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Ruth Marcus is deputy editorial page editor/columnist for the Washington Post and is a contributor for MSNBC and NBC News. Marcus has covered the White House, the U.S. Supreme Court, the DOJ, and campaign finance issues. She previously served as deputy national editor, supervising reporters who covered money and politics in Congress and other national issues. Marcus joined the Washington Post's editorial board in 2003 and began writing a regular column in 2006. She is currently writing a book for Simon & Schuster about Justice Kavanaugh and the confirmation process.

PANEL 1: TACKLING TAX CUTS & JOBS ACT PLUS EXTENDERS

MODERATED BY: PROFESSOR ABRAMOWITZ



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Tony Coughlan works in KPMG's Washington National Tax Office in the Tax Credit and Energy Advisory Services group. He previously served Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-UT) on Hatch's Finance Committee staff as senior tax counsel, including during the passage of the TCJA in 2017. Previously, Coughlan was a tax director for Oracle, a multinational computer technology corporation in California. Coughlan earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and his LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.



Nicole M. Elliott
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Nicole M. Elliott is a tax attorney in Holland & Knight's Public Policy & Regulation Group. Previously, Elliott was a U.S. Treasury Executive and member of the senior executive team with the Internal Revenue Service acting as Senior Advisor to Commissioner John A. Koskinen. Prior to her work with the IRS, Elliott was a tax litigator for the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division. Elliott earned her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.



Adam M. Katz
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Adam M. Katz assists both U.S. and foreign-based multinationals with corporate international tax planning and transfer pricing. Katz also coordinates related international taxation policy. His work includes global tax planning, corporate structuring, and tax controversy and dispute resolution matters in the cross-border context. Katz earned his J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law and his LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.



Amy K. Matsui
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Amy K. Matsui works on a broad range of economic issues affecting low- and moderate-income women and families, with special emphasis on federal and state tax policy. Prior to joining the Center, Matsui was an associate at Farella Braun + Martel LLP, in San Francisco, CA. She also served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King, then-Chief Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Matsui earned her J.D. from Stanford Law School.

PANEL 2: OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS BY CONGRESS

MODERATED BY: PROFESSOR LUBBERS



Jeffrey Lubbers
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Karen E. Christian is a Partner in the congressional investigations practice at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. Christian spent nearly 13 years conducting and overseeing congressional investigations while serving as general counsel for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and chief counsel to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. She earned her J.D. from the Ohio State University College of Law.

Lauren Dudley previously served as counsel for the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and prior to that as Legislative Counsel for Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) handling transportation, infrastructure, water, environment, economic development and emergency management issues. Dudley earned her J.D. and LL.M. in Law and Government from the American University Washington College of Law.

Paul J. Nagle previously served as Chief Counsel for the House Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee. Nagle led the Committee's important oversight and legislative activity with regards to the CPSC, FTC, and NHTSA. Additionally, he served as Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation. He earned his J.D. from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

DeLisa L. Ragsdale has served Chairman Grassley (R-IA) as Chief Investigative Counsel, during his time as Chair of both the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Ragsdale has led both Oversight & Investigations Units, including during the confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh. Prior working on Capitol Hill, she practiced law at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. Ragsdale earned her J.D. from Yale Law School.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Jamie Raskin
U.S. Representative
(D-MD 8th District)

Congressman Jamie Raskin now represents Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Rep. Raskin is a returning Member of the House Judiciary Committee, the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the Committee on House Administration. He is a new Member of the House Committee on Rules. Rep. Raskin is also Vice Chair of the House Administration Committee, Chairman of the Oversight Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Vice Chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution. Rep. Raskin is the Caucus Leadership Representative for the 116th Congress. He was also appointed to serve as a Senior Whip for the 116th Congress. Prior to his time in Congress, Rep. Raskin was a three-term State Senator in Maryland, where he served as the State Senate Majority Whip.

Prior to politics, Rep. Raskin was the founding faculty adviser for the American University Legislation and Policy Brief, and co-founded the American University Washington College of Law's Program on Law and Government. Congressman Raskin earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

**Cocktail reception to follow,
Warren Building, Terrace Level**