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In the Matter of the Petition

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DAVID A. GOLDNER

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income
Taxes under Article(s) 16 of the
Tax Law for the Year(s) 1956

State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro , 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 25thday of October , 1974, she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (cortified) mail upon David A. Goldner

(representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

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6 The Hemlocks
Roslyn Estates

Long Island, New York 11576

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 Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

25th day of October / , 1974.

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Dated: Albany, New York

October 25, 1974

Mr. David A. Goldner 6 The Hemlocks Roslyn Estates Long Island, New York 11576

Dear Mr. Goldner:

Please take notice of the **DETERMINATION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 375 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 90 Days from the date of this notice.

Any 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. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

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SECRETARY TO THE STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative

Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application

of

DAVID A. GOLDNER

DETERMINATION

for Revision or Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 16 of the Tax Law for the Year 1956.

Applicant, David A. Goldner, filed an application for revision or refund of personal income taxes under Article 16 of the Tax Law for the year 1956. A formal hearing was held before Lawrence A. Newman, Esq., Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York on March 31, 1971, and continued on May 5, 1971. The applicant appeared pro se. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Edward H. Best, Esq., (Solomon Sies, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUE

Was a deficiency based on omission of additional income properly issued against applicant, David A. Goldner?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Applicant, David A. Goldner, filed a New York income tax resident return for the year 1956.
- 2. On April 14, 1960, the Special Investigations Bureau (on behalf of the Income Tax Bureau) issued a Notice of Additional Assessment of income tax, numbered AA-SIB-10,083, in the amount of \$7,245.13, including a penalty for fraud of 100% of the basic tax and maximum interest at 12% per annum.

- 3. On May 12, 1960, applicant filed an application for revision or refund which was denied on July 2, 1963 by the Special Investigations Bureau (on behalf of the Income Tax Bureau).
 - 4. On August 28, 1963, applicant filed a demand for hearing.
- 5. The deficiency assessment issued against the applicant was computed by disallowing itemized business expenses and adding credits to loan accounts, the value of an asset acquired and additional fees. The letter items were added based upon information supplied to the Special Investigations Bureau by the Judicial Inquiry into the Conduct of Attorneys in the Second Department of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court of New York.
- 6. The record of the aforesaid Judicial Inquiry indicated that the applicant specialized in representing claimants in negligence cases. He generally worked on a fifty percent retainer which called for the client to assume the disbursements. He would arrange for the client to sign two checks over to him, the aforesaid checks having originated out of a recovery. A number of Goldner's former clients never received the checks in question nor the proceeds therefrom, but had merely endorsed those checks at Goldner's request.
- 7. The aforesaid Judicial Inquiry found that applicant, David A. Goldner, had "engaged in a deliberate and systematic scheme for substantially understating his net income through the device of issuing and cashing checks of which his clients falsely appeared to be the recipients and through the further device of not including reimbursements in his income".

8. While there is evidence of omitted income, there is not a sufficient showing of willfulness so as to prove fraud in this case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That applicant, David A. Goldner, omitted income from his income tax returns for the year 1956. Therefore, the Notice of Additional Assessment of income tax issued on April 14, 1960 is sustained.
- B. That, in the absence of clear evidence of willfulness, there is no finding of fraud in this case. Accordingly, the determination and penalty for fraud are hereby cancelled.
- C. That the application of David A. Goldner is granted to the extent of cancelling the penalty for fraud and is in all respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York October 25, 1974 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONER