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Christopher Bird, EA, CFP: Instructor for ZOOM online courses
Chris Bird has been in the financial business for over 35 years. He began his career after earning a degree in Accounting and a minor in Business Administration. He also holds the Certified Financial Planner designation (CFP). 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. Chris was an adjunct instructor at the University of Illinois in tax law for over 20 years. He is a Senior CRS Instructor and a Senior Faculty Instructor for the Realtors Land Institute. And he also teaches at all the Illinois tax seminars currently using the *National Income Tax Workbook* also used in the Auburn University programs. Chris has a unique way of making a tough subject (taxation instruction) entertaining and enlightening for our audience.

Beanna J. Whitlock, EA: Instructor for ZOOM online courses
Beanna is an Enrolled Agent in private practice, Whitlock Tax Service, LLC, located in Canyon Lake, Texas. She has been a tax law instructor for more than 40 years, with emphasis on Limited Liability Company, Ethics, and Professional Conduct presentations. Beanna has taught tax professionals across the country including her instruction assignments for Auburn University. She has testified before Congress, Treasury and the IRS Oversight Board and served on the IRS Information Reporting Program Advisory Committee as well as the IRS Commissioner's Advisory Council (CAG). She served as the IRS Director of National Public Liaison for Commissioner Mark Everson and is a recipient of the Commissioner's Award for Excellence of Service. She has been honored by Accounting Today as one of the 100 Most Influential in Accounting. Known for her fierce defense of the tax professional community, Beanna is frequently consulted by accounting and tax publications regarding issues concerning the tax professional community.