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Key Figure in "Tea Party Scandal" Retires

Lois Lerner – the head of the IRS EO division who has been at the **forefront of the "Tea Party scandal"** – has officially retired, effective immediately. Lerner had pleaded the Fifth back in May before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and was also accused of using her personal e-mail account for official IRS business. And, at the suggestion of the IRS Oversight Board, TIGTA conducted an audit to determine if the IRS is effectively enforcing and applying penalties to tax practitioners as required by IRC §6694. In its subsequent report issued September 9, TIGTA told the IRS it **needs to do a better job of policing paid tax return preparers**.

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TAX HEADLINES

→ Will Lois Lerner Get a Gold Watch?

And another one bites the dust. The IRS announced that Lois Lerner, the embattled head of the IRS Exempt Organizations division, has officially retired. The retirement is effective immediately.



→ IRS to Crack Down on Tax Return Preparers

The TIGTA says the IRS has to do a better job of policing paid tax return preparers. And the IRS – which has been under fire on numerous other fronts – agrees with this assessment.



→ Bloomberg BNA Projects 2014 Inflation-Adjusted Tax Rates

Bloomberg BNA last week released its projected US inflation-adjusted tax rates for 2014, which include many new amounts pertaining to the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 and the Affordable Care Act.



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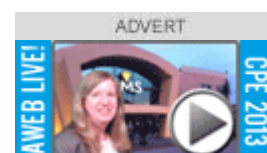
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