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In the Matter of the Petition

of

MICHAEL A. SCHWARTZ

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business: Taxes under Article(s) 23 of the Tax Law for the (Year(s) 1960 and 1961:

State of New York County of Albany

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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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

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

Sworn to before me this

9th day of July

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DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1960 and 1961

Michael A. Schwartz petitioned for a redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1960 and 1961. A formal hearing was held before Solomon Sies, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York, on June 17, 1966. The petitioner appeared and testified and was represented by Seymour Gross, CPA of Philip Kaplin & Co., CPA's.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The issue involved is whether or not the business activities of the taxpayer, as a life insurance broker, constitute the carrying on of an unincorporated business and whether the income received from the Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. of \$15,000.00 in 1960 and \$18,000.00 in 1961, reported as compensation for personal income tax purposes is, likewise, to be considered as business income subject to unincorporated business taxes in accordance with Section 703 of the Tax Law.
- 2. Michael A. & Muriel Schwartz filed joint New York State
  Income Tax Resident Returns for the years 1960 and 1961. Attached
  to said returns were withholding tax statements indicating that
  a portion of the reported income represented wages received by
  Michael A. Schwartz from Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. No unincorporated

business tax returns were filed by Michael A. Schwartz for the aforementioned years.

- 3. On February 8, 1965, a statement of audit changes and a notice of deficiency were issued by the Department of Taxation and Finance under file numbered 1-3427715 for the years 1960 and 1961 in the amount of \$1826.61. The deficiency was based on the finding that the business activities of the petitioner constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business so as to subject his total income for said years to the unincorporated business tax.
- 4. During the years 1960 and 1961, the taxpayer was actively engaged in the sale of general insurance with Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. and, in addition, was an agent of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. and the Massachusetts Life Insurance Co., for the sale of life insurance on a commission basis. Taxpayer did not use the offices of either of these two insurance companies. addition to the taxpayer, there were three other individuals connected with Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. who also sold life insurance for Connecticut Mutual on a commission basis. All the commissions of these four individuals were deposited in a separate bank account. At the end of the year these monies were divided, and each individual listed his share as commissions on his tax return. Taxpayer's commissions amounted to \$12,888.35 in 1960 and \$15,872.25 in 1961. The corporation (Leon Rosenblatt, Inc.) never received these commissions nor included the same as income on their books. method of reporting the commissions received for purposes of Article 22 clearly indicates that he was not considered an employee. All his activities were carried on from one office in Leon Rosenblatt, Inc.
- 5. There were no written contracts submitted in evidence between the insurance companies and the taxpayer or between the taxpayer and Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. concerning the division and

extent of time involved in the sale of insurance and duties for the corporation.

- 6. Taxpayer was reimbursed by Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. for expenses incurred only for local travel and not for out-of-town trips.
- 7. State and Federal Income Taxes were withheld from taxpayer's income by Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. and social security taxes were paid by the Leon Rosenblatt, Inc.
- 8. Taxpayer's activities as a salesman of general insurance and as a salesman of life insurance are the same.
- 9. Taxpayer's time and effort on all his activities are so intermingled that division thereof is impossible.
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## DECISION

- A. The business activities of the petitioner during the years 1960 and 1961 constitute the carrying on of an unincorporated business as an independent agent, and the income derived therefrom is subject to the unincorporated business tax.
- B. The income received from the Leon Rosenblatt, Inc. of \$15,000.00 in 1960 and \$18,000.00 in 1961 were so intermingled and connected with his activities as an independent agent so as to constitute unincorporated business income.

C. The notice of deficiency is sustained and the petition is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

July 7, 1970

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## DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

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DATED:

Hearing Officer

July 9, 1970

457-2655.6.7

Mr. Michael A. Schwartz 65 East 76th Street New York, New York 10021

RE: DECISION

Dear Sir:

Please take notice of the decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed he rewith.

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 four months after the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relating thereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

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Hearing Officer LAWRENCE A. NEWMAN

cc- Law Bureau

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