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Preface

For twenty-two years running, the WFT (*West Federal Taxation*) series has helped more than one million students discover the intricacies and master the ever-changing nature of Federal taxation. This 2000 Edition continues to offer comprehensive coverage that is unparalleled, while also presenting information in a manner students find accessible and understandable. Often emulated but never duplicated, WFT grew from a single textbook on Corporations, Partnerships, Estates, and Trusts with an accompanying solutions manual to include five major textbooks and a package of more than 50 outstanding ancillaries. With the 2000 Edition, South-Western College Publishing continues to build on the quality of the materials and to add timely innovations that improve on instruction and make learning more engaging.

WFT: Individual Income Taxes has, in its more than two decades, served as an ideal basis for a first course in Federal taxation for undergraduate or graduate accounting, business, and law students. Simple modification in the coverage of the materials also allows the book to be used in a survey course on Federal taxation for undergraduate or graduate students. Because of the book's numerous clarifying examples and real-world problems, many find it to be a valuable tool for self-study.

This 2000 Edition is thoroughly up to date in its incorporation of the recommendations of the Accounting Education Change Commission (AECC) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The enhanced pedagogical features that support these recommendations assist students in the learning process, helping them to see beyond textbook examples to the *real* application of the tax law presented. (See the Enhanced Pedagogical Plan section for more information on these features.)

As important as it is to incorporate the recommendations of the AECC and AICPA, it is equally essential to provide you with the most up-to-date information relative to statutory, judicial, and administrative changes in the Federal tax law. While this edition was up to date at its printing, the ever-changing nature of the law requires that it be continually updated as to changes. Our WFT Web site, <http://tax.swcollege.com> offers instant access to updates; in addition, hard copies of the updates will be sent out to all adopters of this text, ensuring that an important change in Federal tax law will not be overlooked.

Though the primary emphasis of the textbook is on basic tax concepts and the income taxation of individuals, Chapter 20 provides an overview of the Federal taxation of other forms of business organization (corporations and partnerships). This chapter could be of particular significance to students who do not plan to take a second course in Federal taxation. For others, Chapter 20 may serve as a lead-in to *WFT: Corporations, Partnerships, Estates, and Trusts*.

ENHANCED PEDAGOGICAL PLAN

The outstanding pedagogical features in WFT not only serve to improve student comprehension of topics presented, but do so while addressing the recommendations of the AECC. From key terms to complex projects to the incorporation of multimedia, WFT's pedagogy is unrivaled in its range of exercises, problems, and issues presented.



- **International Implications.** NEW! This exciting addition to the WFT series underscores the fact that all taxpayers and entities operate in a global environment and economy. These interesting features enlighten and inform the reader of other country's approaches to key taxation issues and the possible implications on U.S. and, in some cases, foreign taxpayers.
- **On-Line Tutorials.** NEW! Additional support material is available for students at our WFT Web site: <http://wft.swcollege.com>.
- **Tax Planning Considerations.** Since the early 1980s, WFT has recognized and emphasized the importance of careful tax planning. As a result, most chapters include this separate section which calls attention to this ever-growing area. Additionally, tax planning applications and suggestions appear throughout each chapter.
- **Internet Exercises.** Some questions found in the Research Problems for each chapter require the use of the tax resources on the Internet. These exercises are identified with a "globe and computer mouse" icon.
- **Communication Assignments.** Identified items in the Problem Materials include a written communication component, reflecting the increased emphasis on communication in accounting and tax education. Selected Problems, Cumulative Problems, and Research Problems are identified as communication assignments with a "scroll" icon and require the preparation of a tax client letter, a memorandum for the tax files, or other written materials. An illustration of a client letter and memo is included in Chapter 2.
- **Ethical Considerations.** Many issues do not have just one correct answer. Because of this, Ethical Considerations present thought-provoking situations related to chapter topics. The questions raised should spark discussion and offer an opportunity for oral debate, leading to an examination of various value systems. The *Instructor's Guide with Lecture Notes* contains guidance for discussions by identifying issues raised in Ethical Considerations and, where appropriate, recommends a solution or alternate solution.
- **Decision-Making Problems.** These are designed to enhance analytical skills and are part of the Problem Materials. Decision-Making Problems are earmarked with a "scales" icon.
- **Issue Recognition Questions.** The Problem Materials include questions designed to help identify important tax issues. The questions, noted by a "light bulb" icon, are multifaceted and generally have no single right answer.
- **Team Projects: Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge Cases.** This feature offers a valuable opportunity to work as part of a team to solve complex, real-world tax problems. Each year four cases and their solutions are available at no cost through your South-Western representative. Cases may be reproduced as necessary for classroom use.
- **Learning Objectives.** Each chapter begins with helpful learning objectives that provide guidance in learning key concepts and principles.
- **Chapter Outlines.** Material in each chapter is highlighted by a topical outline, complete with page references that allow ready access to each topic.
- **Chapter Introductions.** Material in the current chapter often is linked to those preceding it through the introductions, which frequently include real-world examples that convey the relevance of the material.
- **Margin Notes.** To serve as a guide through the chapter, learning objectives appear in the margins where the related material is introduced.
- **Tax in the News.** Drawn from today's business and popular press headlines, this boxed feature enlivens text discussion by presenting current issues that highlight the chapter material.



