

IRS/Treasury Update: The Players, the Policies, and Recent Developments

This panel of tax practitioners and corporate tax executives will provide an update on the new Biden administration personnel and priorities at Treasury; developments regarding IRS procedures, including LB&I examinations and Appeals; and a discussion of recent and pending tax cases.

Current Challenges and Controversies that Keep Us Up at Night

The tax executive panelists will provide their insights and seek comments from other conference attendees regarding the challenges they have and are facing with tax authorities during the pandemic.

OECD, UN, EU and Individual Country International Tax Reform Efforts

As the OECD, European Union, United Nations, and countries independently continue to consider fundamental changes to the international tax system, businesses are facing significant tax uncertainty which affects how they operate, invest, comply with conflicting tax rules, and resolve tax disputes. U.S. Treasury Secretary Yellen has indicated a willingness to work with other countries through the OECD negotiations to try to stop “a destructive, global race to the bottom on corporate taxation” and “assure the competitiveness of American corporations even with a somewhat higher corporate tax.” This panel will provide an update on current OECD, UN, EU and individual country efforts.

The Evolution & Strategic Use of Communication and Messaging: Governmental Policy, Social Responsibility and the Impact on Business

As corporations' imperative to address governmental policy ("fair share" of tax, infrastructure, climate change), social causes (#MeToo, BLM, immigration) and workforce issues (flextime, WFH, talent development & retention), successful communication to stakeholders internally and externally has become increasingly challenging. The need for sensitive, responsive, informative and succinct messaging may be as rapidly changing as current political and economic dynamics. Tax executives and practitioners on this panel will share their experience on how they are meeting these challenges and the steps that can be taken to enhance communication with policy makers, journalists, NGOs, the general public and colleagues within their own organizations.