In the Matter of the Petition

of

STANLEY R. TUPPER

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State of New York County of Albany

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Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Stanley R. Tupper

(representative x 22) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Stanley R. Tupper
Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

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That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of the) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

January 25, 1977

Stanley R. Tupper
Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538

Dear Mr. Tupper:

Please take notice of the **DECISION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

ly yours,

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Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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STANLEY R. TUPPER

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Years 1970 and 1971. **DECISION**

Petitioner, Stanley R. Tupper, residing at Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1970 and 1971. (File No. 0014225).

A formal hearing was held before Julius E. Braun, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on September 15, 1976, at 1:15 P.M. Petitioner appeared by Simon Presant, Esq. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Arnold Dorman, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether petitioner was a nonresident partner in a New York law firm and thus subject to New York State income tax upon the distributive share of income received from the partnership.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On May 20, 1974, as the result of an audit, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, Stanley R. Tupper, imposing personal income taxes for the years 1970 and 1971 on the grounds that he was a partner in the New York law firm of Royall, Koegel and Wells. Accordingly, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency in the amount of \$7,255.08, plus penalty and interest of \$3,753.49 for a total of \$11,008.57.
- 2. On October 1, 1969, petitioner, Stanley R. Tupper, contracted with the law firm of Royall, Koegel and Wells, of New York, New York, for a partnership agreement for one year to September 30, 1970. He was to be one of their "non-proprietary" partners whose percentage for the period was 3.75%. He was guaranteed \$30,000.00 annually and contingent on actual cash distributions exceeding \$800,000.00, he would receive an additional 3.75% of such distributions in excess of \$800,000.00. His fees belonged to the firm. He was not liable for debts or losses of the firm. Any profits undistributed in the year were the exclusive property of the firm whose partners were known as "proprietary partners". These proprietary partners exclusively owned, acquired and provided the offices, library, furnishings and equipment as well as the business. Petitioner's name did not appear on the letterhead of the firm nor did he attend, or was he invited to attend partnership meetings.
- 3. Petitioner, Stanley R. Tupper, a former Congressman from Maine and a lawyer, was primarily a consultant and lobbyist for the firm of Royall, Koegel and Wells, representing various clients in Washington, D.C., where his office was located. He was so registered with the proper authorities.

4. During the period in issue, petitioner, Stanley R. Tupper, did not have any social security or taxes withheld from his income from the partnership firm. His Federal tax returns for the years 1970 and 1971 identified him as a partner and reflected his expenses incurred and deducted thereon. He computed social security self-employment tax from the partnership. The deductions for the years were as follows:

Deductions	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Medical	\$ 702.77	
Taxes	320.00	\$1,050.62
Contributions	107.00	65.00
Interest	4.92	2,068.88
Alimony	10,333.28	8,019.22
Miscellaneous	80.00	89.00

5. Petitioner, Stanley R. Tupper, cooperated with the Income Tax Bureau and acted in good faith.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That petitioner, Stanley R. Tupper, as a nonresident partner in a New York law firm during 1970 and 1971, was subject to New York State income tax upon the distributive share of the income received from Royall, Koegel and Wells, according to the meaning and intent of section 637(a) and 637(b) of the Tax Law.
- B. That petitioner Stanley R. Tupper, is permitted to elect to deduct his New York itemized deductions under section 635 in determining his New York taxable income, and there shall be attributed to him his distributive share of partnership items of deduction from Federal adjusted gross income which are deductible by him under subsection (c) or (d) of section 635, whichever is applicable according to the meaning and intent of section 637(a)(2) of the Tax Law.

C. That the petition of Stanley R. Tupper is granted to the extent that the penalty imposed pursuant to section 685(a) of the Tax Law for the years 1970 and 1971 is waived; that the income tax for the years 1970 and 1971 be modified to the extent as permitted by his election stated supra together with such interest as is legally due; that the Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the Notice of Deficiency issued May 20, 1974; and, that except as so granted the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York January 25, 1977

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMICCIONED