Who Are We?
The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic is a statewide project run by Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, a civil legal aid program for low-income people. Our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic helps Louisiana residents with their civil tax problems. All our services are free.

The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic is funded in part by the IRS. We are totally independent from the IRS and the Louisiana Department of Revenue. Anything you tell our attorneys or staff is strictly confidential. Your decision to use our Clinic’s services will not affect your rights before the IRS or the Louisiana Department of Revenue.

Who Can We Help?
The Clinic can help anyone living in the state of Louisiana, and serves low-income taxpayers who have disputes with the IRS. If your family income is less than 250% of the federal poverty guidelines, we may be able to help you. If you don’t know whether you qualify, call us.

If you live in Greater New Orleans, call us at (504) 529-1000 ext. 225.

If this is a long distance call, call us toll-free at (877) 521-6442 ext. 225.

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Call the Louisiana Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
In the New Orleans Area:
(504) 529-1000 ext. 225
Toll Free:
(877) 521-6242 ext. 225

For Spanish:
(504) 529-1000 ext. 3
For Vietnamese:
(504) 529-1000 ext. 4

Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
Free Civil Legal Aid
Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
What Can We Help You With?
We can help you if:
• You got a notice or letter from the IRS
• The IRS has frozen your bank account
• The IRS has sent letters to your employer telling them to take your income
• You need representation in US Tax Court
• The IRS has denied you the Earned Income Credit.
• You need help with an Innocent or Injured Spouse claim
• Your tax refund has been taken by the IRS and you don’t understand why
• You don’t believe you owe the amount of taxes the IRS is asking you to pay
• You need to settle tax debt with the IRS

Didn’t File Your Tax Return?
Not filing your taxes is a crime. The IRS can fine you and seize some of your income or assets if they find out. However, there are options.
Our Low Income Taxpayer Clinic can explain your choices. We can help you decide the best way to take care of your tax problems. Call our office today if you would like to discuss this.

How to Apply for Our Help
Call Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (New Orleans) at 504-529-1000 ext. 225 and ask for the Taxpayer Clinic. Tell the intake staff that you have a federal tax problem and that you need legal help. If calling long distance, you may call toll-free at 877-521-6242 ext. 225. Online applications can be taken at www.slls.org.

Get Ready for Your Interview
You should bring all your tax papers when you see us:
• Any tax notices, letters, or bills from the IRS or Tax Court
• Your tax returns for the years in question or under review
• Information on your current income and any bankruptcies filed

Don’t be Afraid of the IRS:
Fight for Your Rights
Many people lose their rights and get stuck paying taxes they don’t owe. Why? Because they are afraid of the IRS. They don’t reply or see a lawyer when they get a notice from the IRS.
Your problems won’t go away by ignoring the IRS. Things will only get worse. Seek help to work out your tax problems NOW. You may have more choices than you think.

Resources
www.louisianalawhelp.org
• Learn your rights about basic legal issues
• Get free information and resources on many topics including taxes, family, housing, government benefits, and employment
• Find courts, lawyers, and free legal aid programs

Southeast Louisiana Legal Services
• The Clinic can help anyone statewide.
• Provides free civil legal aid to low income people.
  All services are free.
• We have offices in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Hammond, Houma, Covington, and Harvey.
• Visit our website at www.slls.org