

Benefits to Attendees

This unique workshop provides a basic foundation in the function of this office as it relates to exemptions for “religious, charitable, scientific and nonprofit educational institutions.” This knowledge will allow attendees to see the big picture of exemptions and to better understand their role in the process. The first session covers the history of ad valorem property tax exemptions as well as the current state of exemptions in Tennessee. The presentation will explore the policy reasons behind exemptions and provide education as to the current process for receiving a general exemption. The last session covers the responsibilities of property tax exemption applicants and tax exempt property title holders. The presentation will explore general and specific exemption statutes as well as how exemptions are revoked.

CLE Credit

Up to three (3) hours of CLE credit may be awarded to participants who sign in for and attend all sessions.

Cancellation Policy

Once a registration form has been received by our office, a seat will be reserved for that individual. If the registered attendee cannot attend, we do allow substitutions.

Location

Howard Office Building
Sonny West Conference Room
700 Second Avenue South
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Presented by:
State Board of Equalization



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Speakers

Betsy Knotts — Executive Secretary

Betsy serves as the administrative law judge for hearings of the Assessment and Appeals Commission on tax appeals matters throughout Tennessee and oversees the certified tax rate process. As executive secretary, Betsy supports the Tennessee General Assembly with legislative research and oversees the administrative rulemaking process.

Betsy is a Fulbright Scholar and a graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans where she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and German Literature. She received her law degree from the Paul M. Hebert Louisiana State University Law Center. Betsy is a member of LEAD Tennessee's Class of 2016 and president of the Tennessee Chapter of Women in Public Finance.

Tax Counsel:

SBOE Tax Counsel review and issue determinations regarding property tax exemptions of qualifying institutions, serve as counsel for the Board at hearings before the Assessment Appeals Commission, assist with drafting proposed legislation and amendments to Rules, and answer questions from assessors of property and the general public regarding current property tax exemption laws.

Sabrina F. Williams, Senior Tax Counsel — West Tennessee

Sabrina holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee. She received her law degree from the Vanderbilt School of Law in Nashville. Sabrina is a member of both the Tennessee Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Emily Bennett, Senior Tax Counsel — Middle Tennessee

Emily holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Tennessee Technological University and received her law degree from the University of Tennessee. Emily is a 2014 graduate of LEAD Tennessee and is currently pursuing her masters in Business Administration.

Robin Pope, Tax Counsel — East Tennessee

Robin holds a Bachelor of Science from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and received his law degree from Belmont University's College of Law in Nashville, Tennessee.

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8:30 a.m. Registration Check-In & Light Refreshments

**9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks
Betsy Knotts**

9:15 a.m. Welcome to the World of Exemptions

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. The Weird, the Wild, the Exempt

12:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

Registration Form

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Name

Title

County / Firm Name / Organization Name

Address

City

State

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Business Phone

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Submit your registration online at:



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