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Tax Problems of the Rich and Famous

Everyone dreads hearing that word: Taxes. Whether you owe it, have to pay it, or just have to calculate it, taxes are not a favored topic. However, you can rest assured that you are not the only one that fears the "T" word. Whether you have \$5 in your pocket or \$5 million, the government does not discriminate. These people might have thought that being rich and famous would give them some flexibility regarding taxes, but they were wrong:



Dolce and Gabbana

Fashion designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana were recently found guilty in Italy for tax evasion. The judge ruled that they sold their brand to a holding company to avoid declaring royalties on approximately 1 billion euros (\$1.3 billion). The two received a 1 year, 8 month sentence and could owe taxes of 400 million euros.

Lauryn Hill

Singer Lauryn Hill just began serving her sentence in federal prison for tax evasion. She failed to pay approximately \$1 million of taxes on income that was earned between 2005 and 2009. Lauryn was sentenced to 3 months in prison, and once released, she will be under parole supervision for a year.

Wesley Snipes

Wesley Snipes was just released from federal prison in April where he served 3 years for tax evasion. In 2008, Snipes was convicted for failing to file several years of tax returns and cheating the government out of \$7 million. Wesley is now under house arrest.

Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan owed the IRS \$233,904 in taxes for 2009 and 2010. The IRS filed tax liens and levied her bank accounts. Charlie Sheen gave Lindsay \$100,000 to clear up her 2009 tax problems only to find out Lindsay owes an additional \$60,000 for 2011 taxes.

Take these stories as cautionary tales that the government is adamant about collecting its taxes. The government will file liens, levy bank accounts, and even bring criminal sanctions against those who do not pay their taxes!

If you or your company owes the government taxes, contact Sales Tax Defense, we may be able to help!



Giving Guidance on Sales Tax

In addition to assisting taxpayers with existing tax issues, we also give guidance and advice regarding sales tax. There are times when a company comes to us for advice because it wants to expand its sales into a different state, or enlarge its product line, or was simply told by a friend that it's been following the wrong sales tax rules. We research the law and combine it with our experience to give the taxpayer a detailed memo on the sales tax rules. Just in the past couple of months we have issued memos and advice on the following topics:

- Whether sales of prepaid telephone cards are subject to NY telecommunications tax;
- Whether a dentist must pay sales tax on the purchase of dentures, bridges, and crowns;
- When is the purchase of a plane exempt from sales tax;
- Whether transcription services are subject to sales tax; and
- Whether email marketing campaigns are subject to sales tax.

Sales tax laws are often confusing and grey. We do research and issue guidance in all 50 states. We also instruct taxpayers on what documentation it should obtain to prevent future sales tax issues from arising. If you need guidance, contact Sales Tax Defense!

About Us

We are a dedicated team of tax professionals who have committed our careers to helping businesses and fellow professionals with tax problems. Since the only work we are focused on is solving tax problems, businesses never have to be concerned that we will try to sell them other services they do not need. And professionals never have to be concerned with us encroaching on their client relationships, because we view you, our fellow professional, as our client.

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