**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**  
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| TO | NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NWML)  
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<td>Tracee Taylor (Records)</td>
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<td>Sandra Ramirez (Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, LITC)</td>
<td>904-665-1169</td>
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<td>Alice Ho (TAS Quality Review Database)</td>
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<td>Dianne Henderson (TAS-all other records)</td>
<td>251-341-5991</td>
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<td>AGENCY CERTIFICATION</td>
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<td>I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached 16 pages(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified, and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,</td>
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| SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE | Daniel W. Bennett | TITLE | IRS Records Officer  
National Office, OS A RE SC  
Washington, DC 20224 |

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**General Administrative Records**

1. **Administrative Management and Organization Records.**

   a. Records whether studies, analyses or correspondence, which established the policies, practices and programs for the management of the Taxpayer Advocate Service organization. Included are organizational changes, functional realignments and responsibilities, and long and short range planning documents.

   **PERMANENT.**
   **Cut off** correspondence annually, studies and case files upon completion of study or at appropriate phase.
   **Retire** to Records Center 5 years after cutoff, or when no longer needed.
   **Transfer** to NARA 10 years after cutoff.

   b. Records copies that document the history of the TAS organization.

   Correspondence and files of this type documentation may include analyses, coordinations, approvals and disapprovals, recommendations, plans and implementing instructions for the plans, and any background materials, which contribute to an understanding or provide an explanation for complete documents.

   **PERMANENT.**
   **Cut off** correspondence annually, and studies and case files upon completion of study or at appropriate phase.
   **Retire** to Records Center 5 years after cutoff, or when no longer needed.
   **Transfer** to NARA 10 years after cutoff.

   c. Reference or extra copies of records listed in “a” and “b” above.

   **Destroy** when 2 years old.

2. **Delegations of Authority Files.**

   Record copies documenting the delegations of authority to an individual or office in accordance with prescribed regulations and not included in the Internal Management Document System. (These records are of a limited nature).
as opposed to delegation of authority records on a continuing basis, which are a part of the Internal Management Document System.

**Destroy** 1 year after close of the fiscal year in which delegation of authority was terminated.

3. **Equal Employment Opportunity Records.**

a. Copies of Complaint Case Files
   Duplicate case files or documents pertaining to case files retained in Official Discrimination Complaint Case Files
   
   **Destroy** 1 year after resolution of case

b. Preliminary and Background Files
   
   1. Background records not filed in the Official Discrimination Complaint Case Files
   
   **Destroy** 2 years after final resolution of case

2. Records documenting complaints that do not develop into Official Discrimination Complaint Cases
   
   *(Note: Refer to General Records Schedule 1, Item 25, for disposal instructions for Official Discrimination Complaint Case Files, Compliance Records, Employee Housing Requests, Employment Statistics Files, EEO General Files, and EEO Affirmative Action Plan.)*

   **Destroy** 2 years after final resolution of case

4. **General Administrative and Housekeeping Correspondence.**

Routine correspondence, transmittals, facsimiles, and requisitions that relate to administrative, housekeeping and facilities management, and are not procedural in nature

**Destroy** when 2 years old

5. **Incentive Awards Suggestion File.**

Closed file of employee suggestions, evaluations, replies to the suggesters, and Incentive Awards Coordinators

**Destroy** when 3 years old
6. **Internal Management Issuances.**

Clearance documents (reference copies) with the supporting case file prepared and issued by TAS's staff includes Internal Revenue Manual (IRM) issuances, transmittals, etc. Note: The Office of Servicewide Policy, Directives, and Electronic Research maintains the historical copies of the IRM issuances.

- Cut off file when inactive or obsolete
- Retire to Records Center 2 years after cutoff
- Destroy 10 years after cutoff

7. **Labor Management Relations Records.**

a. Labor Management Relations General and Case Files

These records include Letters of Understanding, Memoranda of Understanding, and Agreements negotiated with the National Treasury Employees Union, either nationally or locally. They pertain to Taxpayer Advocate Service operations and changes, which impact upon bargaining unit employees.