- **Key Terms.** Whenever a key term is introduced in a chapter, it is presented in bold print and is later defined in the Glossary (Appendix C). A list of key terms with page references appears before the Problem Materials in each chapter.
- Solutions to **Research Problems** can be prepared using the *RIA OnPoint System 4, Student Version, CD-ROM*. The CD-ROM, an abbreviated version of the highly-acclaimed professional computerized tax research library, contains all the necessary cases, Revenue Rulings, and Revenue Procedures as a way of providing a realistic environment for the tax research process. These are identified with a CD-ROM logo.

SPECIAL FEATURES

A variety of other pedagogical tools are used to assist in the learning process. Although content is key, readability is stressed. In the 2000 Edition, the text and its supplements are further improved to make them even more readable and understandable. Features that enhance the readability of the text include:

- Bold print to highlight key terms the first time each is used. Key terms are defined in the Glossary.
- Italicized key words emphasize their importance.
- Avoidance of legal terminology except where necessary.
- Concept Summaries in chart or tabular form to synthesize important concepts.
- Exhibits, Figures, and Tables to enhance and simplify material.
- Frequent use of examples to illustrate the tax concept being discussed.

Today's environment requires a mastery of the methodology of tax research and the ability to utilize it with skill. Because of this increased emphasis on research, Chapter 2 and Appendix E are devoted to this methodology. Also, most chapters contain Research Problems that require the use of various research tools. While we feel it is important that a basic course in Federal taxation include coverage of tax research procedures, instructors who wish to do so can omit this subject without impairing the continuity of the text's remaining materials.

Although WFT is not oriented toward the preparation of tax returns, some familiarity with tax forms is helpful. For this reason, the text includes tax return problems in chapters where appropriate. For the reader's convenience, Appendix B contains a full reproduction of most of the available tax forms frequently encountered in actual practice. These problems can be solved manually, or by using the tax return preparation software (*Tax Preparation with TurboTax® for Windows®*) separately available to those who use the text.

Two comprehensive tax return problems are included in Appendix F. These problems are ideal for use as term projects as they reflect many of the issues encountered in everyday situations. Solutions to the problems in Appendix F are in the *Instructor's Guide with Lecture Notes*.

Most tax texts are published in the spring, long before tax forms for the year are available from the IRS. To allow the user exposure to the most current tax forms, we provide adopters with new problems along with blank tax forms and solutions on the latest forms. Shortly after the beginning of 2000, a *Tax Legislation and Forms Problems Supplement* will be issued containing these tax return problems solved on 1999 forms.

SUPPLEMENTS

WFT offers more supplements and educational ancillaries than any other publisher. Because of this, our ancillary package provides you a total solution.

