

# NEILL MODERATES WEBINAR ON TAX FRAUD FOR NYU TAX CONTROVERSY FORUM 2021

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On Friday, June 25, 2021, Sara G. Neill, shareholder and Chair of Capes Sokol's Tax Controversy and Litigation Practice Group, will moderate a webinar entitled, "What is Tax Fraud and Why Does it Matter?"

The webinar is a part of the [2021 NYU School of Professional Studies Tax Controversy Forum](#), which features presentations by prominent practitioners on a broad range of issues regarding tax audits and tax litigation at all levels. This year's NYU Tax Controversy Forum will feature updates on what the IRS is doing to enhance compliance through communication and enforcement.

## What is Tax Fraud and Why Does it Matter?

### Presentation Description:

*With increased focus on the Tax Gap and IRS enforcement comes renewed emphasis on taxpayer penalties, including civil and criminal fraud penalties. In the past, fraud penalties may have been a consideration of last resort, but now the possible existence of tax fraud will be evaluated whenever taxpayer behavior warrants such a review. Last year, the IRS created*

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*the Fraud Enforcement Office to help coordinate the evaluation of unscrupulous taxpayer behavior across divisions of the IRS and determine whether and when civil fraud penalties or referrals for criminal enforcement are appropriate. Hear from senior IRS and DOJ personnel about what they are looking for and how fraud referrals work.*

## **About the Tax Controversy Forum**

The [NYU School of Professional Studies Tax Controversy Forum](#) brings together representatives from the government and private practitioners to compare perspectives on a variety of topics involving federal tax audits, appeals, and litigation. The forum covers a wide range of controversy work, from procedural seminars to substantive programs, international issues, ethical problems, current enforcement initiatives, sensitive audits, and civil and criminal tax penalties.

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