In the Matter of the Petition

of

OESTREICHER REALTY

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) 1964:

State of New York County of Albany

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(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Oestreicher Realty
444 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

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

18th day of

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Dated:

Albany, New York

MR. LEISNER 457-2657 MR. COBURN 457-2896

July 18, 1974

Oestreicher Realty 444 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

# Gentlemen:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 722 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.

Any 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. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

Nigel G. Wright HEARING OFFICER

Enc.

cc:

Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Articles 16 and 22 of the Tax Law for the Years 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964.

Petitioner, Oestreicher Realty, has filed a petition for a redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Articles 16 and 22 of the Tax Law for the years 1959 through 1964. (File Nos. P-3388 and P-103812).

A formal hearing was scheduled to be held. The case was then submitted for decision on information contained in the file.

## ISSUE

Do certain management fees reported by the individual partners of petitioner, Oestreicher Realty, and received from corporations owning and operating real property, constitute partnership income subject to the unincorporated business tax?

# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Oestreicher Realty, filed New York State income tax and unincorporated business tax partnership returns for the years 1959 through 1964. The returns did not include income reported in the individual returns of the partners of Oestreicher Realty from corporations owning and operating certain parcels of real property.

- 2. The Income Tax Bureau issued statements of audit changes against petitioner, Oestreicher Realty, imposing additional unincorporated business tax for the years 1959 through 1964 upon the grounds that income reported in the individual returns of petitioner's partners from corporations owning and operating parcels of real property represents partnership income subject to the unincorporated business tax. In accordance with the aforesaid statements, it issued notices of deficiency in the total sum of \$27,078.40.
- 3. Petitioner, Oestreicher Realty, was, during the years in question, a partnership engaged in the business of real estate management. The partnership consisted of two brothers, Leonard and Gerard Oestreicher. Each brother had a 50% interest in the partnership and received a regular income from it.
- 4. During the years 1959 through 1964, petitioner, Oestreicher Realty, owned stock in several corporations which in turn owned and operated certain parcels of real property. The property included four buildings, located at 520 8th Avenue, 261 West 36th Street, 534 8th Avenue and 444 Madison Avenue. Leonard and Gerard Oestreicher owned 100% of the stock of Oestreicher Properties, Inc., which owned and operated the 520 8th Avenue building. This corporation owned 100% of the stock of Forell Realty Corporation which owned and operated the 261 West 36th Street building, and 100% of Nustoria Realty Corporations, which owned and operated the 534 8th Avenue building. The 444 Madison Avenue building was owned by corporations in which Oestreicher Realty had a substantial interest.

5. During the years in question, petitioner, Oestreicher
Realty, received management fees for managing the aforementioned
buildings. These fees were divided equally between Leonard and
Gerard Oestreicher and reported on their individual returns, and
were not reported on the partnership returns of petitioner.

Petitioner contends that the management fees were received by the
two brothers as compensation for services performed as officers
and directors of the corporations. In addition, petitioner contends
that the work done by the two brothers consisted of planning and
executing major construction and remodeling of the buildings,
arranging for financing and mortgages, negotiating with tenants
and supervising the maintenance personnel of these buildings.

Finally, petitioner contends that the management fees constituted
income from the ownership of real estate and is not taxable as
unincorporated business income under section 703(e) of the Tax Law.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the contention of petitioner, Oestreicher Realty, that it is exempt from the unincorporated business tax because it managed real property owned by it is not valid. The ownership of 100% of the stock of a corporation does not constitute ownership of real property by the stockholders. A corporation is considered an entity separate and distinct from its stockholders.
- B. That the services rendered by Leonard and Gerard

  Oestreicher during the years 1959 through 1964 as officers of

  corporations owning and operating parcels of real property were

  so connected with the activities of the unincorporated business,

  Oestreicher Realty, as to constitute part of the real estate

  management business regularly carried on by it.

- C. That the management fees received by Leonard and Gerard Oestreicher during the years in question were subject to the unincorporated business tax within the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- D. That, the petition of Oestreicher Realty is denied, and the notices of deficiency are sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York
July 18, 1974

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