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C. Dale Boushley, EA, CFP has been in the income tax and financial planning business since 1976. A graduate of the College for Financial Planning, he provides financial planning and asset management services through Securities Americas Advisors, Inc. He was recently a featured speaker at the IRS Tax Forum and is a Tax Prep/Practice Management "Build Your Business" instructor.

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LG Brooks, EA is a senior consultant at The Tax Practice, Inc., a Dallas, Texas, representation firm. He has been in the field of taxation for more than twenty-five years and has been in practice full time since 1990. Brooks' areas of practice include tax representation, tax consulting, tax preparation and pre-Tax Court litigation support services. Brooks received a BA from Bishop College in Dallas. A popular speaker, he presents to numerous tax and accounting societies and addressed attendees at several annual IRS Tax Forums. Brooks is an NTPI Fellow and teaches in NTPI Levels 1, 3 and the Graduate Level in Representation.

Kevin Brown, JD

Kevin Brown, JD is a principal and leader of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Washington National Tax Services' IRS Service Team. He joined PwC after several notable professional roles, including Chief Operating Officer of the American Red Cross and Acting Commissioner of IRS. At IRS, he managed over 100,000 IRS employees and was responsible for managing a budget of \$12 billion and the collection of over \$2.2 trillion dollars, approximately 95% of all federal revenues. Brown earned his JD, cum laude, from Boston College Law School and his BA, cum laude, from Hamilton College. He is a member of the Massachusetts and District of Columbia Bar Associations. Brown teaches in the Graduate Level in Representation track.

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Elizabeth Ann Buckingham, EA is the Tax Principal at Murray Wells Wendin and Robinson CPA's, Inc., in Piqua, Ohio. She is responsible for all aspects of the firm's tax compliance functions. A 1981, high-honors graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology; she became an EA in 1987 and an NTPI Fellow in 1991. Betsey is NAEA secretary/treasurer, and a past president of both NYSSEA and OSSEA. Buckingham is an instructor in the Tax Prep/Practice Management "Build Your Business" track.

Deborah Butler, JD

Deborah A. Butler is the Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration). The responsibilities of this office include matters relating to the reporting and payment of taxes; assessment and collection of taxes; the abatement, credit or refund of over-assessments or overpayments of taxes; bankruptcy; disclosure; FOIA; privacy law; privileges, penalties, litigation sanctions; judicial doctrines; ethics; and liaison with the courts. Ms. Butler is a frequent speaker on matters involving tax litigation and judicial practice, ethics, and IRS Collection issues.

Catherine Clow, EA

Catherine Clow, EA is a Fellow of NTPI, class of 2000. She is the Chair of the 2011 and 2012 NTPI Planning Committee and has been a Level 2 instructor and discussion leader for the past nine years. She serves on the NAEA Education Foundation and the Scholarship Committee and on the board of the Best in the West Education Foundation. Her practice in Grass Valley, California specializes in individual and business tax preparation and representation.

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Mike Cunningham, EA, USTCP practices in Eureka, California as a principal at Cunningham, Malone and Morton. He is a graduate of accounting from Humboldt State University and became an EA in 1985. Cunningham is a proud NTPI Fellow and is admitted to practice in the United States Tax Court. He has served on the board of directors of both NAEA and CSEA. Cunningham is a Graduate Level in Representation instructor.

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Marc Dombrowski, EA has specialized in representation since 1994. He is vice-president of Tax Help Associates, Inc., a Buffalo, New York firm that focuses on collection issues. Dombrowski's extensive experience as an instructor includes a variety of collection representation courses at NAEA chapter and state meetings and he has taught for IRS on e-Services. As a well-known speaker and author for popular industry publications including *EA Journal*, his recognized expertise has allowed him to become a contributor for CNBC Money Talk. He is a proud NTPI Fellow and is a Level 2 instructor.

