In the Matter of the Petition

of

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#### ROBERT WENDORF

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) XXXIIIXXXX 1968, 1969 and 1970.

State of New York County of Albany

Catherine Steele

, 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 13th day of September , 19 76, she served the within by (certified) mail upon Robert Wendorf Notice of Decision

(YESTES METERS of the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed Mr. Robert Wendorf as follows:

19 Chesterfield Road Scarsdale, New York 10583

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.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (THENDESCHEAD INVE OFXEND petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the 

Sworn to before me this

13th day of September , 1976

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# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

## TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

September 13, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518)457-3850

Mr. Robert Wendorf 19 Chesterfield Road Scarsdale, New York 10583

Dear Mr. Wendorf:

Please take notice of the **DECISION** 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.

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. They will be referred to the proper/party, for reply.

yours

Enc.

Paul/B. Coburn Supervising Tax Hearing Officer

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Taxing Bureau's Representative:

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

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ROBERT WENDORF

DECISION

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

Petitioner, Robert Wendorf, has filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for a refund of unincorporated business taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for years 1968, 1969 and 1970 (File No. 0-64184306). A formal hearing was held before Sidney Burstein, Esq., Hearing Officer, at the Offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on March 17, 1976 at 3:40 P.M. Petitioner was not represented and appeared in person. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq. (James Scott, Esq., of Counsel).

#### ISSUE

Was the income derived from petitioner Robert Wendorf's activities as a salesman subject to the unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the New York State Tax Law?

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Robert Wendorf, was employed as a salesman on a commission basis for a number of companies engaged in the manufacture and selling of shoes during the years 1968, 1969 and 1970.

- All billing was performed by the companies petitioner,
   Robert Wendorf represented and payment by the customers was made directly to the company.
- 3. Petitioner, Robert Wendorf, did not employ or pay any assistants nor did he maintain an office within or without New York State.
- 4. Withholding taxes and Social Security contributions were not deducted from petitioner, Robert Wendorf's commissions. He was not covered for unemployment insurance.
- 5. Petitioner, Robert Wendorf, had a specified territory. However, the firms for whom he sold merchandise did not exercise any substantial supervision or control over his sales activities and techniques or over the time he devoted to sales.
- 6. Petitioner, Robert Wendorf, as shown on Schedule "C" of his Federal Tax Return, deducted from his gross income traveling expenses, depreciation on a car, rent on business property (a room in his home), postage, legal and accounting fees, entertainment, fares, samples and sample cases.
- 7. Petitioner, Robert Wendorf, relied on statements made in connection with his petition for refund of unincorporated business taxes for the years 1959, 1960 and 1961 that he was not subject to the unincorporated business tax. He also relied upon the advice of his accountant.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the activities of the petitioner, Robert Wendorf, as a commission salesman during the years 1968, 1969 and 1970 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business and the resulting income therefrom were subject to the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- B. That petitioner, Robert Wendorf's activities during the years in issue did not constitute the practice of a profession in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(c) of the Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Robert Wendorf is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued November 26, 1973 in the amount of \$3833.92 is sustained together with such interest as may be due from November 26, 1973.

DATED: Albany, N.Y. September 13, 1976 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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