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Olson to retire as National Taxpayer Advocate

Nina Olson today announced that after 18 years, she will be retiring from the position of National Taxpayer Advocate on July 31, 2019.

Read Olson's [blog message](#) announcing her retirement. Olson stated that before her retirement date, she will focus on projects including:

- Publishing new IRM chapters on taxpayer assistance orders and taxpayer advocate directives
- Finalizing a regulation governing the operations of low income taxpayer clinics
- Regaining the ability to hire attorney-advisors
- Developing an automated economic hardship risk indicator
- Developing mandatory employee training on the Taxpayer Bill of Rights
- Developing guidance and training regarding the identification and public disclosure of Program Manager Technical Advice (PMTA) memoranda
- Designing rights-based notices of deficiency, collection due process hearing notices, and math error notices

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