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**PLEASE NOTE OUR ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBERS** 

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With the holidays behind us, we are focusing on the upcoming tax season. In our effort to serve you efficiently, we ask that you prepare your information early. Due to holidays in early April, we need to complete all returns by March 31st to meet the filing deadline. Please call to schedule an appointment in our office, or mail us your information as early as possible. We will begin to prepare your returns even if you do not have all your information.

We will prepare extensions if your return will not be completed by March 31st. Be aware that extensions only allow additional time to <u>file</u> your return, not to pay the tax. If any money is owed, it must be paid on time, with the extension, by April 15th.

The enclosed data sheets will help you gather information and remind you of items you might otherwise overlook. Please complete the data sheets for your tax appointment with all updated information including your address, phone number and e-mail address. We are offering personalized organizers that include your 2015 information. Please call the office if you want to receive one.

To save time at our meeting, please bring originals & 1 copy of your 2016 W-2's, 1099 forms for interest, dividends, social security, sale of stock, retirement and self-employment income, K-1's, realized capital gain & loss schedule, mortgage interest and real estate tax statements. The originals will be returned to you. Make an early appointment even if you do not have all your information.

As a result of recent changes in tax law at both the federal and state level, we are anticipating an increase in the complexity of and the work involved in processing client returns. We require that all tax returns be paid for at the time of preparation. Your return will not be electronically filed without payment.

#### REFERRALS ARE GREATLY WELCOMED

Referrals are the cornerstone of any service business. This firm, like other professional service firms, relies on satisfied clients as a primary source of new business. Your referrals are both welcome and most sincerely appreciated.

#### Privacy Policy of Steven Golodny CPA PC

#### To our Clients:

Once a year the law requires us to disclose our Private Policy to you-just as it requires banks, brokerage houses, and other financial institutions to do the same. We hope that by taking a few minutes to read this policy, you will have a better understanding of how we strive to protect the information you entrust us with.

#### Types of Information We Collect

We collect certain personal information about you - but only when it is provided by you or obtained with your permission.

#### Parties to Whom we Disclose Information

As a general rule, we do not disclose nonpublic personal information about our clients or former clients to anyone. However, to the extent permitted by law and any applicable state Code of Professional Conduct, certain nonpublic information about you may be disclosed to comply with a validly issued and enforceable subpoena or summons, or to allow us to render appropriate services to you.

#### Confidentiality and Security of Your Personal Information

Except as otherwise described in this notice, we restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to employees of our firm and other parties who must use that information to provide services to you. We also maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards in compliance with applicable laws and regulations to guard your personal information from unauthorized access, alteration, or premature destruction.

Thank you for allowing us to serve your accounting, tax, and financial planning needs. We value your business and are committed to protecting your privacy. We hope you view our firm as your most trusted advisor and we will work to continue earning your trust. Please call us, if you have any questions or if we can be of further service.

## MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS CLIENT NAME

#### **Indicate if Yes or No:**

1.	You would like to have any overpayment of federal tax refunded or applied to 2017
2.	During 2016, did you receive any notices or settle any examinations concerning your prior years' Federal, State, or Local tax returns? <b>If so, attach copies of notices</b>
3.	You or your spouse made any gifts in excess of \$14,000 to any one donee or in trust during the year
	in so, provide details on a separate sheet and molade trust molaniem in necessary.
4.	You received grants of stock options from your employer or disposed of any stock acquired under a qualified employee stock purchase plan
5.	You exercised any stock options during 2016
6.	You disposed of any corporate bonds for which you paid other than the principal amount (i.e., discount or premium). If so, provide details on a separate sheet
7.	You loaned money for an interest rate less than the market rate of interest
8.	You received any payments from a pension or profit-sharing plan or retirement plan this year or expect to receive next year
	Is any portion not taxable for Federal/State tax purposes?
9.	You received a Form 1099-DIV that includes dividends you received as a nominee; that is, in your name, but the dividends actually belong to someone else
10.	You have received K-1's from partnerships, estates and trusts, or S corporations If so, please attach copies of all K-1 forms received and any other relevant tax information from the entities.
11.	You had income from rental property that is not listed elsewhere in this organizer If so, please provide details of income, expenses, and the acquisition dates and cost of the property and any equipment, furniture, fixtures, and appliances.
12.	You had a foreign bank account, securities account or signature authority over such an account at any time during 2016
13.	You paid household employee wages of \$1,800 or more or withheld federal income tax in 2016
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14.	You sold your <b>primary</b> residence or other homes during the year
15.	You moved in connection with your employment in 2016

