In the Matter of the Petition

of E. EDWARD HERMAN and CAROL S. HERMAN

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(X) 23 Tax Law for the Year(s) 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

State of New York County of Albany

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that Donna Scranton she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of . 1976, she served the within age, and that on the 13th day of May Notice of Decision (ox Determination) by (certified) mail upon E. Edward and (representative of) the petitioner in the within Carol S. Herman proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. and Mrs. E. Edward Herman 100 Worth Avenue Palm Beach. Florida

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 (xepresentative of) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative xof the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

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Davis. Esq. (representative of) the petitioner in the within

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Davis & Davis, Esqs.

1440 Broadway

New York, New York

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Albany, New York
May 13, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. E. Edward Herman 100 Worth Avenue Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Herman:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section (** 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.

vours,

PAUL E. COBURN SUPERVISING TAX

Enc.

HEARING OFFICER

cc: Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau STATE OF NEW YORK

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DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

Petitioners, E. Edward Herman and Carol S. Herman, 100 Worth Avenue, Palm Beach, Florida, have filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971. (File No. 1-84380889.) A formal hearing was held before Paul B. Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on October 22, 1975, at 2:45 p.m. Petitioner appeared by Davis & Davis, Esqs., (Saul S. Davis, Esq. of counsel). The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Jr., Esq., (James Scott, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUES

I. Did petitioner, E. Edward Herman's activities as a financial advisor and consultant during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 constitute the practice of a profession?

- II. If petitioner, E. Edward Herman, was carrying on an unincorporated business during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, what portion of the income derived therefrom should be allocated to New York State?
- III. Did petitioner, E. Edward Herman, have reasonable cause for failing to file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, E. Edward Herman, and his wife, filed New York
 State income tax resident returns for the years 1968, 1969, 1970
 and 1971. He listed his occupation as that of a sales representative on said returns. He did not file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for said years.
- 2. On November 26, 1973, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, E. Edward Herman, and his wife, imposing unincorporated business tax in the sum of \$5,963.70 upon his activities as a sales representative during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971. It also imposed penalties pursuant to former section 685(a) of the Tax Law and sections 685(a)(1) and 685(a)(2) of the Tax Law in the total sum of \$2,104.34. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$9,204.65.

- 3. It was stipulated at the formal hearing that petitioner, Carol S. Herman, was not engaged in an unincorporated business during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971.
- 4. Petitioner, E. Edward Herman, studied finance at the Wharton School of Business. He studied liberal arts for one and one-half years at the University of Paris. He has never received any formal college degrees. He has been a management and financial consultant and an international trouble shooter for various business enterprises from 1946 until the present time.
- 5. During the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, petitioner, E. Edward Herman's income as a financial advisor and consultant was derived solely from personal services rendered. Capital was not a material income producing factor.
- 6. During the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 petitioner,

 E. Edward Herman, was a financial advisor and consultant to foreign firms conducting business in Latin America. The nature of petitioner's work required that he travel to London, where a number of his principals had offices and to Latin America, which was the site of the construction projects and the offices of some of his clients. At both places petitioner was given an office in which to work by his clients. Petitioner, E. Edward Herman, spent approximately four months of each of the years in issue out of New York State. He used his home as an office when he was in New York.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the activities of petitioner, E. Edward Herman, as a financial advisor and consultant during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, although requiring special knowledge and experience, did not constitute the practice of a profession exempt from the imposition of the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(c) of the Tax Law.
- B. That petitioner, E. Edward Herman, did not have a regular place of business outside of New York State during the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971 and, therefore, all of his business income derived from his activities as a financial advisor and consultant, including the income derived from his out-of-state activities, was properly allocated to New York State in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 707(a) of the Tax Law.
- C. That petitioner, E. Edward Herman, had reasonable cause for failing to file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, and therefore, the penalties assessed pursuant to former section 685(a) and sections 685(a)(1) and 685(a)(2) of the Tax Law are waived.
- D. That the petition of E. Edward Herman and Carol S. Herman is granted to the extent of cancelling the Notice of Deficiency issued November 26, 1973, as against petitioner, Carol S. Herman; and of cancelling the penalties imposed pursuant to

former section 685(a) and sections 685(a)(1) and 685 (a)(2) of the Tax Law for the years 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971, as against petitioner, E. Edward Herman; that the Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the Notice of Deficiency issued November 26, 1973; and that, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York May 13, 1976

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

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