

## What kinds of tax problems can the Tax Clinic help me with?

- ✓ **Audits:** *I filed my tax return with the IRS or DRS and now they are saying that it is wrong and that I cannot get my refund or that I owe taxes.* The Tax Clinic can help determine if your return is correct and can represent you before the IRS or DRS.
- ✓ **Earned Income Credit:** *The IRS is asking me to certify or recertify before I can get my EIC refund.* The Tax Clinic can help you determine if you are entitled to the EIC and can help you get the correct documents to prove to the IRS that you should get your EIC refund.
- ✓ **Innocent Spouse:** *The IRS or DRS says I am liable for income my spouse (or ex-spouse) did not include on our joint return or deductions that the IRS or DRS says were wrong. I think I qualify for innocent spouse relief.* The Tax Clinic can help you file a claim for innocent spouse relief and represent you before the IRS or DRS and the United States Tax Court.
- ✓ **Injured Spouse:** *My spouse owed taxes, child support or student loan debt before we got married and now the IRS is taking my refund. Can I get it back?* You may qualify for relief as an injured spouse. The

Tax Clinic can help you apply for this relief and help you determine if all or part of your refund should be paid to you.

- ✓ **Tax Debts:** *The IRS or DRS says I owe taxes from past years. I don't think I owe it or I can't pay it.* The Tax Clinic can help you find out if you really owe the taxes and if so, can help you plan a way to pay the debt or get time to save to pay it. The Tax Clinic can help you get into an installment agreement or make an offer to compromise.
- ✓ **I have not filed tax returns for some years and I am scared to do it.** The Tax Clinic can help you find out if you need to file the returns, find an accountant to help you prepare the returns for free or little cost, and can help you determine if you can apply for a waiver of penalties.
- ✓ **Tax Litigation:** *I have filed a petition with the Tax Court or a complaint with the United States District Court and I need help with my case.* The Tax Clinic can represent you before the United States Tax Court or the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. The Tax Clinic can also help you determine if you should make an offer to settle your case and can represent you before the IRS.

**How do I ask for help from the Tax Clinic?** Call our offices (860)570-5461 and talk with the Director or with one of the student law interns about your problem. All calls are confidential. You may be asked to attend a meeting and to bring important documents (see the checklist in this brochure.) After that meeting we will let you know if we can help. There is no charge for this meeting.

**Does the Tax Clinic charge for its work?** The Tax Clinic is a free legal clinic. However, to qualify for its free services your family's yearly income must be less than 250% of the poverty level. For example, during 2012, these levels based on family size are as follows:

Family size	Income equal to or less than:
1	\$28,725
2	\$38,775
3	\$48,825
4	\$58,875
5	\$68,925
6	\$78,925

For each additional person, add \$10,050.

Also, generally the amount of the tax and penalties for any one year that you are disputing must be less than \$50,000.

*My appointment is*

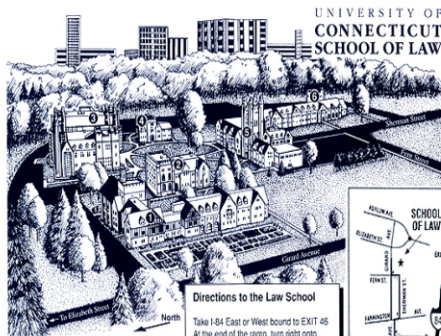
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color, sex, national origin, disability, reprisal or age.

*I should bring the following to my Tax Clinic Appointment?*

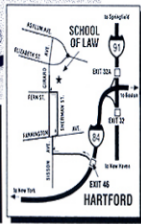
- The tax returns for all the years I am disputing- both federal (Forms 1040A, 1040EZ or 1040) and Connecticut.
- Letters and notices the IRS and/or DRS sent me.
- Copies of letters or papers I sent to the IRS and/or DRS.
- Pay stubs or other documents that show my income for this year.
- Other papers I think might be helpful to my case.

*Directions to the Tax Clinic offices:*



- 1. Hooper Hall
- 2. Hartranft Hall
- 3. The Law Library
- 4. Knight Hall
- 5. Starr Hall
- 6. Office of the Attorney General

**Directions to the Law School**  
Take I-84 East or West bound to EXIT 46  
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LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR TAX PROBLEMS. WE OFFER **FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION** BEFORE THE IRS AND DRS TO **QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME TAXPAYERS.**

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