

## U.S. TAX COURT WARNING ABOUT TAX SCAMS

Some people may receive unsolicited phone calls, emails, or other communications from individuals fraudulently claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or other Federal government agencies and demanding immediate payment by money order, gift card, debit card, or other means to settle a tax debt.

The Tax Court does not want anyone to be victimized by a tax scam. It is important that you know that the Tax Court **will never do any of the following**:

- call or email demanding payment of Court fees or taxes;
- call or email threatening arrest;
- call or email insisting that a specific payment method be used to pay a tax debt or requesting credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

The IRS posts current warnings and alerts about all types of tax scams on its website (including information about how to report tax scams) at <https://www.irs.gov/uac/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>. In addition, you may file a consumer complaint about a tax scam with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#&panell1-1>. These websites are maintained by the IRS and FTC--government agencies that are unrelated to the Tax Court.

If you have received a phone call, email, or other communication that refers to the Tax Court and which you suspect is a scam and would like to discuss it with a member of the Court's staff, please call the Court at (202) 521-3390.