

Tax Resolution Today

"Read About Taxpayers with IRS Problems & Find Out How to Solve Them"



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Question:
Why are taxes like golf?

Answer:
Because you work hard on the green just to end up in the hole!



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No Love for This Business Owner Sentenced to Prison for Tax Evasion

Shimon Shaked, the owner of several souvenir stores, including I love Duluth in Georgia and I Love Marquette in Michigan, has been sentenced to prison for tax evasion.

Shaked owned the stores under a holding company, and although he owned, operated, and controlled the business, he listed his teenage daughter as the nominal owner in order to hide his income and evade taxes. From 2013 to 2015 he reported the income from two of his stores on his daughter's income tax returns instead of his own.



He reported the credit card sales for the stores but failed to report the majority of the cash sales. From 2013 to 2018 Shaked hid more than four million dollars in income. He used the unreported cash to pay for personal expenses and to pay some of his employees' overtime wages in cash. The latter caused the IRS the loss of payroll taxes.

In total Shaked evaded paying approximately \$620,362 in taxes. In addition to restitution he was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison.

College Professor Fails as CPA

Ahmed Abdelhalim, a professor of accounting and income tax at LaGuardia Community College, was sentenced to prison for tax fraud.

In addition to his teaching position, Abdelhalim owned Master Tax Consultants, a tax preparation business. From 2012 to 2016 he prepared and submitted numerous fraudulent tax returns on behalf of his clients.

He reported inflated and fictitious deductions, such as charitable gifts, and unreimbursed expenses not actually incurred by his clients. He also submitted phony Schedule C's that reported losses for businesses his clients weren't involved with.

He was sentenced to 14 months in prison and ordered to pay \$166,906 in restitution.



Medical Office Bookkeeper Gets a Bad Case of Greed

Sandra Doak, a bookkeeper for a medical office in Pennsylvania, was found guilty of mail fraud and filing a false income tax return.

Between 2014 and 2019 Doak embezzled a total of \$592,833. She wrote checks to herself for a total of \$536,887.21, she reimbursed herself for unauthorized expenses in the amount of \$26,519.26 and paid for personal expenses totaling \$29,426.83 with a company credit card. The personal expenses included tickets to various sporting events and travel.

Doak was ordered to pay \$123,849 to the IRS in restitution and sentenced to 42 months in prison for embezzlement and 38 months for failing to report any of the stolen funds on her tax returns. The two sentences are to be served concurrently.



Tea Party Cancelled for Bostonian Couple Indicted for Fraud

The founders of the nonprofit, Violence in Boston, were indicted for defrauding the organization and its donors. Monica Cannon-Grant and her husband Clark Grant were charged with using the organization's funds for personal expenses.

Beginning in 2017, when Violence in Boston was founded, Cannon-Grant applied for public and private grants alleging the money would be used to further the organization's mission, which was to reduce violence, raise social awareness, and aid community causes in Boston.

Cannon-Grant is a well known figure in Boston, and was named Boston Globe Magazine's Bostonian of the Year in 2020.

From 2017 to 2020 Carson-Grant and her husband controlled the organization's finances and funneled money to themselves through cash withdrawals, cashed checks, debit purchases and transfers to their personal bank accounts. The money was used for hotel reservations, groceries, gas, car rentals, auto repairs, Uber rides, restaurants, food deliveries, nail salons and travel. Cannon-Grant claimed not to collect a salary from Violence in Boston but records show that she paid herself \$170,000 in 2021.

The couple faces up to 20 years in prison, \$250,000 in fines, and restitution to donors and organizations they defrauded.



Thank you for the Kind Words...

D.P. – Client

“Ayar Law Group is amazing! They more than exceeded my expectations -- the team at Ayar were always professional and clear and helpful! I live in Las Vegas, Nevada, and am so fortunate and glad that a great friend directed me to the Ayar Law Group in Detroit, Michigan, to help me remedy my IRS issue which they did swiftly and got a result for me that blew me away. I anticipated paying something but didn't anticipate it would be so minimal! I would wholeheartedly recommend this firm and Venar and especially Alan, who were my contacts there!”

