

Tom O'Saben, EA

NATP Director of Tax Content and Government Relations

About

Tom O'Saben (he/him) joined NATP in June 2022 and has a long history of working in the tax preparation industry. O'Saben was an instructor for the University of Illinois Tax School from 2005 to 2019, when he joined the Tax School team full-time as an assistant director. He was also an instructor and training specialist for NATP developing curriculum, writing textbooks and instructing at national as well as state chapter tax education events.

O'Saben has been preparing tax returns since 1991 in Maryville, Illinois. His favorite part of tax law is small business and rental activities.

O'Saben earned his bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville and is pursuing a master's degree in adult education. He currently splits time living in Champaign and Glen Carbon, Illinois, with his CPA wife Joan and five-year-old Goldendoodle Ellie.

As the director of tax content and government relations, O'Saben has three objectives for which he is responsible: content, research and legislative outreach. These responsibilities include NATP's educational content, publications, and making certain the voices of tax professionals and taxpayers are heard when legislation is proposed at the federal level.

Expertise

Tax law interpretation and its application, breaking tax law news, government relations, tax content development, taxpayer issues, tax preparer regulation, tax software, tax planning, estate planning, tax forms, tax brackets and U.S. tax preparation.

Additional expertise

- Venmo, PayPal, etc., income taxation (Form 1099-K reporting)
- What to expect from a tax professional
- Ideas to reduce tax liability before April 15
- Businesses vs. hobbies
- What workers in the gig economy need to do
- The continuing saga of digital asset reporting
- Moving toward online contact tools with the IRS
- Cyber security for taxpayers as well as tax professionals
- Tax issues for Baby Boomers
- How to get organized to file your tax returns (or help your professional do their best)
- Tax preparation, law and application
- Credits, deductions, acts
- Breaking tax law news
- Retirement taxation
- Taxpayer issues
- Tax preparer regulation

- Tax planning
- Tax forms and brackets
- Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) compliance

Designations/awards

O'Saben holds his enrolled agent designation and has since 1994.

Past interviews (video)

- <https://finance.yahoo.com/video/modernizing-irs-free-employees-expert-151644383.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wENnqPjJzfg>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0h7yaKdsUM>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlnmzHnoEPI&t=605s>
- <https://www.facebook.com/100064506201861/videos/689255462393148>
- <https://www.facebook.com/100064506201861/videos/600212274808831>

Past interviews (written)

- <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/personalfinance/punishing-everyday-americans-ted-cruz-blasts-the-irs-over-proposed-tip-reporting-program-here-s-what-it-could-mean-for-you/ar-AA19IFS1>
- <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/02/13/success/taxes-special-state-payments-federal-return-irs>
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesbusinessdevelopmentcouncil/2023/11/28/startup-accounting-to-go-it-alone-or-hire-a-professional/?sh=770745072085>
- <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/lost-thousands-of-dollars-of-refunds-why-it-pays-to-file-your-taxes-even-if-theyre-late-155511464.html>
- <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/tax-expert-dont-push-it-get-a-tax-extension-instead--heres-how-152753569.html>
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/ambergray-fenner/2023/02/06/are-state-tax-payments-federally-taxable-it-depends/?sh=754833766c1f>
- <https://finance.yahoo.com/m/536bf247-2537-31a5-8f98-06a6a8b7c3d5/4-lucrative-tax-deductions.html>
- <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/news/natp-fee-study-shows-tax-becoming-a-graying-industry-director-says/>
- <https://www.accountingtoday.com/news/a-better-tax-season-for-just-about-everyone>

Availability

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