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Monthly Meeting

Joel Crouch

Partner, Board Certified in Tax Law at Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman, LLP

“Current Trends in IRS Examinations & Appeals”

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

One Hour CPE

Reata Restaurant Downtown

(Please see Menu Options on Page 2)

35th Room

310 Houston Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

11:30 am Lunch

11:45 am Business Meeting

12:10 pm Speaker

1:00 pm Adjourn

\$25.00 per person

\$10.00 students

RSVP

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By **4 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2010**

Please cancel your reservations if you are unable to attend. If they are not cancelled, you will be charged.

ASWA MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants shall be to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession”

Speaker Bio

Joel Crouch

Partner



Mr. Crouch is a partner with Meadows, Collier, Reed, Cousins, Crouch & Ungerman, L.L.P., specializing in civil and criminal tax controversies. He represents a broad range of clients, including individual taxpayers, closely-held business enterprises, estates, corporations and tax advisors in all stages of federal civil and criminal tax proceedings. Over the past 20 years, he has helped his clients resolve hundreds of civil and criminal tax matters, many of which involved sophisticated and complex legal and tax issues, both domestic and international.

Mr. Crouch has extensive experience in resolving tax matters at all stages of a tax dispute including IRS examinations, administrative appeals, and if necessary, litigation in the U.S. Tax Court, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and U.S. District Courts. As a trial attorney, Mr. Crouch has tried major cases to verdict. In partnership litigation, he has been involved in challenging IRS positions on the enforceability of several federal regulations, the applicable statute of limitations and application of penalties.

As a board certified tax lawyer by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Mr. Crouch has intimate knowledge of the tax laws, regulations, accounting standards and developments within the IRS and other federal government agencies. His specialized knowledge and experience allows him to effectively advocate on behalf of his clients in litigation against the federal government. He has represented accountants and attorneys in civil promoter examinations and criminal investigations arising from their involvement in structured transactions. He has successfully navigated these investigations so that his clients' exposure to penalties and criminal prosecution has been eliminated or significantly reduced.

Mr. Crouch has been recognized as one of the best in his field by Texas Monthly and Law and Politics magazines by being named a Texas Super Lawyer from 2003 through 2009. He is a frequent speaker on both substantive and procedural tax issues for both legal and accounting professionals. Topics include tax shelter defense, IRS examinations, appeals, litigation and collection strategies, IRS criminal investigations, IRS offshore activities, IRS focus on tax professionals, independent contractor versus employee, IRS penalties, and litigating partnership tax cases.

President's Letter May 2010

Happy May,

Spring has sprung, and I only have one month left as your president. I just wanted to tell you that I have really enjoyed serving in ASWA and getting to know you. I encourage all of you to get involved. There is a place for you here. And, I want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who served as an officer, director, committee chair or committee member this year!! You have all been fantastic to work with. Remember, our wine tasting event is coming up this month. Would love to see everyone there.

Hugs,

Debbie



May ASWA Menu

****Please look over the choices so that you can order as soon as you arrive at the meeting****

Choose One Entrée

Stacked Chicken Enchiladas w/ Tomatillo Cream Sauce, Spanish rice, beans

or

CF Burger w/ Aged Cheddar Cheese, homemade chips

or

Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Asiago Cheese and Sourdough Croutons

Choose One Dessert

Bread Pudding Tamale (seasonal flavors)

or

West Texas Pecan Pie

ASWA

(Fort Worth Chapter 059)

4/28/10

Attendance

Misty Brown, Vice President; Karanae Barrey, Treasurer; Gillian Coleman, Secretary; Beth Adcock; Talana Anderson; Mindy Barnett; Christy Cates; Karen Cole; Karen Craft; Lori Denney; Erin Ferreira; Brandi Fletcher; Peggy Johnson; Kay Kimbrough; Jing Mao; Becky Reeder; Jamye Shaffer; Kelsey Wimmer; Megan Whitlock; Speaker and 5 guests/non-members.

Opening

Following networking, the meeting was opened by Misty Brown at 11:45 a.m.

Reports

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Presented by Gillian Coleman. Minutes were in the newsletter. Approved by Brandi Fletcher, seconded by Peggy Johnson, accepted by membership Treasurer's Report: Presented by Karanae Barrey. Balance of \$4,612.16. Report was e-mailed after the meeting. Will be approved at the next meeting.