1. Office negotiating agreement
   - Destroy 5 years after expiration of agreement

2. Other offices
   - Destroy when superseded or obsolete

b. Labor Arbitration General and Case Files

Correspondence, forms, and background papers relating to labor arbitration cases

- Destroy 5 years after final resolution of case

8. **Office Service Records.**

Records pertaining to internal service operations, acquisitions, allocations, and administration of space, building maintenance, safety and protection, printing and copying, building passes, telephone services, equipment and its inventory, furniture and equipment repairs and services, replacement and repairs of utilities. Also includes studies and reports of supply and equipment needs.

- Destroy when 2 years old
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<td><strong>Destroy</strong> when 3 months old</td>
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- Items 11-31 are reserved for future records series that are required.

**National Taxpayer Advocate Office's Records**

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**a. Record copy of Final Reports**

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- **Cut off** at the end of the fiscal year
- **Retire** to Records Center 5 years after cutoff
- **Transfer** to NARA 10 years after cutoff, or when no longer needed for administrative, audit, legal, or other operational purposes, whichever is sooner

**b. Working Papers**

Include all related documentation, background documentation, correspondence, contacts, IRM citations, data, test results and formulas used in preparing and pertaining to issues in the Final Report.

**PERMANENT.**
- **Cut off** at the end of the fiscal year
- **Retire** to Records Center 5 years after cutoff
- **Transfer** to NARA 10 years after cutoff, or when no longer needed for administrative, audit, legal, or other operational purposes, whichever is sooner

**33. Calendars and Schedules.**

These records document daily activities of the National Taxpayer Advocate and the Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate. They are maintained electronically and in hard copy formats.

- **a. Paper copies of calendars or schedules of the National Taxpayer Advocate and the Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate**

**PERMANENT.**
- **Cut off** at the end of the fiscal year
- **Retire** to Records Center 5 years after cutoff
- **Transfer** to NARA 5-year blocks when 10 years old

- **b. Electronic versions of all calendars**

**Delete** after verification of printed copy

**34. Executive Conferences and Meetings.**

These conferences or meetings involve senior-level discussions on program, policy, planning, and tax administration issues.

- **a. Agendas, issue or briefing papers, handouts, final reports, minutes, or equivalent documentation**
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2 Files on program and policy issues that do not contain taxpayer information

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Retire to Records Center 2 years after cutoff
Transfer to NARA in 5-year blocks when 10 years old

3 Files containing records on routine administrative issues
Cut off at the end of the fiscal year
Destroy 2 years after cutoff

c Subject Files maintained by all other staff members of the National Taxpayer Advocate and the Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate
Cut off at the end of fiscal year
Destroy 2 years after cutoff

17 38. Trip Files.
These records include correspondence to the National Taxpayer Advocate and the Deputy National Taxpayer Advocate concerning field visits or other trips of official business, itineraries, pertinent biographic information, general logistic information, and thank-you letters written after completion of the trip
Cut off at the end of the fiscal year
Destroy 5 years after cutoff

➢ Items 39-59 are reserved for future records series that are required

Case Files, Program Records and Reports

18 60. Form 911 – Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order (ATAO, replaces Form 5543).
Form 911 is completed by or on behalf of taxpayers who are facing a hardship that results from the administration of IRS’s tax laws
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**Cut off** at the end of the fiscal year in which the case was closed
**Retire** to Records Center 1 year after cutoff
**Destroy** 2 years after cutoff

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**61. Correspondence Case Files.**

Case files of responses to correspondence that are received by Headquarters Taxpayer Advocate Service

*All taxpayer-related correspondence is sent to the appropriate Local Taxpayer Advocate (LTA) for action, including input to TAMIS, as applicable (N1-58-09-81)*

**Cut off** at the end of the fiscal year in which the case was closed
**Destroy** 2 years after cutoff

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**62. Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Grant Files.**

**Background:**

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) is an independent organization within the IRS whose employees assist taxpayers who are experiencing economic harm, who are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, or who believe that an IRS system or procedure is not working as it should. The National Taxpayer Advocate, currently Nina Olson, heads the program. Each state and campus has at least one local Taxpayer Advocate, who is independent of the local IRS office and reports directly to the National Taxpayer Advocate. The goals of TAS are to protect individual and business taxpayer rights and to reduce taxpayer burden. This is accomplished in two ways:

