

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Advisory Committee on the Special Enrollment Examination**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Office of Director of Practice, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of advisory committee; invitation to submit nominations for advisory committee membership.

SUMMARY: The Director of Practice gives notice of the establishment of the Advisory Committee on the Special Enrollment Examination. The Director of Practice also invites individuals and organizations to nominate candidates for membership on the Committee.

DATES: Submit nominations on or before February 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail nominations to: Internal Revenue Service; Office of Director of Practice, C:AP:DOP; 1111 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Black, 202-694-1851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Establishment of Advisory Committee**

In accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, the Director of Practice hereby gives notice of the establishment of the Advisory Committee on the Special Enrollment Examination.

Section 330 of 31 U.S.C. authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to require that representatives before the Department demonstrate their "competency to advise and assist persons in presenting their cases." Pursuant to that statute, the Secretary has promulgated the regulations governing practice before the Internal Revenue Service, which are found at 31 CFR part 10 and are separately published in pamphlet form as Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (to order call 1-800-829-3676).

The regulations provide that enrolled agents are among the classes of individuals eligible to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. The regulations also authorize the Director of Practice to pass upon applications for enrollment and to grant enrollment to applicants who demonstrate special competence in tax matters by written examination administered by the Internal Revenue Service. This written

examination is the Special Enrollment Examination (SEE).

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Director of Practice on the SEE. The Committee's advisory functions will include, but will not necessarily be limited to: (1) Considering areas of federal tax knowledge that should be treated on the examination; (2) developing examination questions; and (3) recommending passing scores.

Invitation To Submit Nominations for Advisory Committee Membership

The Director of Practice invites individuals and organizations to nominate candidates for membership on the Committee. Committee members must possess professional or academic qualifications sufficient to allow contributions to the Committee's advisory functions. In addition, Committee members will be screened for compliance with the Federal tax laws. Current or former status as an enrolled agent is not a requirement for Committee membership.

If the SEE is to provide objective and fair indicia of special competence in Federal taxation, the SEE's specific subject matter and questions must not become publicly available prior to administration of the examination. Consequently, most Committee meetings will be closed to public participation. With respect to such closed meetings, Committee members must be prepared to maintain the confidentiality of their deliberations and advice.

FACA mandates that the membership of the Committee be fairly balanced in terms of the points of view presented and the functions to be performed. To that end, the Director of Practice will consider nominations of all qualified individuals. Individuals may nominate themselves; an individual may nominate other individuals; or professional associations or other organizations may nominate individuals.

A nomination may be in any format, but it must state that the nominee is willing to accept an appointment to Committee membership, and it must give full details of the nominee's qualifications. Nominations should not include copies of articles or other publications.

Appointment to the Committee will be for a two-year term. The Committee is expected to meet up to four times a year. Members should be prepared to

devote from 125 to 175 hours per year, including meetings, to the Committee's work. Members will be reimbursed, in accordance with Government regulations, for expenses (transportation, meals, and lodging) incurred in connection with Committee meetings.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

Patrick W. McDonough,

Director of Practice.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY**Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations**

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978 (43 FR 13359, March 29, 1978), and Delegation Order No. 85-5 of June 27, 1985 (50 FR 27393, July 2, 1985). I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibit "John Singer Sargent," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, is of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the listed exhibit objects at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, from on or about February 21, 1999, to on or about May 31, 1999 and at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts from on or about June 23, 1999, to on or about September 26, 1999, is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul W. Manning, Assistant General Counsel, 202/619-5997, and the address is Room 700, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20547-0001.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Les Jin,

General Counsel.

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