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Professor Danshera Cords joined the Capital University law faculty in 2002. Before coming to Capital, she served as an attorney-advisor to The Hon. Maurice B. Foley of the U.S. Tax Court in Washington, D.C. While obtaining her LL.M. in Taxation at the New York University School of Law, Professor Cords interned with the State and Local Tax Group at KPMG, LLP. She also served as graduate editor of NYU's *Journal of International Law and Politics*. Upon graduation from Seattle University School of Law, Professor Cords practiced law in Seattle, WA with the firm of Broihier & Wotipka in the areas of civil litigation, bankruptcy and transactions. She was an active member of the Washington State Bar Association, serving on both the Electronic Communications Committee and the Editorial Advisory Board, and was a volunteer tax preparer with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Professor Cords is admitted to practice in New York and Washington.

Professor Cords teaches Partnership Taxation, Corporate Taxation, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Tax Policy. Her research is in the area of federal taxation. She also directs Capital's Graduate Law Programs. In this role, she is able to use her extensive knowledge and expertise relating tax issues and tax practices to help students in the LL.M. and Master's in Tax programs develop a firm understanding of the issues surrounding tax practice.

Cords' recent articles, published in the *Brigham Young University Law Review*, the *University of Cincinnati Law Review*, the *Vermont Law Review* and the *St. Louis University Law Journal*, have focused on issues of procedural fairness and collection efficiency during the collection of tax debts. She is a frequent speaker at bar associations and ABA meetings across the country on the topic of collection due process and tax procedure.

In addition to her scholarship, Cords devotes a lot of time outside the classroom to helping students learn about tax law and practice. She advises the students and coordinates a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at the Law School. This is part of a nationwide program that the IRS sponsors to train volunteers to assist low-income and elderly taxpayers properly complete and file their tax returns. Student volunteers gain first-hand experience interviewing and counseling clients, as well as about the tax system and tax laws. Last year, the program prepared more than 100 income tax returns for elderly and low-income taxpayers.

Professor Cords also chairs the Capital University Faculty Senate, is vice president of the Central States Law Schools Association and is a member of the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education.

Cords is an active member of the ABA Tax Section. She participates in a number of ABA Tax Section committees. She also has served on several task forces which have provided

comments on proposed regulations, studied the effect of the Alternative Minimum Tax, and commented on proposed changes to the Tax Court Rules. She holds an LL.M. in Taxation from the New York University School of Law, a J.D., *magna cum laude* from the Seattle University School of Law and a B.A. from the University of Washington.