

Martin E. Basson - Biography

Since retiring from the IRS after thirty-seven years as an attorney, Mr. Basson has started a new career as an independent tax controversy consultant. From August 2009 to October 2011, Martin was the sole attorney on the staff of the IRS National Whistleblower Office. Prior to this position, for twenty-one years, he was the Supervisory Attorney, Estate & Gift Taxes, for the South Florida District of the Internal Revenue Service. He received his B.A. from Colgate University and his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. He was admitted to the NYS Bar in 1974 and remains a member in good standing. With the exception of serving as Assistant Tax Commissioner for the City of New York during the Koch Administration, Mr. Basson has worked for the IRS since 1974. Other positions he has held within the IRS include Supervisory Attorney (Estate and Gift), Manhattan District, and Senior Program Manager for both the Estate & Gift and the Engineering & Valuation Programs in the North-Atlantic Regional Office. He has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Miami Law School's LL.M. Program in Estate Planning since 1994, has been a faculty member of Nova Southeastern University's Planned Giving Program, and has lectured at numerous American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) sponsored seminars around the country. Mr. Basson has eight times (1994, 1996, 1999, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2012) been a faculty member at the Philip E. Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, the nation's largest technical conference in the field of estate planning. He has been a presenter at the AICPA National Business Valuation Conference, a speaker at the AICPA Estate & Gift Technical Resource Panel, a lecturer at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils, and a panel member at the ABA Real Property, Trusts and Estate Law (RPTEL) Spring Symposia in Washington, D.C. Mr. Basson was recognized by the Tax Section of the Florida Bar as the recipient of their "2008 Outstanding Public Service Award," an award given to a government employee for achieving standards of excellence in working with members of the Florida Bar and their clients. He was a charter member of the IRS Estate & Gift Tax National Advisory Panel, a select group of IRS attorneys who assisted in the formulation of nationwide policy decisions in the Estate & Gift area. Mr. Basson lectures extensively on the subject of estate and gift taxes (and now the IRS Whistleblower Program) in South Florida.