- Ensuring that taxpayer problems which have not been resolved through normal channels, are promptly and fairly handled,

- Identifying issues that increase burden or create problems for taxpayers. Bringing those issues to the attention of IRS management and making legislative proposals where necessary

The Taxpayer Advocate Service’s Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) grant program is a result of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998. It is designed to help organizations provide free or nominal cost legal assistance to low income taxpayers in resolving tax disputes with the IRS and inform taxpayers for whom English is a second language about their taxpayer rights and responsibilities. LITCs are independent from the IRS.
Most LITCs can provide representation before the IRS or in court on audits, tax collection disputes and other issues for free or for a nominal fee. Under the LITC grant program, the IRS awards matching grants of up to $100,000 per year to qualifying organizations to develop, expand or maintain low-income taxpayer clinics. The LITC Program Office may award grants to qualifying organizations to fund one-year, two-year or three-year project periods. The program is in its eleventh year and continues to expand.

Decisions made by the IRS whether to make or not make an award are not subject to appeal.

Description:

Records include an application package for the Low Income Tax Clinic (LITC) grant program of clinics receiving grant awards for a specific calendar year. Applications are reviewed and a determination made as to whether to award or not award the applicant. The LITC Program Office may award grants to qualifying organizations to fund one-year, two-year or three-year project periods. Non-awarded files consist of the application and review documentation. Awarded files include the application and review documentation along with monitoring and reporting information. Each application package may include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- IR Form 13424 IRS Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Application Information Sheet
- SF 424 Application for Federal Assistance
- SF 424A Budget Information – Non-Construction Programs
- SF LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Letter of academic accreditation for affiliated college, university or other institution of higher learning
- Tax Information Authorization Form
- Background/Civil Rights/Program Narratives
- Budget/Financial Plan
- Interim/Annual Reports
- IRS Determination Letter
- Supporting Documentation
- CD of all application package documents

Rejected grant applications
Cut off at end of calendar year in which application is rejected
Destroy 3 year after cutoff

b Accepted grant applications

Cut off at end of calendar year in which grant program period ends
Retire to Records Center 1 year after cutoff
Destroy 6 years, 3 months after cutoff

21 63. National Taxpayer Advocate Case Files (Blue Case File, Document Number 11469).

Taxpayer case files that are developed in response to correspondence, fax, and e-mail requests to the attention of the National Taxpayer Advocate

Case-related matter is sent to the appropriate Local Taxpayer Advocate (LTA) for action, including input to TAMIS (NI-058-09-81)

Cut off at the end of the fiscal year in which the case was closed
Retire to Records Center 2 years after cutoff
Destroy 5 years after cutoff

22 64. Senate Finance Committee Records and Case Files.

Records include closed case files that were identified during Senate Finance Committee Hearings and required further contact with the taxpayers

Case-related matter is sent to the appropriate Local Taxpayer Advocate (LTA) for action, including input to TAMIS (NI-58-09-81) or e-Trak (for Legislative Affairs inquiries, to be scheduled)

Cut off at the end of the fiscal year in which the case was closed
Retire to Records Center 2 years after cutoff
Destroy 5 years after cutoff

23 65. Sensitive Case Files.

Cases initially addressed to TIGTA, and then forwarded to the IRS Commissioner’s Complaint Processing and Analysis Group (CCPAG), and Employee Conduct and Compliance Office (ECCO) for an internal investigation

Case-related matter is sent to Area office for investigation
and resolution, and input to e-Trak (as applicable, to be scheduled)

Cut off at end of the Fiscal Year in which case is closed
Delete/Destroy 3 years after cutoff


Taxpayer cases or files developed in response to correspondence, fax, and e-mail requests to the attention of the National Taxpayer Advocate

Case-related matter is sent to the appropriate Local Taxpayer Advocate (LTA) for action, including input to TAMIS (N1-58-09-81)

