Biography

John L. Mikesell is in expert in governmental finance, specializing in sales and property tax policy and administration and public budgeting systems. He is author of Fiscal Administration, Analysis and Applications for the Public Sector, the standard public finance and budgeting textbook in graduate public affairs program, now in its ninth edition. Mikesell's work on government finance and taxation has appeared in journals such as Public Budgeting & Finance, Public Finance Quarterly, National Tax Journal, Public Administration Review, and Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management.

Mikesell has extensive international experience as a financial consultant and fiscal economist. He has worked with World Bank public budget system reform missions in the Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan. He has also worked on USAID intergovernmental fiscal restructuring projects in Ukraine and the Russian Federation, and assisted the People's Republic of China in developing a property tax. Since the 1970s, Mikesell has worked on the Indiana state revenue forecast and has worked on state tax revision studies in Indiana, Minnesota, New York, and Hawaii.

In 2002, Mikesell received the Wildavsky Award for Lifetime Scholarly Achievement in Public Budgeting and Finance from the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management.

Highlights

- Inaugural Recipient of (2015) John L. Mikesell Excellence Award, SPEA Student Choice Awards
- Editor-in-chief of Public Budgeting & Finance (1996-2011)
- Editorial board member of Public Budgeting & Finance, Public Finance and Management, Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management, and Business Systems and Economics (Vilnius)
- Chief of party and chief economist, Barents Group U.S. AID Fiscal Reform Project in Ukraine (1995) and resident director of intergovernmental fiscal reform program, Georgia State University U.S. Aid Fiscal Reform Project in Russian Federation (1998-1999)
- Revenue Forecast Technical Committee, Indiana State Budget Agency, since 1977