



On The Inside

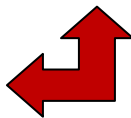
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What's New?

Win a Washington Institute Mug!
Register to Join the Forum and Win!

Washington Institute for Graduate studies is excited about our new [Forum](#)! It was specifically designed to offer students a more classroom-like feeling, enabling them to interact with each other and instructors on any relevant issue. We want to encourage all our students, faculty, and alumni to register for the [Forum](#) and begin taking advantage of this great new website feature! To help encourage everyone to get registered, we're giving away a FREE Washington Institute for Graduate Studies' steel, thermal mug!



Once a week, every week, during the month of May, we'll put the names of that week's registrants in to a drawing and the first name pulled out of the hat wins the mug!

But it's not just about the mug... The real prize is the benefit of interacting with each other on a more personal level. We're sure once you're registered you'll find the [Forum](#) useful, and fun too! Please contact the [Forum Administrator](#) or the school if you experience any problems or have questions.

See you on the 'Boards!

Feedback — The Recession

How long do you think the recession will last? Economists differ about just how long the recession will last. Some say that the recession officially began in December 2007 and will last two years. Certain financiers claim we're in a full blown depression. The Federal Reserve says that the economy will recover during the second half of 2009. Still others are comparing the economy to remodeling a home: it isn't necessarily a recession, perhaps an economic adjustment or correction? Just like when remodeling your home, with the walls open for rewiring and re-plumbing, it takes time for things to look better. A tough economy motivates businesses to find new ways to work more efficiently.

When do you think the recession will end?

Click [here](#) to send your opinion and we'll tabulate the responses and post your comments in our next issue of *On The Inside*

Remember: Refer a Friend Get a **FREE** course!

That's right! Washington Institute for Graduate Studies is grateful to students and alumni who refer friends, family, and colleagues! To show our appreciation, we'd like to offer any student or an alumnus, who refers a friend, the opportunity to order any one course, absolutely **FREE!**

Use your course for additional CPE/ CLE credit, AND help a loved one on their path to success! It's a Win/Win situation!

Contact the school at 866-446-4336 for more information!

Happy Birthday - MAY!

Robert Greco	05-02
Keevil Miller	05-04
Guy Agbor	05-08
William Emmer	05-08
Joseph Galante	05-10
Pearl Solomon	05-10
Nedra Quick	05-10
Stasha Shepherd	05-11
Mark Wright	05-15
Daniel Choi	05-15
Donald Bierman	05-17
Robert Germani	05-17
Richard Shevak	05-18
James Douglas	05-18
Skaria Abraham	05-19
Roy Slack	05-19
Alexander Domb	05-20
Jennifer Jones	05-22
Bruce Carri	05-22
Charlene Thomas	05-23
Janice Case	05-24
Mildred Mayrant	05-24
Edward Casoria, Jr.	05-26
Bruce England	05-29
Kazushi Kimura	05-30
Robert Crotty	05-31

Spotlight...

Washington Institute for Graduate Studies' spotlights some of our amazing students, staff members or faculty. It's a great way to get to know the people who make this institution the success that it is.

Janice Case – Graduate

Janice Case is a busy woman. She is wife to Steven and mother to Jeremy - who is getting ready to celebrate his 1st birthday in May! Janice is also an accomplished student, and a career woman. She currently serves as a Trust Officer, focusing on charitable estate and tax planning for a non-profit church organization.

Janice attended California State University, San Bernardino where she earned her B.A. in Liberal Studies and Certificates in Paralegal Studies, and Creative Writing. She earned her J.D. from La Salle University, a Doctor of Naturopathy from Clayton College of Natural Health, and her M.S./Psy.D in Psychology from California Coast University. She holds a California Real Estate Sales license, and a California Professional Fiduciary license. She is also a Registered Naturopath in the District of Columbia and she is a Chartered Trust and Estate Planner and Master Financial Professional (American Academy of Financial Management). At some point during all this study, she also found time to obtain her LL.M. from Washington Institute for Graduate Studies.



Steven, Janice and Jeremy Sawyer Case

Janice speaks of her experience at Washington Institute with fondness: "It is such a privilege to be part of the Washington School of Law/Washington Institute for Graduate Studies Alumni." She notes that among her legal and taxation peers "Washington Institute has an excellent reputation." Janice believes that her education from Washington Institute has helped her to achieve her personal goals to be a better Trust Officer for the organization she currently works for, and has afforded her the opportunity to offer general education seminars relating to charitable gift planning and tax ramifications.

Janice calls herself "the happiest graduate" and we couldn't be happier to have a part in her amazing educational and personal journey.

Robert Hanson – President

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Washington Institute for Graduate Studies is excited for this opportunity to tell our students, faculty, and alumni more about our President!

Robert "Bob" Hanson became president of Washington Institute for Graduate Studies in March 2008. He brings with him over 24 years of business and management experience, and has developed a particular expertise in enhancing systems, structures and strategies to improve business outcomes in both mid-sized and large organizations.

Prior to his arrival at Washington Institute for Graduate Studies, Bob worked with DCH Health System in Alabama and also Ohio State University's James Cancer Hospital and their respective multi-million dollar capital campaigns. Bob also worked with some of the most progressive United Ways across the country, as well as various Arts Councils, and other health and human service organizations. Additionally, he has served on a variety of non-profit boards.

Bob earned his B.B.A in Business/Finance from NC Central University, and his M.B.A from the University of New Haven. He served honorably with the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division, spending 3 years jumping out of planes with his unit, and also served an honorable mission for the LDS Church.

Bob has been married to his sweetheart, Terri for over 20 years and they have four children – two sets of twins!!

On paper, Bob Hanson is clearly an accomplished businessman. However, Bob also has qualities that aren't typically listed in a short, professional biography, and anyone who knows him can attest to his other amazing talents: Bob is always cheerful, and optimistic. He is highly creative. Bob recognizes talents and skills in others that they didn't know they had and encourages their development. He is affable, patient, generous, and thoughtful.

What more is there to say? Bob Hanson is a cool guy.

Three grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

~Joseph Addison

News Around the World

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European Parliament Call For Tax Havens To Be Abolished

by Ulrika Lomas, Tax-News.com, Brussels
April 28, 2009

Members of the European Parliament have called on the Group of 20 nations to agree on coordinated and concrete action to 'close down all tax and regulatory havens' and shut onshore tax and regulatory loopholes which, they argue, permit 'widespread tax avoidance' in major financial centers.

Dubai In Recovery Mode, Not Crisis Mode: DIFC Head

by Lorys Charalambous, Tax-News.com, Cyprus
April 28, 2009

The government's stimulus programme has helped the emirate economy grow by an estimated 1% in the first quarter of 2009, said Dr. Omar Bin Sulaiman, Governor of the DIFC and Vice Chairman of UAE Central Bank. In comments to the British Business Group Forum in Dubai on Tuesday, he also said that the psychological impact of the global financial crisis had become as much of an issue as the financial impact.

EU Seeks To Develop Trade With Africa

by Ulrika Lomas, Tax-News.com, Brussels
April 28, 2009

EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton called for a continued push on trade facilitation to help developing countries, especially in Africa, reap the benefits of global trade.

Tax Teams Escape The Worst Of The Recession

by Jason Gorringer, Tax-News.com, London
April 24, 2009

Tax professionals are confident about their job security, according to GRS, a UK specialist tax recruitment firm.

Student Store

Don't forget to check out all the great items available to our Students and Alumni at www.wstax.org in the Store!



Polo-style Cotton Shirts are \$30.00 each (plus applicable tax) **and are available in sizes SM - XXL**

The BEST part of waking up is Washington Institute for Graduate Studies ON your cup!

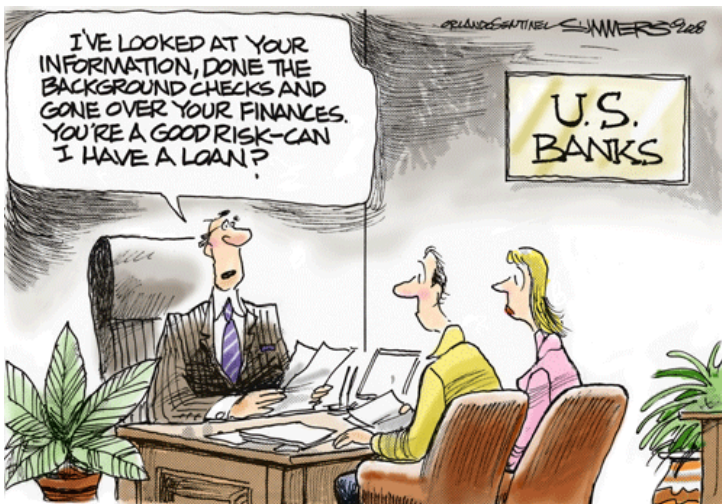
Stainless Steel, thermal Travel Mugs are available for immediate delivery for only \$8.00 each (plus applicable tax)



Don't forget: Check out the Alumni Rings from Jostens!

Over Taxed...

When the Only Thing Left To Do Is Laugh



When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ball-point pens would not work in zero gravity.

To combat this problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion developing a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 300° C.

The Russians use a pencil.

Why is it that when the IRS loses a tax return, it is considered a mistake, but when you lose a receipt, it is considered tax evasion?

People often say death and taxes are the same, but they are wrong. Death is a taxable event, but taxes never die.