

From investigation to appeal: AAA-CPA is going to court – and you will win!

The American Academy of Attorney-CPAs is going to federal court. On the morning of Wednesday, July 5, 2017, we will look behind-the-scenes at the processing of a federal criminal tax prosecution from investigation through appeal.

At U.S. District Court

We will meet with a special agent of the IRS and an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) to review their considerations in bringing a case before a federal grand jury. In the grand jury room, we'll review with the AUSA (and others) the procedures in securing a true bill of indictment, and how the US Marshal secures the (now) Defendant for his or her arraignment.

A U.S. magistrate judge will outline the arraignment procedures with us, and Pre-trial Services will discuss their various roles and responsibilities.

At the U.S. Court of Appeals

Then, on the afternoon of July 5th, we'll be treated to a unique visit to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which is headquartered in Cincinnati. Assuming something went wrong at trial, our group will learn from those in the know how to appeal your case, and most importantly, how to maximize your chances for success once there.

Law clerks, bailiffs, and other Court personnel will address proper preparation and courtroom procedure, tips for success, and other items of interest.

Courtroom Etiquette

Please remember we are visiting courts of law. Business attire is appropriate. Please silence your cell phones while inside the courthouse.

The “Takeaway”

An interesting day, but more than this, a once-in-a-lifetime, private, in-depth tour of both federal courts. These interactions, along with previous federal criminal trial lectures at prior AAA-CPA meetings, will prepare you, or sharpen your skills, for a federal criminal tax matter.