

# Tax Legal Assistance Project

# Legal Services of New Jersey



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## HOW CAN TLAP HELP?

LSNJ's TLAP assists low-income taxpayers at all levels of dispute with the IRS, including Appeals, Tax Court, and collection. TLAP may be able to help with:

- Tax liens, levies, and wage garnishment
- Child and dependent care tax credit
- Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
- Denied refund
- Innocent Spouse Relief
- Forms 1099 and 1099C
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
- Exemptions
- Cancellation of debt income
- Alimony/child support issues

**If you cannot speak English, we will provide an interpreter.**

## ABOUT LSNJ

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) coordinates New Jersey's statewide Legal Services system, providing free legal assistance in civil matters to people with limited income. If you have a legal problem and think that your income may qualify you to become a Legal Services client, call the LSNJLAW<sup>SM</sup> Hotline at 1-888-576-5529.

The LSNJLAW<sup>SM</sup> Hotline is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and accepts online applications 24/7.



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**Since 1966**



## **TAX LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT (TLAP)**

**Providing assistance and  
representation on tax matters**

## DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

**Have you received a letter from the IRS?** We can communicate with the IRS on your behalf.

**Has your refund been withheld to pay a debt of your spouse?** We can file a claim, so that you will get your share of the refund.

**Has your claim for the Earned Income Tax Credit been withheld?** We can contact the IRS for you and protect your future right to the EITC.

**Has the IRS threatened to garnish your wages or put a levy on your bank account?** We can contact the IRS about payment options, such as installment agreements or offers in compromise.

**Have you received an IRS notice that there is a "deficiency" in your taxes and that you have 90 days to file a petition?** We can help settle the matter or file a petition in Tax Court.

*TLAP does not generally prepare tax returns.*

*The tax project is not part of the Internal Revenue Service or the United States Tax Court.*

## WHAT IS TLAP?

The Tax Legal Assistance Project (TLAP) provides free legal assistance to low-income New Jersey taxpayers who need help with tax problems and controversies. When you get a notice from the IRS, it may be hard to understand or you may be afraid to deal with it on your own. The TLAP can give you advice, negotiate with the IRS on your behalf, or represent you in Tax Court. The TLAP also provides information about important tax issues through seminars, community outreach, publications, and its client website, [www.lsnjlaw.org](http://www.lsnjlaw.org).

## OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

LSNJ's legal information website, [www.LSNJLAW.org](http://www.LSNJLAW.org), includes articles, videos, publications, court forms, podcasts, and a range of community resources for low-income New Jerseyans.

