

Introducing NEW instructors for 2016:



Christopher Bird, EA, CFP

Chris Bird has been in the financial business for over 30 years. He started his career with a degree in Accounting and a minor in Business Administration. He also holds the Certified Financial Planner designation (CFP). He will be teaching for Auburn University Accounting & Tax Training Institute in Arkansas, Georgia, and selected Alabama sites. Chris brings contagious energy and vast tax instructional experience to the Auburn University seminars.

Chris was a Senior IRS agent for 16 years. He began conducting courses after leaving the IRS and started his own company, Chris Bird Seminars, Inc. Chris went on to conduct over 125 seminars a year on accounting, financial planning, wealth building, residential rental property ownership, and tax strategies for the real estate and financial industries nationwide. He has presented his widely acclaimed courses multiple times at NAR conventions and most recently presented at Howard Brinton's StarPower™ Conference in Orlando, FL.

Chris was an adjunct instructor at the University of Illinois in tax law for 20 years. He is a Senior CRS Instructor and a Senior Faculty Instructor for the Realtors Land Institute. He currently holds his real estate license in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Chris has a unique way of making a tough subject (taxes and investments) entertaining and enlightening at the same time.

Qualifications Summary

- Full time, professional speaker, trainer and workshop leader
- Specializes in wealth building, tax strategies, independent contractor tax issues, retirement, effective money management and using defined benefit plans
- Certified Financial Planner
- Has a degree in Accounting and a minor in Business Administration
- Was a Senior IRS agent for 16 years
- Currently teaches CRS courses
- Is current on tax issues and how they affect real estate agents and tax professionals



Merry Brodie and Bill Nemeth

Bill Nemeth, EA

Bill Nemeth is the immediate past president of the Georgia Association of Enrolled Agents (GAEA) and a founding member of the GAEA Education Foundation. He is currently the GAEA Membership Chair as well as the Education Chair. He is active at the National Level as well (Affiliate Council Member of NAEA). He holds a bachelor's degree (Kettering Institute) and master's degree (MIT) in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA in Marketing (Wayne State University).

Bill and his wife, Merry Brodie, Enrolled Agents, recently sold their franchise tax business which prepares up to 12,000 returns per year. This year, Bill and Merry will teach for Auburn University Accounting & Tax Training Institute in Georgia and select Alabama sites. With his strong focus on education, Bill creates and presents tax seminars at local Enrolled Agent chapter meetings. He promotes Enrolled Agents through frequent appearances on a major Atlanta radio talk show and tax seminars to numerous CDC Campuses throughout the Atlanta area. He has been interviewed by WSB TV for several stories on the fiscal cliff and tax identity theft. Bloomberg has cited some of his tax articles. He worked with Prometric as an SME (Tax Subject Matter Expert) on the development of the IRS Preparer Gateway test, the RTRP (Registered Tax Return Preparer) exam.

Bill and Merry are founding partners in Tax Audit Guardian, a new Atlanta business venture specializing in assisting troubled tax clients in representation, audit, and tax court matters.

Merry Brodie, EA

Since 1990, Merry Brodie has served the tax and accounting needs of small businesses as owner and principal of Brodie Accounting Services. For more than 20 years, Merry served as CEO and President of Tax Doctor, Inc., which owned multiple Jackson Hewitt Tax Service franchises. At its peak, Merry managed 24 offices and a staff of 160. In 2012, Merry and her husband successfully sold the franchises and became partners in Tax Audit Guardian, a group of professionals who assist troubled taxpayers.

As an Enrolled Agent, Merry is licensed by the IRS to represent clients in all 50 states. She holds an accounting degree from Georgia State University and is a regular guest on Sunday mornings on the Ilyce Glink radio program broadcast on WSB-750 AM, answering tax questions from callers.

She is a member of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, past officer and director of the Atlanta Track Club, Georgia Association of Enrolled Agents and the National Advisory Council of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

Merry lives in Atlanta with her husband, Bill Nemeth. She has three children and five grandchildren.



Kelly H. Myers, Senior Technical Advisor, Washington, DC

Kelly Myers has over 35 years of tax experience and specific subject matter expertise to assist tax professionals. He developed efficient tax strategies in both preparation and controversy arenas. He has over 20 years of IRS Headquarters experience along with public accounting experience. Kelly developed technical material for IRS staff; both formal and informal training for Service-wide implementation impacting 7,000-8,000 examiners. He has been a guest speaker for State CPA meetings, National Business Aircraft Association, IRS Nationwide Tax Forums, and others. He has an MBA from the University of Tampa with emphasis in Accounting and Taxation. His BA is from Western State College with a double major in Accounting and Business Administration with a minor in Economics. He currently lives in Huntsville, Alabama.

Kelly has experience in the following areas:

- **Course Development & Delivery:** Developed technical material for IRS staff impacting 7,000-8,000 examiners. Guest speaker for external stakeholders including State CPA meetings, National Business Aircraft Association, IRS National Tax Forum, and others. Internal and external feedback has constantly been very favorable.

- Technical Skills: Subject Matter Expert (SME) to Chief Counsel in drafting regulations, revenue procedures, private letter rules, and other authoritative guidance within my sphere of responsibilities.
- Program Management: On a National level, oversaw examiner training including supervising instructor panels, material development, test validation, performance reviews, focus groups, and ongoing improvement efforts.
- Tax Law: Examined large and complex returns of individual, partnerships, corporations, and trusts as a Revenue Agent. Identified complex, unique, and abusive issues. Identified non-compliance resulting in local and National projects and as well as legislative changes.
- Tax Controversy: Provided expert tax law support daily to staff across the IRS including Examiners, Appeals Officers, and litigating Counsel. Able to assess complex fact patterns and navigate a favorable resolution. Returns ranging from middle-class to ultra-high net worth individuals.

NOTE: Mr. Myers' participation in the Auburn University's 2-Day Tax Professional Seminar is in his personnel capacity and is not in connection with his official duties as an IRS employee.