Eric Green, JD, LLM

Eric L. Green's practice focuses on taxpayer representation before Internal Revenue Service, as well as probate matters and estate planning for individuals and business owners and tax planning for closely held businesses. He is a frequent lecturer on tax topics, including criminal and civil tax controversy matters, estate planning, and business planning and is has served as adjunct faculty at the *University of Connecticut, School of Law*. Green is a Level 3 instructor.

Bert Hartmann, EA

Robert (Bert) Hartmann, EA is a proud member of NAEA and a founding member of the Northern Nevada Society of Enrolled Agents. He serves as president of the Best in the West Education Foundation. Hartmann firmly believes that his NTPI education provided him the necessary tools to become a better representative for his clientele. Hartmann is an NTPI Fellow and has served as an NTPI instructor for six years. Hartmann is a Level 1 and Level 2 instructor.

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Claudia Hill, EA, MBA is a nationally recognized tax professional and frequent lecturer on taxation of individuals and representation before IRS, including at IRS Tax Forums. She is editor-in-chief of the CCH, Inc., *Journal of Tax Practice and Procedure*. Hill has testified before both the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee. In March 2005, she testified about the individual AMT before the President's Tax Reform Panel. Hill served on the 1987 Commissioner's Advisory Group to the National Office of the Internal Revenue Service. She is often called upon by the media for comments about tax issues. Hill is an NTPI Fellow and is a Graduate Level in Representation instructor.

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Douglas Lee, EA

Douglas has been involved in the analysis and interpretation of taxation issues since 1976 and has been an enrolled agent since 1981. In 2006, he co-authored "A Disturbing Example" which highlighted several unintended consequences of the then new Uniform Definition of a Child rules. In addition to his professional activities, Doug has also been active in his Lake Hills Ronkonkoma community, spearheading campaigns to improve quality of life issues there. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Yale University in 1976.

Howard Levy, JD

Howard Levy is a former IRS trial attorney and is currently a partner in the Cincinnati law firm of Voorhees and Levy, LLC. For 20 years, his practice has concentrated on IRS tax controversies, with emphasis on representation before the Collection Division and the use of bankruptcy to resolve IRS problems. Levy has a degree in Finance from Ohio State University and a law degree and a Master of Law degree in taxation from Boston University. He frequently presents to EAs and has authored numerous articles on IRS for professional journals. Levy is a Level 3 NTPI instructor.

Jennifer MacMillan, EA

Jennifer MacMillan, EA owns a practice in Santa Barbara, California, specializing in representation and individual income tax services. Jennifer speaks and writes regularly on a variety of tax and marketing topics for NAEA, the California Society of Enrolled Agents (CSEA), and Spidell Publishing, Inc. She is a past president of CSEA, and a current member of NAEA's Government Relations Committee and the California Tax Education Council (CTEC) Board. MacMillan is an NTPI Fellow and an instructor for Levels 1, 3, Tax Prep/Practice Management "Build Your Business."

Vicki McGinn, EA, CPA

Vicki McGinn, EA, CPA has taught several in-person SEE classes for NAEA in the past and is a current instructor for the online SEE prep program. She is also president of the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents and the Nassau/Suffolk chapter, and is a member of the NAEA SEE Prep Education subcommittee. She has been a member of the Affiliate Council since its inception, and received the President's Award in 2009 along with five other Council members. McGinn is an instructor in the SEE Review and the Tax Prep/Practice Management "Build Your Business" track.

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Marti Myers-Garver, EA has served in nearly all positions within her State EA societies and spoken before numerous enrolled agent groups. She began teaching IRS VITA volunteers worldwide in 1987. For the last four years, she has trained VITA military volunteers at an undisclosed location in Southeast Asia. Garver's tax preparation/representation firm, Armed Forces Tax Assistance Center, specializes in assisting military around the world with tax issues remotely from her home in Las Vegas, NV. She is an NTPI Fellow and a Tax Prep/Practice Management "Build Your Business" instructor.

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