

Federal Tax Clinic

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Type of Work

The Federal Tax Clinic represents individual clients in tax controversy proceedings before the Internal Revenue Service and in the federal courts.

In addition to legal representation of low-income taxpayers throughout Washington state, the Clinic provides UW law students with practical training in tax law, tax procedure and lawyering skills under the supervision of the Faculty Director Scott Schumacher and Managing Director John Clynch.

Clinic Numbers

Quarters offered:	Full Year (Autumn, Winter, Spring)
Credits:	9 for J.D.'s (three per quarter) 6 for LL.M.'s (two per quarter)
Students:	15 (7 J.D., 8 LL.M.)
Clients:	262 new cases opened in calendar year 2010

Notable Accomplishments

- UW Federal Tax Clinic received the largest grant award in the country for 2010.
- Clinic staff attorney John Clynch was promoted to Managing Director.
- Received \$2000 grant from the WSBA Tax Section for the fifth consecutive year.
- Expanded clinic pro bono panel to approximately 45 volunteer attorneys representing clients

Faculty Update

- Faculty Director, Scott Schumacher:
 - Selected as Bellow Scholar by the American Association of Law Schools Clinical Law Section.

- Published articles
 - Criminal Tax and Immigration: A Search for Clarity?* 129 Tax Notes 235 (2010)
 - Innocent Spouse, Administrative Process: Time for Reform*, 130 Tax Notes 113 (2011).
- Conference speaker
 - Administrative and Litigation Issues In Innocent Spouse Cases*, American Bar Association, Joint Real Property, Trust and Estate Law – Taxation Section Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, (September 2010)
 - IRS Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic Conference, Washington, D.C. (December 2010).
 - Tax Ethics Issues for Practitioners in the New Economy with the New Rules, WSU Business Law and Ethics Symposium, Pullman Washington, (November 2010)

- Managing Director, John Clynch:



John Clynch, Managing Director of the Federal Tax Clinic, has a varied legal career dating to 1991. He was a public defender with the Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons (SCRAP), then with The Defender Association and also worked as an associate at Deloitte Tax LLP. John earned his LLM in Tax in 2008 at UW Law where he was a Deloitte Scholar.

