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In the Matter of the Petition of Al D. Baitsholts

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision : of a Determination or a Refund of Unincorporated Business Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for : the Years 1973 & 1974.

State of New York County of Albany

David Parchuck, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 27th day of May, 1983, he served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon Al D. Baitsholts, the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Al D. Baitsholts 98 Harvest Dr. Fairport, NY 14450

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 petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the petitioner.

Darid Garchurk

Sworn to before me this 27th day of May, 1983.

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Thomas G. Hall 1090 Culver Rd. Rochester, NY 14609

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

May 27, 1983

Al D. Baitsholts 98 Harvest Dr. Fairport, NY 14450

Dear Mr. Baitsholts:

Please take notice of the Decision of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 & 722 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Law Bureau - Litigation Unit Building #9 State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-2070

Very truly yours,

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cc: Petitioner's Representative
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Petitioner, Al D. Baitsholts, 98 Harvest Drive, Fairport, New York 14450, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1973 and 1974 (File No. 25113).

A small claims hearing was held before James Hoefer, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, One Marine Midland Plaza, Rochester, New York, on August 16, 1982 at 2:45 P.M. Petitioner appeared by Thomas G. Hall, P.A. The Audit Division appeared by Paul B. Coburn, Esq. (Thomas Sacca, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether petitioner's activities as a manufacturer's representative constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business, thereby subjecting the income derived from said activity to the unincorporated business tax.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner herein, Al D. Baitsholts (now deceased), timely filed New York State income tax resident returns for the years 1973 and 1974 wherein he reported business income of \$16,420.89 and \$27,159.04, respectively. No unincorporated business tax returns were filed for either of the years at issue.

- 2. On December 15, 1978, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Deficiency to petitioner and his wife, Miriam D. Baitsholts, asserting that for the years 1973 and 1974 unincorporated business tax of \$1,391.27 was due, together with interest. The Notice of Deficiency was based on a Statement of Audit Changes dated September 6, 1977 wherein the income derived from petitioner's activities as a manufacturer's representative was deemed subject to unincorporated business tax.
- 3. At the hearing held herein the Audit Division conceded that Mrs. Baitsholts was not actively or otherwise involved in her husband's activities as a manufacturer's representative and that her name was to be deleted from the Notice of Deficiency dated December 15, 1978.
- 4. During the years at issue petitioner was a manufacturer's representative for Leister's Furniture, Inc. (hereinafter "Leister"). The business income reported on the 1973 and 1974 income tax returns represented commission income received solely from Leister. Petitioner was prohibited from carrying any line which was competitive with Leister's, while he was permitted to carry non-competitive lines. For the years 1973 and 1974 petitioner sold only those products carried by Leister.
- 5. Petitioner was assigned a specific sales territory by Leister which encompassed approximately the western half of New York State. Petitioner had no authority to approve requests for credit or set prices. All shipping, billing and collection of accounts receivable was handled by Leister. Petitioner did not maintain an inventory nor did he carry any product liability insurance.
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where the Leister line was being presented. Leister provided petitioner with business cards, catalogs, order blanks and brochures.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That petitioner's activities as a manufacturer's representative during the years 1973 and 1974 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business within the meaning and intent of section 703(a) of the Tax Law and the income derived from said activity is subject to unincorporated business tax.
- B. That pursuant to Finding of Fact "3", supra, Miriam D. Baitsholts' name is to be deleted from the Notice of Deficiency dated December 15, 1978.

C. That the petition of Al D. Baitsholts is granted to the extent indicated in Conclusion of Law "B", <u>supra</u>; and that, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York

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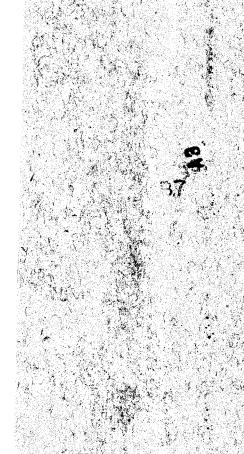
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