

# Kansas Legal Services

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## How the KLS Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) Helps With Tax Disputes

The Taxgirl podcast is a series of conversations about taxes, money, and the choices we make. Because paying taxes is painful, but hearing about them shouldn't be. Here's the link to the latest Taxgirl podcast that features the KLS Director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic in Kansas, William Schmidt:

### Listen here.

All taxpayers deserve quality taxpayer support and representation. While this can be costly if a private attorney is hired, there are other options for low income taxpayers. The IRS funds clinics for low income taxpayers who want to settle problems with the IRS.

Many taxpayers who stumble upon a tax dispute are unaware of the assistance out there. In this week's podcast, Kelly Phillips Erb, the Taxgirl, talks about options for taxpayer help. LITCs, also known as Low Income Taxpayer Clinics, are independent organizations in place to help taxpayers in need fight their disputes.

### **Educating Taxpayers on LITC**

Kelly invited William Schmidt, LITC Director for the state of Kansas through Kansas Legal Services, to better explain the ins and outs of LITC and taxpayer assistance programs.

William has also coauthored a chapter for the American Bar Association on preparing clients for IRS disputes. In addition, William has a podcast *Tax Justice Warriors*. Kelly and William share how the public can find and benefit from tax assistance.

### **Listen to Kelly and William talk about:**

- How William found his way to LITCs
- LITCs affiliations
- Three types of Taxpayer Clinics
- Legal aid preparation problems

- Type of cases William handles
- Real estate tax concerns
- How clinics balance cases
- Poverty levels and funding
- Number of taxpayers helped per year
- Outreach and education to the public
- Tax mistakes and resolutions
- Virtual settlements
- Case and trial expectations

### **More About Kelly Phillips Erb:**

Kelly is the creator and host of the new Taxgirl podcast series. Kelly is a practicing tax attorney with considerable experience and knowledge. She works with taxpayers like you every day. One of the things that she does is help folks out of tax jams, and hopefully, keep others from getting into them.

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