Officer Reports:

- Vice President – Misty Brown – Nothing to report
- Secretary – Gillian Coleman – Nothing to report
- Treasurer – Karanae Barrey – Will e-mail the minutes
- BOD – Jeanne Smith – Not in attendance

Committee Reports:

- Membership – Jamye Shaffer – Renewals done on line, call Jamye if you need help
- Newsletter – Laurie Barbee – Not in attendance
- Parliamentarian – Jan Bass – Not in attendance
- Job Book – Talana Anderson – Nothing new. Weaver jobs have been removed and the link to the website has been added so jobs are current
- Social – Kelsey Wimmer – Wine tasting at Jeanne's on May 21. Bring potential member, spouse, significant other, wine, and snack. Details to follow.
- Scholarship – Rebeca Gonzalez – Not in attendance
- Web Master – Nicole Kennedy – Not in attendance, but current events are posted

Member Highlight

None

Old Business

Vote on 2010-2011 officers presented at last month's meeting. Motion to accept the slate as stands by Peggy Johnson; seconded by Kelsey Wimmer; approved by the membership.

New Business and Action Required

None

Speaker

Jamye Shaffer introduced the speaker, Becky DaVee from Rylander, Clay and Opitz, LLP. She offered the Twelve Principles of Governance. Useful information for the Board of Directors.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Misty Brown at 12:55 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 26, 2010 at Reata's with networking starting at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend!

Submitted

Submitted by Gillian Coleman



Fort Worth Alumni - Get Connected

Our Chapter supports UT Arlington and the UT Arlington Fort Worth Center by:

- ❖ Promoting the University to Downtown and Greater Fort Worth
- ❖ Mentoring and providing job assistance for UT Arlington Fort Worth Center students & graduates
- ❖ Assisting with bringing "tier-one" national status to the University & growing the Fort Worth Center to Campus status
 - ❖ Using our voice to influence and encourage greater financial support
- ❖ Working closely with public schools, Tarrant County College, local businesses, and professional associations to encourage enrollment and meet our objectives

We have the privilege of promoting the UT Arlington Fort Worth Center:

- ❖ State of the art facilities located in Downtown Fort Worth
- ❖ Enrollment has had double digit increases every semester since moving to Downtown Fort Worth
- ❖ Expanding number of undergraduate and graduate program offerings in a variety of disciplines
- ❖ Programs & initiatives that support public schools & Tarrant County College teachers & students

And we do all of this knowing we must also meet Chapter member needs including:

- ❖ Networking and business opportunities
 - ❖ Continuing education programs
- ❖ Use of meeting rooms, library, and exercise room
- ❖ Group discounts for events and third party memberships

Just two clicks is all it takes

www.utafwalumni.org

BULLETIN BOARD

DFW-Mid Cities

Chapter 113
Dinner Meeting
Meet 2nd Thursday
The Texas Star
(No meetings in Feb & Jul)
Reservations: Leila
Khoury (817) 571-5126

Dallas

Dinner Meeting
Meet 2nd Tuesday
6:30pm
Location – TBA
Check their Website for
meeting details:
www.aswadallas.org
Reservations:
aswa_dallas@yahoo.com

Dues

2008 – 2009:

Regular - \$151.00 *

Student - \$69.00 *

Retired - \$61.00 *

Non-member
Newsletter - \$12.00

* includes \$25 registration fee

Upcoming Meetings

June 23rd - Bob Lightfoot,
SOX Administrator at Oil
States Industries, Inc. –
SOX Topic

Standing Reservations

The following are on the
standing reservation list.
If you don't plan to attend
the meeting, you must
contact Karanae Barrey to
cancel. If you do not
cancel by the deadline,
you will be billed for your
meal.

Talana Anderson
Laurie Barbee
Jan Bass
Misty Brown
Gillian Coleman
Peggy Johnson
Kay Kimbrough
Debbie Russell
Jeanne Smith

May Birthdays

Rebekah Reeder – 1st

Donna von der Heydt – 8th

Emily Hatcher – 20th

Sarah McCurdy – 27th

**Deadline for the next
Newsletter is June 9,
2010**

E-mail to:
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Check out our updated
Chapter Website at:
www.aswa-ftworth.org

Save the Date:

**2010
Joint National
Conference**

September 27-29, 2010

Nashville, Tennessee



ASWA WINE TASTING

When: Friday, May 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Where: Jeanne Smith's Home

What to bring: Your favorite bottle of
wine and an appetizer

Address: 1406 Danbury Drive, Mansfield,
TX 76063

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BY TUESDAY, MAY 18

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