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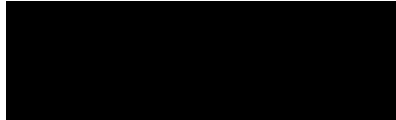
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In the matter of:



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FINAL RULING NO. 2008-15  
May 28, 2008

Assessment of Income Tax on Unreported Earnings  
Tax Years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000

FINAL RULING

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has denied [REDACTED]'s protest of the assessment of income tax on unreported earnings for tax years 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000. The table below outlines the assessments currently under protest.

Tax Year	Notice Number	Tax Due	Interest as of 5/27/08	Fees	Penalties	Total Due
1997		\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
1998		\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
1999		\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
2000		\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]
<b>Total</b>		\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]	\$ [REDACTED]

The assessments are a result of [REDACTED]'s failure to file Kentucky Individual Income Tax Returns for the 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 tax years and pay the tax due as required by KRS 141.020. The records of the Department of Revenue disclosing [REDACTED]'s Kentucky net income for the 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 tax years are based on

information obtained from the Internal Revenue Service under the authority of Section 6301 of the Internal Revenue Code.

At issue is whether the information obtained from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for the 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 tax years is evidence of taxable income, and also whether Kentucky law requires a person who is a resident of this state to pay individual income taxes on such income.

KRS 141.020(1) states that "an annual tax shall be paid for each taxable year by every resident individual of this state upon his entire net income." "Net income" is gross income with certain adjustments and minus allowable deductions. See KRS 141.010(10) and (11). Please note that while Kentucky adopts certain federal definitions, its power to tax its residents is found in its own constitutional and statutory authority.

KRS 141.010(17) defines a "resident" as an individual domiciled within this state. The taxpayer and the IRS provided the Department of Revenue with information indicating the taxpayer was a resident of Kentucky during the audit period.

For Kentucky income tax purposes, "gross income" in the case of taxpayers other than corporations means "gross income" as defined in Section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code. See KRS 141.010(9). For federal income tax purposes, "gross income" means all income from whatever source derived and includes compensation for services. See I.R.C. Sec. 61. Further, Treasury Regulation Sec. 1.1-1(b) provides, "[i]n general, all citizens of the United States, wherever resident, and all resident alien individuals are liable to the income taxes imposed by the Code whether the income is received from sources within or without the United States."

After reviewing the available information, and the applicable statutes and case law, it is the position of the Kentucky Department of Revenue that the outstanding individual income tax assessments issued against [REDACTED] for the 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 tax years are valid liabilities due the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This letter is the final ruling of the Department of Revenue.

### APPEAL

You may appeal this final ruling to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals pursuant to the provisions of KRS 131.110, KRS 131.340-131.365, 103 KAR 1:010 and 802 KAR 1:010. If you decide to appeal this final ruling, your petition of appeal must be filed at the principal office of the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals, 128 Brighton Park Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-2120, within thirty (30) days from the date of this final ruling. The rules of the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals, which are set forth in 802 KAR 1:010, require that the petition of appeal must:

1. Be filed in quintuplicate;

2. Contain a brief statement of the law and facts in issue;
3. Contain the petitioner's or appellant's position as to the law and facts; and
4. Include a copy of this final ruling with each copy of the petition of appeal.

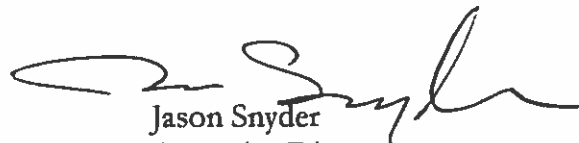
The petition of appeal must be in writing and signed by the petitioner or appellant. Filings by facsimile or other electronic means shall not be accepted.

Proceedings before the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals are conducted in accordance with 103 KAR 1:010, 802 KAR 1:010 and KRS 131.340-131.365 and KRS Chapter 13B. Formal hearings are held by the Board concerning the tax appeals before it, with all testimony and proceedings officially reported. Legal representation of parties to appeals before the Board is governed by the following rules set forth in Section 2 (3) of 802 KAR 1:010:

1. An individual may represent himself in hearings before the Board;
2. An individual who is not an attorney may not represent any other individual, corporation, trust, estate, or partnership before the Board; and
3. An attorney who is not licensed to practice in Kentucky may practice before the Board if he complies with Rule 3.030(2) of the Rules of the Kentucky Supreme Court.

You will be notified by the Clerk of the Board of the date and time set for any hearing.

Sincerely,  
Finance and Administration Cabinet

  
Jason Snyder  
Executive Director  
Office of Legal Services

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