- The *Instructor's Guide with Lecture Notes* contains lecture notes for each chapter, comments on the Ethical Considerations posed in the text, materials on the Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge Cases, and solutions to Research Problems and Comprehensive Tax Return problems. The lecture notes are in the form of a lecture outline that the professor can use as the basis for the classroom presentation. The lecture notes also have material not covered in the text and various teaching aids. The lecture notes also are available on disk and on the WFT Web site.
- *WFT On-Line* (<http://wft.swcollege.com>) offers immediate access to current information as soon as it is available. Qualified adopters can log on and gain instant access to the most recent tax information available, including the Code and Regulations, case citations, new court rulings, and other newsworthy items. This information can be transferred to word processing programs for editing, printout, and classroom use. Instructors can also access the *Instructor's Guide with Lecture Notes*, *Solutions Manual*, *PowerPoint slides*, and extra test questions.
- The *Solutions Manual* features problem solutions arranged in accordance with the sequence of the material in the chapter. A matrix labels the problems by topical coverage and also reflects which are new, modified, or unchanged from the prior edition. The matrix also includes the prior edition's problem number for the unchanged and modified problems. At least 20 percent of the problems in the 2000 edition are new or modified. The solutions are referenced to pages in the text. The solutions manual also is available on disk and on the WFT Web site.
- The *Test Bank* contains questions and solutions arranged in accordance with the sequence of the material in the chapter. To help in putting together an examination, a matrix labels the questions by topical coverage and reflects which are new, modified, or unchanged from the prior edition. The matrix includes the question number for the unchanged and modified questions in the prior edition. Approximately 20 percent of the questions in the 2000 edition are new or modified. Ten additional multiple-choice questions per chapter also are available on our Web site.
- *ITP World Class Test™* allows the instructors to generate tests with their IBM-compatible computer.
- The *Student Study Guide* provides a valuable tool to boost student understanding. It includes a chapter review of key concepts and self-evaluation tests with solutions that are referenced to the text.
- *Solutions Transparency Masters* for selected problems aid in understanding how problems are solved, step by step.
- *PowerPoint Presentation Software* allows qualified adopters to create interactive lectures and manipulate graphs, charts, and figures during in-class lectures. The package contains over 30 slides per chapter consisting of alternate figures, outlines, and key points.
- *Teaching Transparency Acetates* contain the key charts and tables from the PowerPoint package for instructors who wish to use traditional overheads.
- *WFT Individual Practice Sets* cover all the common forms that a tax practitioner would use for the average client.
- *West's Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury Regulations: Annotated and Selected, 2000 Edition*, permits the instructor to reference the Code and the

Regulations through the convenience of a single-volume book. This ancillary contains useful annotations that help in working with and understanding the tax law.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE AS SUPPLEMENTS TO THE TEXT

RIA ONPOINT SYSTEM 4, STUDENT VERSION, CD-ROM

The *RIA OnPoint System 4, Student Version, CD-ROM* provides an extensive tax library which ties directly to the cases and rulings cited throughout the text. This CD-ROM also includes the Federal Tax Coordinator, a valuable practitioner resource providing additional analysis, commentary, and practice aids for Federal income, estate and gift, excise, and employment taxes, as well as a full review of the taxation of foreign income.

This excellent tool also allows a search of the full text of thousands of other primary sources of the tax law, including the Code and its legislative history since 1954, Regulations and committee reports, Revenue Rulings and Procedures, current-year tax cases and countless watershed cases, and many IRS publications. Fully integrated with Windows®, the OnPoint Student Version allows the user to copy and paste information to a personal word processor, save documents on a disk, and link from one document to another, with precision and ease-of-use.

The *RIA OnPoint System 4, Student Version* is available to bundle with this text. Order a review copy of this award-winning research product today by calling our Academic Resource Center at (800) 423-0563. Or, simply place your order through your campus bookstore or contact our Customer Service Department at (800) 354-9706.

TAX PREPARATION SOFTWARE



As the computer has become an essential tool in tax return preparation, the WFT instructional package offers *Tax Preparation with TurboTax® for Windows®*. This commercial tax preparation software by Intuit illustrates the preparation of more than 80 forms, schedules, and worksheets, and automatically performs all mathematical calculations and data transfers. The powerful and easy-to-use *TurboTax* package, available as a separate purchase, includes a CD-ROM bound with a 200-page workbook containing exercises and problems. The 2000 edition contains numerous tax return problems, identified in the text by a computer symbol, that lend themselves to computerized solutions. The software runs on IBM PCs and compatibles.

TAX LAW UPDATES

Since the original edition was issued, we have followed a policy of annually revising the text material to reflect statutory, judicial, and administrative changes in the Federal tax law and to correct any errors or other shortcomings. Our annual update, published in early spring, also includes new comprehensive tax return problems using the latest tax forms.

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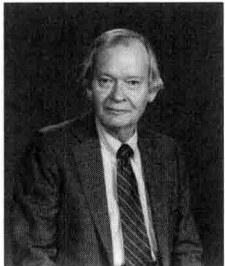
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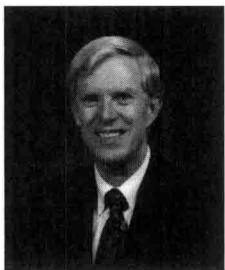
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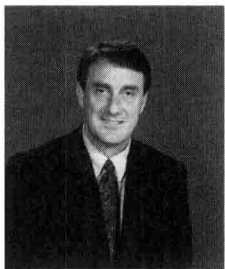
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