



INFORMING THE TAX POLICY DEBATE

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THE DONALD C. LUBICK SYMPOSIUM SERIES

The Tax Policy Center established the Donald C. Lubick Symposium Series in 2016 to honor Don's extraordinary record in promoting tax policy founded on the principles of efficiency, equity, and simplicity. Donations support an annual public event to be held every spring that addresses key current issues in tax policy and tax administration. The symposium series engages policymakers, senior officials, scholars, and the press in analysis and discussions at the frontier of tax policy. The Tax Policy Center places a premium on these opportunities for clear and engaging conversations on current and emerging policy issues.

This year, the symposium will focus on the tax administration challenges of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Tax administration experts, economists, and practitioners will address questions such as: What complexities does the new law create for tax administration and compliance? What guidance from the Treasury Department needs to be prioritized to provide certainty to taxpayers? How will the new pass-through provisions affect taxpayer behavior and limit opportunities to minimize tax liability?

ABOUT DONALD C. LUBICK

Donald C. Lubick served every Democratic president from Kennedy through Obama. He was the US Treasury's Tax Legislative Counsel in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations; Deputy Assistant Secretary and then Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy in the Carter Administration; and Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy in the Clinton Administration. He directed Treasury's Tax Advisory Program for Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union from 1994-1996, and served on President Obama's Transition Team in 2008.

Throughout his career, Don has dedicated himself to promoting the cause of better tax policy. He epitomizes selfless public service and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues in the Treasury and White House, as well as from political leaders in both parties, government leaders abroad, and the broader tax policy community.

For his service, Don received Treasury's Exceptional Service Award in 1964, the Alexander Hamilton Award in 1980, and the Treasury Medal in 1999 "for his unselfish dedication to public service spanning four decades."

He also served on the International Monetary Fund's expert panel on fiscal affairs and was a Senior Fellow with Harvard Law School's International Tax Program. In those roles, Don participated in tax reform missions in Eastern Europe, the Dominican Republic and elsewhere, and co-authored *Basic World Tax Code and Commentary*, a template for tax reformers around the world. He chaired a Tax Reform Committee for the City of Buffalo, and served on the Advisory

Committee on Reform of the Election Laws for the New York State Legislature and the Advisory Group to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, and as a member of the American Law Institute. He also chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Domestic Relation-Tax Problems.

Don is a graduate of the University of Buffalo (summa cum laude) and Harvard Law School (magna cum laude) and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was one of the first Teaching Fellows at Harvard Law School, and subsequently taught at the law schools of The University of Buffalo and American University. Prior to attending Harvard, he served in the US Army Air Force.

Between service under Carter and Clinton, Don was a Managing Partner with the Buffalo-based law firm of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear, to which he returned after each of his government positions. Don and his wife Susan, have three children, Jonathan, Caroline, and Lisa and nine grandchildren (one deceased).

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