D.W. – Prospective Client

“Very Very Professional and Knowledgeable..I definitely feel like I hit the Jackpot. Gave me a realistic and manageable approach to my tax situation.”

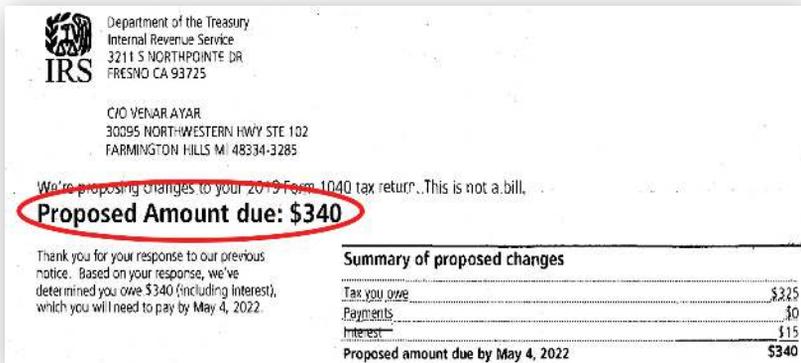


Tax Problems

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The IRS claimed our clients underreported gambling winnings and wanted them to pay over \$20,000 in taxes and interest.

Ayar Law successfully argued that their gambling losses exceeded their winnings and the IRS agreed to reduce the total owed to \$340.



In South Carolina, a couple who goes through a minimum of six hours of premarital counseling with a licensed professional or active member of the clergy, can take a \$50 tax credit once married and filing jointly.



Ask Venar

Q&A



Q: "I've been getting letters from the IRS saying I owe back taxes for 2017 - 2019. This is taking over my personal life and I don't know where to start. What should I do?"

A: Owing money to the IRS or State can be intimidating and throw your life out of balance but ignoring these notices will only make things worse. It's important to take immediate action. The IRS has over 148 types of penalties they can assess, and the worst part is they can also charge interest on the original penalties. Penalties can be a high percentage of the total amount owed to the IRS.

The IRS has 10 years to collect from the date you filed your return, and they won't go away. Not only can they freeze your bank account and take the money, but they can garnish your wages and legally take as much as 90% of your net paycheck, without a court order!

You need a professional expert to help you deal with the IRS. You can't do this on your own. You will get run over by the IRS. As a matter of fact, going or talking to the IRS without expert representation could be the worst thing you can do. The taxpayer Bill of Rights allows you to be represented by a Tax Resolution Specialist who can negotiate a resolution with the IRS in your best interest.

I'd Like to Hear From You!

If your client has a problem with the IRS and you have questions about how you can help them - remember that you can call me anytime, no-charge. My direct line is **248-350-4000**.



Those were the good old days! Before World War II, only 1.1% of working-age people filed a tax return. And about 17% of those filers did not have to pay any income taxes.



Venar Ayar presents...



Webinars & Events of Interest

Go to MyCPE at <https://ayarlaw.com/mycpe> to view a range of Venar Ayar’s presentations on important tax resolution topics.

The screenshot displays five webinar listings on the MyCPE website, each with a 'REGISTER' button and a star rating. The listings are:

- Dealing with Revenue Officers and Payroll Tax Collections** (May 30, 3:00 PM EDT, 4.5 stars, 17491 reviews)
- IRS Audit Process & Defense Presentation** (Jan 02, 04:00 PM EDT, 4.6 stars, 11189 reviews)
- How the IRS Analyzes Taxpayer Finances to Determine Ability to Pay** (Jan 07, 01:00 PM EDT, 4.5 stars, 11954 reviews)
- The IRS Offer in Compromise Program** (Jan 06, 12:00 PM EDT, 4.5 stars, 17424 reviews)
- Innocent Spouse Relief** (Jan 13, 02:30 PM EDT, 4.6 stars, 11242 reviews)

In June, Venar Ayar will be presenting a keynote address at the MICPA’s Tax Professionals & the IRS: Successfully Working Together Conference. His talk is entitled: **The Pressure’s On – Working with the Post-Covid IRS**. For information and to register, go to <https://micpa.org/cpe/store/course-detail?ProductId=128114>

