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Professor William H. Byrnes IV is “one of the leading authors and best-selling authors in the professional markets”, according to Richard Kravitz, formerly VP of Professional Publishing of National Underwriter, with 30 books that have sold in excess of 120,000 copies in print and 2,000 online firm, corporate and government subscriptions. His media articles attract annually over 100,000 readers, appearing in the press and blogs (e.g. LifeHealthPro, ThinkAdvisor, Lexis Tax Community, Kluwer International Tax Blog, and International Financial Law Professor). He is quoted by financial media such as the Wall Street Journal and consumer media such as USA Today.

“One of America’s leading experts on the global battle against money laundering, Professor William Byrnes is the lead author of Money Laundering, Asset Forfeiture & Recovery, and Compliance – A Global Guide.” Ray Camiscioli, Esq., Director, Product Strategy & Development for Tax, Accounting and Estates/Elder Law, LexisNexis, Inc. Various presentations are available on slideshare.

His authorship is published by Lexis-Nexis, Wolters Kluwer, Thomson-Reuters, and National Underwriter. His publications are used by Big Law, the Big 4, U.S. government agencies, Tier 1 banks, life insurers, and foreign revenue departments. “The authors’ knowledge and experience in tax law and practice provides the expert guidance for National Underwriter to once again deliver a valuable resource for the financial advising community,” Richard Kravitz (Reuters, January 21, 2014).

Professor William Byrnes has written over 1,000 media and published articles. After peer review, the National Press Club (Washington, D.C.) voted to admit him as a journalist. In July 2014, he was further recognized when appointed the co-editor of the International Financial Professor Law Blog for the Law Professor Blogs Network. “In the field of international tax, Prof. William Byrnes is among LexisNexis’s best-selling authors and a leading authority in the fields of anti-money laundering and FATCA compliance.” Ray Camiscioli, Esq., Director, Product Strategy & Development for Tax, Accounting and Estates/Elder Law, LexisNexis, Inc.

After peer review, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) and the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA) selected him for the 2013-2018 Fulbright Specialist Roster for the areas of comparative law and for taxation. After peer review, India’s National Board of Accreditation bestowed its 2012 Education Leadership Award on Professor Byrnes, stating: “Professor William Byrnes’ leadership and contribution to the field of education is well known. ... The position that you occupy in the fraternity is strategic and iconic. As a thinker and doer you are a role model” (Dr. Edward Smith, Board Chair)

“... William Byrnes, who’s a leader in the online field...” (the National Jurist, March 2013). Professor William Byrnes pioneered online legal education twenty years ago, and created the first online LL.M. offered by an ABA accredited law school. He is a key founder of the Work

Group for Distance Education in Legal Education that published “Distance Learning in Legal Education: A Summary of Delivery Models, Regulatory Issues and Recommended Practices”. “Perhaps no one in legal academia has more experience with online master’s degrees than William Byrnes.” (The National Law Journal, May 20, 2013).

Professor William Byrnes is currently a member of the law faculty and an Associate Dean with Texas A&M’s law school. He was elected Chair of two AALS sections: Post Graduate Legal Education and Graduate Programs for Non-US Lawyers, and is currently serves as the Chair Elect of the Section on International Legal Exchange, and the Treasurer of Section of Graduate Programs for Non-US Lawyers.

As a tax attorney, William Byrnes served a Senior Position of international tax with Coopers & Lybrand, and consulted in Southern Africa, Western Europe, South East Asia, the Indian sub-continent, and the Caribbean. He has been consulted by a number of governments on tax policy and on distance education, and is each year invited around the world to speak and teach at professional/trade associations, government departments, large financial institutions and universities.

William Byrnes pioneered online legal education in 1994, thereafter creating the first online LL.M. offered by an ABA accredited law school. He is a key founding member of the Work Group for Distance Education in Legal Education that in 2013 published “Distance Learning in Legal Education: A Summary of Delivery Models, Regulatory Issues and Recommended Practices”. He has made hundreds of presentations and led dozens of training workshops in over 30 countries.

As the principal author of the 900-page 2003 study commissioned by the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office, “Economic and Socio-Economic Impact of the European Union Code of Conduct on Business Taxation and Tax Savings Directive Report”, he established a methodology for measuring socio-economic impact of financial services on SDICs. In 2013 he was government commissioned for a 200 page study on the economic and regulatory impact of the GATCA and FATCA. “Another area where Professor Byrnes is making a name for himself as a top authority is the federal tax law known as “FATCA”. The lead author of a 1-volume work released in May, 2013 – Lexis Guide to FATCA Compliance – the book is now in its second edition. One of the hottest topics in all of federal tax, “FATCA” took effect on July 1st ...” Ray Camiscioli, Esq., Director, Product Strategy & Development for Tax, Accounting and Estates/Elder Law, LexisNexis, Inc.

William Byrnes was appointed in 2010 as Head of Financial Advisory publications of National Underwriter and in 2012 to the Editorial Board of the Law Review of the Attorney General of the State of Minas Gerais (Brazil) [Revista Jurídica da Advocacia-Geral do Estado de Minas Gerais]. He created the approach of “Concept Mind-Maps” for Lexis-Nexis, employed on the Tax Law Center.

His past courses have included: Federal Tax, International Tax, International Business Transactions, Business Associations, Trusts & Estates, Financial Crimes, and Civilian Law.

1st vimeo video: Associate Dean William Byrnes' 15 minute presentation about distance learning to the 500 policy makers of India's National Board of Accreditation

<https://vimeo.com/39260008#t=3549> (starts from 1:00:00 until 1:15.00)

2nd vimeo video: William Byrnes' second 6 minute response presentation delivered in the afternoon to India's National Board of Accreditation policy congress in response of questions of the plenary about his approach to distance learning

<https://vimeo.com/39264336#t=4959> (starts from 1:22.30 until 1.28.30)