

The Federal Trade Commission presents...

# TEXAS FORUM on TAX IDENTITY THEFT



**Wednesday, January 15**

**10:00 Welcome**

- **Dama J. Brown, Regional Director, Southwest Region**  
Federal Trade Commission

**10:10 Opening Remarks**

- **William Beckham, Special Agent**  
Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation

**10:40 Consumer Experience**

- **Marcella Atkinson, Consumer**

**10:45 Moderated Panel**

**Moderator**

- **Anne LeJeune, Attorney**  
Federal Trade Commission

**Panelists**

- **Brandon N. McCarthy, Assistant United States Attorney**  
U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas
- **William Roberts**  
IRS Local Taxpayer Advocate - Dallas
- **Tina Sanchez**  
IRS Case Advocate
- **Richard Santiesteban, Sergeant**  
Dallas Police Department – Financial Crimes Unit
- **Mary Spector, Associate Professor of Law**  
SMU Dedman School of Law

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**Dama J. Brown** is currently the Director of the Federal Trade Commission's Southwestern Region. She joined the FTC as a staff attorney in 2006, after spending ten years in private practice. At the FTC, she has managed a variety of consumer protection matters, including actions against bogus mortgage assistance relief providers, abusive debt collectors, telemarketing fraudsters, and other law violators.

**William Beckham** is a Special Agent with IRS CI in the Dallas Field Office. He currently serves as an ID Theft Coordinator out of the Fort Worth office. In this endeavor, he works with another coordinator on giving educational presentations throughout the year, tracks the leads which come in directly to the field office, tracks the progression of field office ID theft cases, assists on seizure projects for ID theft related monies which are still available for forfeiture, and investigates ID theft crimes. Mr. Beckham became a Special Agent in June 2000. He began his career with the IRS 27 years ago as a Revenue Officer and he remained in that position until 2000 when he transferred to his current position with IRS-CI. He obtained his degree in Business Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

**Anne LeJeune** is an attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's Southwest Region in Dallas since joining the FTC in January 2008. She has served as lead counsel on consumer protection cases involving debt collection, work at home job opportunities, and credit repair.

**Brandon N. McCarthy** has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, since 2007, and is currently in the organized crime section that prosecutes ID theft rings. He serves as the Chair of the Texas AG's ID Theft Task Force. He first practiced with Jones Day, then moved to the Dallas District Attorney's office where he was a Chief Prosecutor. He received his law degree from SMU Law School and his undergraduate degree from Vanderbilt University.

**William Roberts** is an IRS Local Taxpayer Advocate in Dallas. Bill has 23 years of IRS experience and earned an MBA from Augusta State University. Much of his IRS career has been spent working in the Small Business/Self-Employed division of the IRS but he recently moved to the Taxpayer Advocacy Service.

**Tina Sanchez** is an IRS Case Advocate. Tina has over 22 years with the IRS. Her tax law background has served her well while working in various areas of IRS Customer Service. Tina has been advocating and resolving ID Theft issues for over 12 years.

**Richard Santiesteban** is a Sergeant in the Financial Crimes Unit of the Dallas Police Department, which prosecutes identity theft cases involving the "Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information" under Section 32.51 of the Texas Penal Code. Sgt. Santiesteban has also been an active member of the National Latino Peace Officers Association.

**Mary Spector** is an associate professor of law and co-director of the SMU Dedman School of Law Civil Clinic. Professor Spector teaches Consumer Law and also directs the SMU Consumer Advocacy Project. She is an Associate of SMU's Tower Center for Political Studies and a regular speaker on topics related to consumer credit, debt collection and credit reporting. In September 2012, she testified before Congress at a hearing on credit reporting held by the House Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit. Currently she is working on a credit reporting accuracy project in collaboration with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in Dallas.