



The Janet R. Spragens Memorial Symposium *Low-Income Workers & The Federal Tax System*

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9:00 am – 5:30 pm

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Please join lawyers, economists, government representatives, and academics to participate in this program in celebration of Janet Spragens' critical role in (1) recognizing the special needs of low income earners in our federal income tax process and (2) pioneering low-income taxpayer representation by academic clinics. The Spragens Federal Tax Clinic was established by Janet Spragens in 1991. A critical part of WCL's top-ranked clinical education program, the tax clinic offers representation to Washington, D.C. area low-income taxpayers having controversies with the IRS. Currently the clinical program includes 24 student attorneys per academic year studying and working under the supervision of Profs. Nancy Abramowitz and Robin Westbrook

9:00-9:15: **Welcoming Remarks**

Dean Claudio Grossman, WCL; **Melissa Troiano**, Editor-in-Chief, American University Law Review

9:15-9:30: **Short tributes to Professor Janet Spragens**

9:30-10:30 : **Panel I--Current Tax Policy Issues and Low Income Workers**

Speakers: **Prof. Andrew Pike**, WCL (moderator); **Donald Alexander**, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP; **Nancy Altman**, Pension Rights Center; **Dean Yoseph M. Edrey**, Ramat Gan Law School; **Lawrence Gibbs**, Miller & Chevalier; **Prof. Daniel Halperin**, Harvard Law School; **Eugene Steuerle**, Urban Institute; and **Prof. Dennis Ventry**, WCL

10:30-10:45: **Break**

10:45-11:45: **Panel I continued**

Noon-1:30: Luncheon with remarks by the Hon. Eileen J. O'Connor, Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division

1:30-2:45: **Panel II—Current Issues of Tax Procedure and Administration and Low Income Workers**

Panelists: **Hon. Peter Panuthos**, Chief Special Trial Judge (U.S. Tax Court) (moderator); **Prof. Leslie Book**, Villanova Law School; **Nina Olson**, IRS National Taxpayer Advocate; and **Pamela Olson**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

2:45-3:00: **Break**

3:00-4:30: **Panel III—State of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Program**

Panelists: **Prof. Nancy Abramowitz**, WCL (moderator); **Armando Gomez**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; **Salvador Gonzalez**, Midwest Tax Clinic, Center for Economic Progress; and **Prof. Elliott Milstein**, WCL

4:30 – 5:30 **Informal Reception**

General Registration - free; CLE Accreditation - \$75 (4 credits will be applied for)

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