

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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Chief Counsel

Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service

The Chief Counsel of the IRS supervises approximately 1,400 attorneys who are assigned among the IRS National Office and the major operational divisions of the agency. The principal client of the Office of the Chief Counsel is the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service.

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