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NASHVILLE LEGAL AID SOCIETY LAWYER WRITES TAX BOOK

NASHVILLE, Tenn. May 3, 2011 – The American Bar Association Tax Section has published a book written by Nashville Legal Aid Society attorney, Robert Nadler.



The book, titled *A Practitioner's Guide To Innocent Spouse Relief: Proven Strategies For Winning Section 6015 Tax Cases*, discusses issues involved when a taxpayer claims innocent spouse relief.

When a couple files a joint income tax return, both the husband and wife are equally liable for the tax reported and any additional taxes. If the couple separates or divorces, a spouse may later find that they owe taxes due to income not reported by the other spouse. This is an especially difficult problem for women who are trying to start over after escaping an abusive marriage. Fortunately, the law allows taxpayers who meet the requirements for innocent spouse relief to be granted relief from the joint taxes. Fifty thousand taxpayers claim innocent spouse relief each year.

"I know that this book will help many attorneys throughout the country get justice for their clients who've suffered through abusive relationships," said Gary Housepian, executive director of the Legal Aid Society.

Nadler has taught tax procedures at the Nashville School of Law and the Vanderbilt University School of Law. He has published several articles on taxpayer rights. Following the Nashville's historic flood last May, he wrote a widely distributed and highly acclaimed "Tax Guide for Flood Victims."

Nadler is the second Legal Aid Society lawyer to write a book. Staff Attorney Chay Sengkhounmany wrote a book on the history of the Lawyers Club of Atlanta, which was published in 2010 by Mercer University Press.

On May 6, the American Bar Association Section of Taxation, will host a book release event in Washington D.C.

The Legal Aid Society gives free civil legal aid to people who have nowhere else to turn. It has

34 attorneys working out of eight offices in Clarksville, Columbia, Cookeville, Gallatin, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Oak Ridge, and Tullahoma. The Legal Aid Society is funded in part by United Way.

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