Cut off at the end of the fiscal year in which the case was closed
Retire to Records Center 2 years after cutoff
Destroy 5 years after cutoff


a  Electronic database

Cut off at the end of the fiscal year in which the report was released
Delete 3 years after cutoff

b  Quarterly and annual survey reports (paper and electronic formats)

Cut off at the end of the fiscal year in which the report was released
Destroy 3 years after cutoff


These reports are developed and written by advocacy analysts, Local Taxpayer Advocates, and Area Taxpayer Advocates. They contain research, data, histories, contacts, formulas, citations, documentation, and test results. TAS refers to these reports to make recommendations for changing policies and procedures within the IRS that reduce taxpayer burden, protect taxpayer rights, and improve customer service

a  Record copy
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Cut off at the end of the fiscal year in which the report was prepared
Retire to Records Center 5 years after cutoff
Transfer to NARA 20 years after cutoff, or when no longer needed for administrative, audit, legal, or other operational purposes, whichever is sooner

b Working papers

Destroy when 5 years old, or when no longer needed for administrative, audit, legal or other operational purposes, whichever is sooner

- Item 70 Quarterly Narrative Reports (Job No NC1-58-81-12, Item [4])
- Item 71 Form 5391 (Job No NC1-58-81-12, Item 1[5])
- Item 72 Statistical Reports (Job No NC1-58-81-12, Item 1[6])
- Item 73 Form 12412 (Job No N1-58-09-1)
- Items 69, 74-93 are reserved for future records series that are required

Information Systems/Electronic Systems

- Item 94 Taxpayer Advocate Management Information System (TAMIS) (Job No N1-58-09-81)
- Item 95 Systemic Advocacy Management system (SAMS) (Job No N1-58-08-3)
- Item 96 Taxpayer Advocate Service Customer Outreach System (TAS COS) (Job No N1-58-07-7)

97. Taxpayer Advocate Service Quality Review Database (TAS QRDB)

Background:

The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) uses balanced measures to assess program effectiveness and service delivery. TAS measures quality, a business results measure, by reviewing a statistically valid sample of closed cases against prescribed quality standards. The casework quality index is the result of the review of these standards. TAS uses these results to identify and correct identified system or process problems, determine training needs, and identify best practices.

The QRDB
TAS Quality Review Program (TARP) employees enter the results of each individual case review into the TAS QRDB, an Access database from which TAS generates management reports for all TAS offices nationwide. Review results are also extracted and forwarded to the IRS Business Performance Management System (BPMS) Project Office to load into the TAS quality model on the BPMS at the Detroit Data Center.

The Taxpayer Advocate office in each local office/campus, area office, operating division, and National Office has a copy of the QRDB that contains the review results (e.g., checklist, comments, and closure/sample size information) for the particular office. The National Office's QRDB contains results from all the offices within the nation.

Description:

The Taxpayer Advocate Service Quality Review Database (TAS QRDB) is an Access database used exclusively to record, control, analyze and report on Taxpayer Advocate Service case quality.

a. Inputs:

Taxpayer Advocate Review Program (TARP) staff input results from reviews of closed case files into the QRDB. Destroy/Delete upon capture and verification into the electronic system. Note: Closed case files are returned to the originating office after successful entry and validation.

b. Quality Review Database (QRDB) Master Files:

Data files include basic case information, and a breakdown of timeliness, communication and accuracy data from all closed case reviews nationwide.

Cut off at the end of the fiscal year in which the case is closed. Destroy/Delete 3 years after cutoff.

c. Outputs:

1. Quality rate reports which can be viewed on the desktop or printed as needed.
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**Destroy/Delete** when no longer needed for operational purposes.

- Business Performance Management System (BPMS) extracts which are forwarded electronically to the BPMS Program Office for loading into the TAS quality model on the BPMS at the Detroit Data Center.

**Cut off** at the end of the fiscal year in which the data is forwarded.

**Delete** 3 years after cutoff.

**d. System Documentation:**

QRDB documentation consists of a User/Administrator Guide.

**Destroy/Delete** when superseded or 5 years after the system is terminated, whichever is sooner.