

Prof Eric Zolt

Eric Zolt has been a professor at UCLA School of Law since 1985. Before joining UCLA, he was a partner in the Chicago law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, where he specialized in individual and corporate tax matters. Before practicing law, Professor Zolt was on the research staff of the Center for Policy Alternatives, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received his B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (1974) and a J.D. (1978) and M.B.A. (1975) from the University of Chicago.

Professor Zolt teaches Introduction to Federal Income Taxation, Taxation of Corporations & Shareholders, Taxation of International Transactions, Elements of Economic Organization (jointly offered with UCLA's business school), and seminars on Taxation and Development, Comparative Tax Policy, and Transition to Market Economy.

Professor Zolt received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award in just his fourth year of teaching. He has also received the Law School's Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching (1997). Professor Zolt has been twice elected by the graduating class as Professor of the Year.

Professor Zolt has been a visiting professor at Yale Law School (Fall 1997, Fall 1999, and Fall 2005) as a Jacquin D. Bierman Visiting Professor of Taxation, at Harvard Law School (Fall 2000 through Fall 2002, Spring 2008) as a John Harvey Gregory Lecturer on World Organizations and William K. Jacobs, Jr. Visiting Professor of Law, and at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law (Fall 2007) as a Distinguished Visiting Professor. Professor Zolt also served as the Director of Harvard Law School's International Tax Program from June 2000 through June 2003.

While on leave from UCLA, he served in the U.S. Department of the Treasury from 1989 through 1992. Professor Zolt served first as Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel in the Office of Tax Policy. He was a co-director of Treasury's Report on the *Integration of Individual and Corporate Tax Systems: Taxing Business Income Once (1992)*. In 1991, Professor Zolt founded and served as the Director of Treasury's Tax Advisory Program for Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union. Based at the U.S. Mission to the OECD in Paris, this program provided technical assistance to countries reforming their tax systems to be more compatible with a market economy.

Professor Zolt continues to serve as a consultant to the Treasury Department, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. In the last 20 years, he has provided tax policy advice in over 30 countries.

In 2002, Professor Zolt co-founded and served as the first Chair of the Executive Committee of the Southern African Tax Institute (predecessor of the African Tax Institute) at the University of Pretoria. He continues to serve on the African Tax Institute's Advisory Board. (September 2009)