STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition

EDWARD F. BREEN & CHARGES G. SLATER, individually and as co-partners doing business under: the firm AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING name and style of BREEN & SLATER CO.

OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business. Taxes under Article(s) 23 Tax Law for the (Year(s) f/y/e April 30, 1965 and the period ended December 31, 1965

> State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro , being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of July age, and that on the 8th day of , 19 71, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Charles G. Slater (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Charles G. Slater 1 Georgia Avenue Bronxville, New York

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

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In the Matter of the Petition

of
EDWARD F. BREEN & CHARLES G. SLATER,
individually and as co-partners, doing
business under the firm name and style of
For a Redetermination BREEN & SLATER & CO.

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)f/y/e April 30, 1965 and the period ending December 31, 1965

State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro , being duly sworn, deposes and says that
she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of
age, and that on the 8th day of July , 1971, she served the within
Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Edward F.

Breen (representative of) the petitioner in the within
proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid
wrapper addressed as follows: Edward F. Breen
70 East 10th Street
New York, New York

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

Linda Wilson

8th day of July , 1971.

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In the Matter of the Petition

EDWARD F. BREEN & of CHARLES G. SLATER, individually and as co-partners, doing business under the AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING firm name and style of BREEN & SLATER CO. 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) f/y/e April 30, 1965

and the period ending December 31, 1965

State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro , being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 8th day of July , 1971, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Robert S. Sherwood, C.P.A. (representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Robert S. Sherwood, C.P.A. 60 East 42nd Street New York, New York

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.

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Sworn to before me this

8th day of July , 1971

Linda Wilson

STATE OF NEW YORK

## STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

on behalf of

EDWARD F. BREEN AND CHARLES G. SLATER, Individually and as co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of

**DECISION** 

BREEN & SLATER CO.

for a Redetermination of deficiencies or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1965, and the period ended December 31, 1965.

A petition was filed on behalf of Breen & Slater Co., a partner-ship, for redetermination of deficiencies or for refund of unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1965, and the period ended December 31, 1965.

The petitioners' representative, Robert S. Sherwood, C.P.A., has waived the formal hearing before the State Tax Commission and consented to a decision by the Commission without the introduction of additional evidence.

## ISSUE

Whether the net income from the business activities of the partnership, described as "store designers," is subject to the unincorporated business tax.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The petitioners filed New York State partnership tax returns (I.T.-204), for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1965, on

October 15, 1965, and for the period ended December 31, 1965, prior to April 15, 1966. The portion of each tax return relating to the tax and payment of the unincorporated business tax was marked with the word "exempt," without any computation of tax.

- 2. On April 10, 1968, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency under File No. 558, in the amount of \$2,008.05 plus statutory interest.
  - 3. A petition for redetermination was timely filed.
- 4. The partnership designs and plans retail stores, usually department stores. This work includes new stores or the alteration of existing ones. They are usually responsible for the interiors, except for those matters which are required by law to be done by architects or engineers.

In a typical contract, the partnership would study sales volume by departments, decide on department locations, space allotment, and traffic patterns. They would decide on the location of storage facilities, set color schemes and also design fixtures. The partners employ draftsman to assist in the work done by the principals.

5. The members of the partnership are not licensed architects or engineers.

## DECISION

- A. The partnership is not engaged in an exempt profession within the meaning and intent of Article 23 of the Tax Law.
- B. The net income derived from the business activities of the partnership, described as "store designers," is subject to the unincorporated business tax.

C. The Notice of Deficiency is sustained and the petition is denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

July 8, 1971.

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