



AARO NEWS & VIEWS



Rejected – The Toth Petition for *Certiorari* Before the Supreme Court

As expected by many, the Supreme Court rejected the petition for review (certiorari) in the Toth case (US\$2.17 million civil penalty for failure to file FBARs). Hopefully, the Court will in the future hear a case on the constitutionality of such fines under the Eighth Amendment’s “excessive fines” clause, as a favorable decision would likely affect the application of excessive fines imposed on Americans abroad.

AARO will continue to closely follow this “excessive fines” issue and will inform you more fully in an upcoming AARO’s News and Views “serial killer fines” feature.

In the meantime, AARO asks its members with non-US bank accounts to please file all required information reports, especially FBARs and FACTA forms (8938), while we all advocate for change.



Sharing the Wealth

A Richer Way to Wealth™ Starts With Knowledge

The Estate Planning Seminar Video is Now Available!

AARO is pleased to announce that the video from the informative Estate Planning Seminar held on January 17, 2023, is now available to all members.

The video is accessible through the member-only section of the AARO website. Please remember to log in <https://www.aaro.org/login> using your username and password (disregard the secret key field).

Once you are logged in, click on the Member Event Videos then select the AARO Estate Planning Seminar video. If you have any issues accessing the video, please contact us at aaronews@aaro.org



A French Tax Seminar!

**AARO Invites you to an online Seminar on French Tax Filings -
Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30 pm (CET)**

This online seminar will address the aspects of filing French tax returns for Americans resident in France. The complexity of the French income tax system can cause concerns from the types of income that must be reported to the disclosure of accounts held abroad.

Who is liable to pay French taxes? How are taxes in France calculated? How to file your French tax forms online? What are the French declaration deadlines? These and your questions will be answered during the seminar.

Presenter: Benjamin Pik, Founder of Pik Consulting, US Certified Public Accountant, Expert-Comptable. Pik Consulting is an internationally certified public accounting firm dedicated to providing high-quality business and private tax services to English speakers.

Pik Consulting is a member of the Association of Chartered Accountants in France and in US. and of the Paris branch of the Auditors Association.

Date: Wednesday, February 15

Time: 17:30 – 18:30

Where: Via Zoom

Cost: 10€ AARO Members, 15€ non-members

A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.

[Register Today!](#)

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Every Citizen is a Voter

U.S. Vote Foundation Releases 2022 Midterm Post-Election Survey Report

Voters Report Lower Satisfaction While Motivation to Vote Remains High

The results of U.S. Vote Foundation's 2022 Midterm Election Voter Experience survey were released in late 2022 and show a continued and significant interest in voting and highlight how well voting processes have fared.

To see the Survey Report, [please click here](#).



YOUR VOICE AT THE IRS 

An Important Taxation Report Made to Congress

In its latest annual report to Congress, the National Taxpayer Advocate highlights extensive issues of overseas tax filers.

We thank National Taxpayer Advocate (NTA), Erin Collins, for this comprehensive Report. The NTA has identified, analyzed, and offered recommendations to assist the IRS and Congress in resolving the ten most serious problems encountered by taxpayers in 2022 here in the "[Most Serious Problems](#)" section of her report to Congress.

The NTA's entire report can be found here: [2022 Annual Report to Congress - Taxpayer Advocate Service \(irs.gov\)](#).



A 2022 Update on Tax and Financial Access Issues of Americans Abroad

The Democrats Abroad Taxation Task Force's produced a report titled "*Once Uncomfortable, Now Suffocating: A 2022 Update on Tax and Financial Access Issues of Americans Abroad*."

Based on survey results of nearly 7,000 Americans abroad, the report confirms that the tax discrimination and financial-access issues experienced by Americans abroad have gotten worse, imposing a substantial burden on Americans abroad.

To read the report, [please click here](#).

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