

## What Happens After I Apply?

After you apply, our staff will decide if you are eligible for our help. If you are, we will take an application. It is very important that you give us copies of your tax returns, IRS notices, IRS letters, and all other paperwork about your tax problem as soon as possible.

We will try to contact you in writing or by telephone, usually within 10 business days after you apply, to get more information about your case.

If we cannot represent you, we will try to refer you to someone else who might be able to help.

## Other Things We Do:

- Speak to community groups, social service agencies, and others about taxpayer rights.
- Prepare pamphlets, fliers and other informational materials about taxpayer rights.



- Advise organizations and train staff who work with low income taxpayers.

- Refer clients to others who may be able to help.

## LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC



## Providing free help with federal tax disputes

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### SEOLS' Mission:



**“To obtain equal access to justice for our clients through advocacy, education and empowerment.”**

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## What Is the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic?

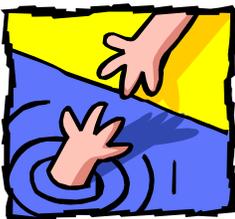
The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (“LITC”) offers **free** legal help (advice and/or representation) on federal (IRS) tax matters.



We never charge a fee for our services. You may have to pay court costs, filing fees or other out-of-pocket expenses.

We are not the Internal Revenue Service or the Ohio Department of Taxation. **Everything shared between you and our staff is completely confidential.**

## Can I get help from the LITC?



Southeastern Ohio Legal Services’ LITC helps eligible people in our 30 county area who have disputes with the IRS.

The LITC helps taxpayers who do not already have representation and who cannot afford it. We do not handle cases with more than \$50,000 in dispute per tax year. We decide each person’s situation individually to determine eligibility.

Some factors we consider are:

- Current household income
- Number of household members
- Domestic violence
- Physical or mental disability
- Nature and difficulty of the tax issue
- Any other relevant factor

We do not prepare tax returns. For free help with your current tax return, call us for a referral to a free tax preparation service.

## How Do I Get Help?

**Call, toll-free, 1-866-LAW-OHIO (529-6446)** to be routed to your local Southeastern Ohio Legal Services office to see if we can help you.



## What Type of IRS Cases Can I Get Help With?



- You believe the IRS is unfairly taking your tax refund
- The IRS is trying to make you pay a debt you believe your current or former spouse should be paying
- You received a notice from the IRS
- You have not filed one or more tax returns and think you might be in trouble
- The IRS denied you the right to take a credit or deduction and you think the IRS is wrong
- You have a case that is in Tax Court, or that you want to take to Tax Court
- You owe an IRS debt that you are having trouble paying, or cannot afford to pay at all
- You have other questions or problems with the IRS or about your federal taxes

