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## Panelists

**John Buckley**, Professor, Georgetown Law School. Buckley served as chief Democratic tax counsel for the Ways and Means Committee since 1995, has spent nearly 4 decades on the Hill participating in the development of federal tax legislation. He began his career as associate counsel in the Office of the House Legislative Counsel after earning his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1973. He would go on to participate in the crafting of all major tax legislation enacted after 1974.

In 1994, he briefly served as Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation before moving to the Ways and Means Committee.

Buckley served as an adjunct professor at the Law Center from 1995 to 2005, teaching a seminar on recent tax legislative developments with U.S. Tax Court Chief Judge John O. Colvin. He has published articles on general tax policy, individual tax issues, international tax issues, and estate and gift taxes. His appearances have included the Woodworth Lecture before the Tax Section of the American Bar Association on "Tax Changes Since Woodworth's Time: Implications for Future Tax Reform".

**Harley T. Duncan**, Managing Director, KPMG LLP. Mr. Duncan's primary responsibilities at KPMG include improving relationships with state taxing authorities, assisting clients in working with state tax agencies, keeping clients and firm members abreast of current developments and aiding the firm's resource network.

Prior to moving to KPMG in July 2008, Mr. Duncan spent the previous 20 years as Executive Director of the Federation of Tax Administrators, the association representing the principal state revenue collection agencies in each of the 50 states, D.C., and New York City. He also served five years as Secretary of the Kansas Department of Revenue. Prior to that, he was the Assistant Director of the Kansas Division of the Budget. He has held positions with South Dakota state government, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the National Governors' Association. Mr. Duncan received New York University's Outstanding Achievement in State and Local Taxation Award in December 2006 and was awarded the IRS Commissioner's Award in June 2008. He was cited as "The Most Influential Person on the Planet in State and Local Tax" by State Tax Notes in 2008.

Mr. Duncan is the author and co-author of a number of articles and papers on state and local taxation and public budgeting. He has recently published several articles on VAT and the coordination of a VAT with state and local sales taxes. His most recent work includes a paper developed for the American Tax Policy Institute on “Administrative Issues from the Adoption of a Federal VAT in Addition to Existing Federal and State Taxes” and a study entitled “Administration of State and Local Taxes on the Sale and Distribution of Beer” for the National Beer Wholesalers Association. He is a frequent speaker at state and local tax conferences and meetings.

**Howard Gleckman**, Resident Fellow, Urban Institute and editor of TaxVox. He is author of “Caring for Our Parents,” (St. Martin’s Press), a book on how we deliver and finance long-term care to seniors and adults with disabilities. He was formerly senior correspondent in the Washington bureau of Business Week, a Media Fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation, and a Visiting Fellow at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

**Kim Rueben**, Senior Fellow, Urban Institute. Rueben currently directs the state and local program of the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center (TPC), where she is a Senior Fellow. Dr. Rueben is an expert on state and local public finance and the economics of education. Her research examines state and local tax policy, fiscal institutions, and issues of education finance and teacher labor markets. In addition to her position at TPC, Dr. Rueben is an adjunct fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) and a member of the Strategic Planning Group of the Center for the Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER).

Prior to joining the Urban Institute Dr. Rueben was a research fellow at the PPIC. She has served as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown Public Policy Institute and the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley, a visiting scholar at the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, and a member of the executive board of the American Education Finance Association. Dr. Rueben received a B.Sc. in Applied Math-Economics from Brown University, an M.Sc. in economics from the London School of Economics, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.).

**Frank Shafroth**, Assistant Professor and the Director of the Center for State and Local Leadership at George Mason University. He serves as an Adjunct at George Washington University, and as the Director of Federal Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations at the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. He has previously served in senior staff and committee positions in both the U.S. Senate and House, as well as the Director of Policy and Federal Relations at the National Governors Association and the National League of Cities.