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In the Matter of the Petition of Irwin D. & Estelle Marks

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for Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision : of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Years : 1969, 1970 and 1972.

State of New York County of Albany

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Irwin D. & Estelle Marks 15 Oak St. Harrington Park, NJ 07640

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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Melvin Paradise Paradise & Alberts 1133 Ave. of the Americas New York, NY 10036

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income. The statement also indicated that petitioners had failed to increase income by the New York City unincorporated business tax deduction of \$2,188.68 taken on the partnership tax return. The recomputation of additional personal income tax due was shown.

- 5. Petitioners timely filed petitions for redetermination of the deficiencies for 1969, 1970 and 1972.
- 6. Petitioners were residents of the State of New Jersey throughout the period under review, 1969, 1970 and 1972. They resided at 15 Oak Street, Harrington Park, New Jersey.
- 7. Petitioner Irwin D. Marks (hereinafter "Marks") was one of the seven partners of the accounting firm of Frendel, Brown & Weissman, CPA's, maintaining a main office at 1700 Broadway, New York, New York. He was in charge of the partnership's branch office in Hackensack, New Jersey during 1969, 1970 and 1972. Marks performed audits on the premises of accounting clients of Frendel, Brown & Weissman in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
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- 12. Partnership tax returns filed by Frendel, Brown & Weissman for fiscal years ended June 30, 1969 and June 30, 1970 in Schedule K of the Form IT-204 (Partners shares of income and deductions) showed percentage of time devoted to partnership business reported to be "All" for petitioner as well as for the other partners listed. Petitioner's income from All-American was included in the partnership gross income and the amount subject to reported distribution.
- 13. Partnership returns of Frendel, Brown & Weissman for fiscal years ended June 30, 1969 and June 30, 1970 reported that business was conducted in New York and New Jersey but no allocation was made. The IT-204 for fiscal year ended June 30, 1973 showed a formula basis of business allocation of 72.30 percent to New York. Copies of unincorporated business tax returns for the New Jersey office for fiscal years ended June 30, 1969, June 30, 1970 and June 30, 1972 show gross receipts from New Jersey business as \$69,471.59, \$117,957.00 and \$114,385.00, 1 respectively; no allocation was made on the New Jersey returns. No evidence was submitted to show the total gross receipts for fiscal years ended June 30, 1969 or June 30, 1970.
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