or otherwise create problems for taxpayers, and bringing these issues to the attention of IRS management; and
- Recommending administrative and legislative changes through the National Taxpayer Advocate's Annual Report to Congress.

Each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico has at least one Local Taxpayer Advocate, who is independent of the local IRS office and reports directly to the National Taxpayer Advocate.



Who may use the Taxpayer Advocate Service?

If you have tried to resolve a tax problem with the IRS and are still experiencing delays or are facing economic harm, you may request the assistance of the Taxpayer Advocate Service. Our service is free, confidential, tailored to meet your needs, and available to businesses as well as individuals.

In situations where IRS actions prevent you from providing for necessities such as housing, transportation, or food; or if you own a business and are unable to meet basic expenses such as payroll, you may request the assistance of the Taxpayer Advocate Service.

If you face a delay of more than 30 days to resolve a tax-related problem, or are not receiving a response by the date promised, you may also request assistance from the Taxpayer Advocate Service. You can call or write to your Local Taxpayer Advocate, whose phone number and address are listed in your local telephone directory and in this publication.

How do I reach a taxpayer advocate?

- Call the telephone number listed in the brochure for the Taxpayer Advocate Service office nearest you;
- Call the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778;
- For TTY/TDD help call 1-800-829-4059;
- File Form 911, Request for Taxpayer Advocate Assistance (and Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order), with the Taxpayer Advocate Service; or
- Request that an IRS employee complete a Form911 on your behalf (in person or over the phone).

Form 911 is available by phone at **1-800-829-3676**, or on the IRS Internet website at **www.irs.gov**. Fax or mail this completed form to one of the Taxpayer Advocate Service offices listed in this brochure.

Your correspondence should be sent to the Taxpayer Advocate Service office listed in this brochure. Street addresses should be used for correspondence sent by courier; fax numbers are also listed. Address and phone numbers may change over time, but the most current information is always available on the TAS home page of the IRS website at www.irs.gov/advocate.

What can I expect from the taxpayer advocate?

If you qualify, you will receive personalized service from a knowledgeable advocate who will listen to your problem, help you understand what needs to be done to resolve it, and stay with you every step of the way until your problem is resolved.

You can expect your case advocate to give you:

- His or her name, phone number, and badge number;
- Courteous and confidential service;
- Timely acknowledgement;
- An impartial and independent review of your problem;
- Time frames for action;
- Updates on progress; and
- Advice on how to prevent future federal tax problems.

What information should I provide to the taxpayer advocate?

- Your name, address, and Social Security number, or employer identification number issued by the IRS;
- Your phone number and best times to call;
- The type of tax return and tax year(s) involved; and
- A description of your problem or hardship, how you previously tried to resolve the problem, and the IRS office(s) you contacted previously.

If you want to authorize another person to discuss or receive information about your case, send **Form 2848**, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, or **Form 8821**, Tax Information Authorization. You can get these forms at most local IRS offices, on the IRS website at **www.irs.gov**, or by calling **1-800-829-3676**.

Is the information I provide to TAS confidential?

TAS is independent within the IRS. The law requires each TAS office to secure and maintain means of communication independent of other IRS offices. Each local office has a separate phone, fax, and mailing address.

We have the discretion to not disclose to the IRS any information you give us, or even inform the IRS that you've contacted us. In general, however, to provide you with assistance or relief, TAS will likely have to disclose the information to an IRS employee or employees.

"The TAS employee's job is not done when he or she closes out a particular case. Taxpayer Advocate Service employees have, as part of their statutory job description, the responsibility to think systemically about that case"

> Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate



How else does the Taxpayer Advocate Service help taxpayers? Systemic Advocacy: The Office of Systemic Advocacy is part of the larger TAS organization. Systemic advocacy means addressing broad issues that impact groups of taxpayers, including both individuals and businesses.

These issues:

- Affect multiple taxpayers;
- Are not individual problems or cases;
- Require analysis, administrative solutions, or legislative changes; and
- Involve protecting taxpayer rights, reducing or preventing taxpayer burden, ensuring equitable treatment of taxpayers, or providing essential services to taxpayers.

The Office of Systemic Advocacy works within the IRS to resolve issues involving procedures and policies. If a problem requires a legislative solution, the National Taxpayer Advocate may recommend a change in the Annual Report to Congress.

Taxpayers, tax professionals, and other interested parties can direct systemic issues to TAS via the Internet.

Go to www.irs.gov/advocate, click on the link "What IS Systemic Advocacy?" and follow the instructions for submitting an issue on the Systemic Advocacy Management System (SAMS). If you don't have Internet access, call 1-800-TAX FORM to obtain the Systemic Advocacy Issue Submission Form (Form 14411), and fax it to 202-622-3125.

Remember: systemic issues always affect more than one taxpayer!

Low Income Taxpayer Clinics: If you are a low income taxpayer and cannot afford professional tax assistance, you may qualify for help from Low Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs). LITCs are independent organizations that provide low income taxpayers with representation in federal tax controversies with the IRS for free or for a nominal charge. The clinics also provide tax education and outreach for taxpayers who speak English as a second language. To find the clinic nearest you, see the LITC pages on www.irs.gov/advocate or IRS Publication 4134, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic List. To learn more about the grant program, call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 and order a free copy of IRS Publication 3319, LITC Grant Application Package and Guidelines. Publication 3319 is also available on the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Taxpayer Advocacy Panel: The Taxpayer Advocate Service works directly with taxpayers through the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP). TAP is an independent panel of citizen volunteers who listen to taxpayers, identify taxpayers' issues, and make suggestions for improving IRS service and customer satisfaction.



Contact TAP at: www.improveirs.org.

Taxpayer Advocate Service Directory

National Taxpayer Advocate

1111 Constitution Avenue NW Room 3031, TA Washington, DC 20224

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Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate

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Washington, DC 20224 Phone: 202-622-6100 FAX: 202-622-7479

Executive Director, Systemic Advocacy

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Executive Director, Case Advocacy

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Congressional Affairs Liaison

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FAX: 972-308-7166

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Chamblee, GA 30341 Phone: 770-936-4500 FAX: 770-234-4445

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Austin, TX 78741

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Phoenix, AZ 85012-2623 Phone: 602-207-8240 FAX: 602-207-8250

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FAX: 904-665-1802

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