In the Matter of the Petition

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SIGMUND SCHATZ

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Brooklyn, New York

State of New York County of Albany

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m John\ Huhn}$, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the $_{
m 17th}$ day of $_{
m February}$, $_{
m 1978}$, the served the within Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Sigmund Schatz

XXEPTEMENTALIZEMENT the petitioner in the within proceeding,
by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows: Sigmund Schatz
119 State Street

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.

Sworn to before me this

17th day of February

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JAMES H. TULLY JR., PRESIDENT
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THOMAS H. LYNCH

STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

February 17, 1978

Sigmund Schatz 119 State Street Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Schatz:

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

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 Norths from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH CHYRTWATT HEADTING EXAMINER

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1970.

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Petitioner, Sigmund Schatz, residing at 119 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1970 (File No. 14831).

A small claims hearing was held before Harry Huebsch, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on May 24, 1977 at 2:45 P.M. Petitioner appeared <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (Aliza Schwadron, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether petitioner was liable for the penalty imposed against him pursuant to section 685(g) of the Tax Law, with respect to unpaid New York State withholding taxes due from Mavin Frame Carving Corporation for the year 1970.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Mavin Frame Carving Corporation failed to pay over to the Income Tax

 Bureau New York State personal income tax withheld from its employees during the
 year 1970.
- 2. On February 24, 1976, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency against petitioner, Sigmund Schatz, equal to the amount of New York State withholding

tax due from Mavin Frame Carving Corporation for the year 1970, upon the grounds that he was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over said tax and that he willfully failed to do so.

- 3. Petitioner contended that pursuant to an oral agreement, Mavin Frame Carving Corporation was taken over by a Mr. Munn early in 1970 and that Mr. Munn agreed to assume responsibility for payment of all personal income tax withheld from employees' wages to the Income Tax Bureau. Petitioner also contended that he became an employee of Mr. Munn in April of 1970 and that Mr. Munn paid the Federal liability resulting from a similar action by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 4. Petitioner was a shareholder, vice-president and treasurer of Mavin Frame Carving Corporation. No evidence was submitted to show that said corporation either changed ownership or went out of existence in the year 1970. New York State personal income tax was withheld from said corporation's employees during both the first and second half of 1970. Petitioner had the authority to sign checks of said corporation in payment of creditors.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That petitioner, Sigmund Schatz, was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State withholding tax due from Mavin Frame Carving Corporation for the year 1970 in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 685(n) of the Tax Law. Since petitioner willfully failed or caused Mavin Frame Carving Corporation to willfully fail to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State withholding tax due from said corporation for the year 1970, a penalty equal to the total amount of unpaid withholding tax was properly asserted against him in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 685(g) of the Tax Law.

B. That the petition of Sigmund Schatz is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued February 24, 1976 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

February 17, 1978

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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