16.	You refinanced a mortgage during 2016
	If so, provide details on a separate sheet. Attach old and new closing statements and new mortgage term. (Bring the HUD1 statements)
17.	You incurred any non-business bad debts
	If so, provide the following details on a separate sheet:
	<ul> <li>A description of the debt, including the amount and the date it became due,</li> </ul>
	The name of the debtor, and any business or family relationship between you
	and the debtor,
	The efforts you made to collect the debt, and  Why you decided the debt was weethless.
	Why you decided the debt was worthless.
18.	You have written substantiation for all employee business expenses (e.g., travel
	and entertainment expense)
	You should keep the following in a safe place:
	Date, place, and amount of expense
	Actual receipts for expenses  Name and hydrogen of filiation of paragraph entertained.
	Name and business affiliation of persons entertained      Dusiness purpose of expanse.
	<ul> <li>Business purpose of expense</li> <li>Documentation of the business discussed before, during and after the entertainment</li> </ul>
	Receipts for hotel, airline, and other travel expense
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19.	You incurred any casualty or theft losses in 2016
	If so, provide details on a separate sheet – date of loss, type of property, type of
	loss, fair market value before and after the loss, the date the property was acquired,
	and any insurance proceeds received.
20.	You paid mortgage interest on a loan where the proceeds were not used to buy, build
	or improve your new home
21.	You received a corrective distribution from a deferred compensation plan such as a
	401(k) plan
	il so, please provide related documents and details.
22.	Did either you, your spouse or dependents attend school on a full time basis?
	If so, please provide details on a separate sheet.
23.	Did either you, your spouse or dependents purchase any goods or services without
	remitting state sales tax?
24.	Did either you or your spouse incur any dependant care expenses that were not
∠⊣.	reimbursed by your employer?
	If so, please provide documentation.
25.	Did you make any residential energy related improvements such as heating, insulation,
	roofing, windows or doors?
26.	You received a payment from the NY State Property Tax Relief or Property Tax Freeze
_5.	programs. Indicate how much you received
27.	New York now requires information from taxpayer's driver's license or state issued ID
	as an added layer of security. Please bring or send us a copy of your license.

#### **TAX INFORMATION DATA SHEET**

Tax Ye	ear <mark>2016</mark>	Taxpa	ayer					Sp	ouse				
Name			<u> </u>										
Soc. Se	c. No.												
Occupa	tion												
Date of	Birth					Ag	е					Αç	ge
Home A	Address	Street	Addres	SS:							-		
Home A	Address	City:						Sta	ite:			Zi	p:
Telepho	ne	Home:	1					Wo	rk:				
CHILDE	REN & OTH	ER DEF	PENDE	INTS									
								Date of		Months	Gros		Income
Name			Soc.	Sec. No.	Re	elations	ship	Birth	Age	At Home	Unearne	d	Earned
WAGE	S & SALAR	IES	<u></u>										
WAGE	T W SALAII	ILO		Gross		Fed	deral	Soc S	Sec	Medicare	State		City
H/W	Employer	•		Pay	,		held	Withh		Withheld	Withheld		Withheld
DIVIDE	NDS							INTERE	ST				
H/W/J	Source			Aı	mour	nt	H	H/W/J Source					Amount
										_			
	INCOME						_	DJUST					
	s or Farmin	ig Incom	ne					ducator					
Partners							_	RA Cont					
	ns & Annuiti							tudent L					
	Security Ber	netits								l Penalty			
	ax Refunds		r					limony F		1 111. 1			
	oyment Cor	npensa	tion							Health Insura	ınce		
	Alimony Received							loving E					
	rsement Of		es							ntribution			
IKA/SE	P/Keogh Ac	counts								Account			
Other								uition ar	ia Fee	5			
Other						1							

#### **ITEMIZED DEDUCTIONS**

MEDICAL EXPENSES			_	CH	ARITABLE	CONTRIBU	TIONS			
Prescription Drugs				Chur	ches or Ten	nples				
Glasses & Hearing Aids				Scho	ols					
Medical Travel: 19¢ per mile				Red	Cross					
Laboratory Fees & X-Rays				Ame	rican Cance	r Society				
Hospitals & Doctors				Unite	d Fund					
Health Insurance Premiums				Salva	ation Army					
Long Term Care Premiums t	axpayer									
Long Term Care Premiums	spouse									
Other				Char	itable Trave	l:miles	s at 14¢ a m	ile		
Medical Ins. Reimbursement	t	( )								
Total Medical Expenses				Tot	al Charitabl	e Contributi	ons			
TAXES PAID		•		MIS	CELLANEC	US DEDUC	CTIONS			
Real Estate Tax				Tax	Preparation	Fee				
Personal Property Tax					Deposit Box					
Intangible Tax			1		rms & Work					
Previous Years State & Local Tax	Paid this			Unio	n & Professi	ional Dues				
year										
			4		tment Expe					
Total Taxes Paid		]		criptions &						
INTEREST EXPENSE		_	7		ness Gifts &					
Home Mortgage Interest				Business Entertainment & Meals						
Home Equity Loans			_	Auto Expenses:						
Points Paid			1	Adoption Expenses Continuing Education Costs						
Margin Interest			_							
			1	Busir	ness Travel	54¢ per mile				
Total Interest Paid										
OTHER ITEMIZED DEDUCT	TIONS	_	-							
Casualty or Theft Losses			_							
Gambling Losses Up To Wir	nings									
				Tot	al Itemized	Deductions				
ESTIMATED TAXES PAID										
Payment Due		deral	_	State		State		MC	CTMT	
No. Date	Date	Amount	Dat		Amount	Date	Amount			
Applied Overpayment	4/18/16		4/1	8/16		4/18/16				
First 4/18/16			<u> </u>							
Second 6/15/16										
Third 9/15/16										
Fourth 1/16/17										

Direct Deposit Information – Routing #

Account #

Savings /Checking Acct

### **DIVIDENDS & INTEREST INCOME**

Na	ame:				SS#:								
Ye	ear:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·											
			Dividends	S									
Int	terest												

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T S J	Description	Total Ordinary Dividends	Qualifying Dividends	Total Capital Gains Distribution	Non- Taxable Dividends	Interest	U.S. Government Interest	Tax Exempt Interest Income	Foreign Tax Paid

### SCHEDULE OF BUSINESS PROFIT & LOSS

Name	Business Name								
Address		IC	)#	Ye	ar				
Business Activity		Account	ing Method:	Cash A	Accrual	Other			
•			J						
TOTAL RECEIPTS\$			Less Re	eturns & Allov	vances \$				
Inventory at Beginning of Y	ear								
Merchandise Purchased \$									
Cost of Labor (do not include	de salary pai	d to yourself)							
Materials & Supplies									
Other Costs:									
Total									
Less: Inventory at End o	of Year								
COST OF GOODS SOL	LD								
GROSS PROFIT									
EXPENSES:				·					
Advertising									
Automobile Expenses									
Cabs & Local Travel									
Depreciation (see schedule	<del>:</del> )								
Commissions									
Dues & Subscriptions									
Freight, Express, Delivery									
Heat, Light, Power & Water	•								
Insurance & Protection									
Interest & Bank Charges									
Janitor, Cleaning Services,	Laundry								
Legal & Accounting Service	es								
Meals & Entertaining			x 5	50%					
Office Expense, Printing &									
Pension & Profit Sharing Pl	ans								
Promotion Expense									
Rent									
Repairs & Maintenance									
Supplies									
	Property	Other							
Telephone									
Travel									
Utilities									
Wages (not included above	:)								
Other Expenses:									
TOTAL EXPENSES									
NET PROFIT OR LOS	SS								
	1		ON SCHEDUL	_E	<b>.</b>				
Description of	Date	Cost or A	ccumulated		Years	Current Year			

Description of	Date	Cost or	Accumulated		Years	Current Year
Property	Acquired	Basis	Depreciation	Method	Or Rate	Depreciation

#### **CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS**

NAME YEAR			s	SS#			
	SHORT TE	ERM ASSETS	HELD LE	SS THAN ONE	YEAR		
No. Of	Description	Date	Date	Net	Cost or	Short	Term
Shares	Of Asset	Acquired	Sold	Sales Price	Other Basis	Gain	Loss
Shares Of Asset Acquired Sold Sales Price Other Basis Gain  Construction of the state of the sta		•					
No. Of	Description	Date	Date	Net	Cost or	Long	Term
Shares	Of Asset	Acquired	Sold	Sales Price	Other Basis	Gain	Loss

PLEASE VERIFY SALES PRICE WITH 1099B
PLEASE OBTAIN REALIZED GAIN AND LOSS SCHEDULE FROM YOUR
INVESTMENT INSTITUTION

TOTAL

## NAME\_\_\_\_\_SS#\_\_\_\_

YEAR\_\_\_\_\_

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION						
GROSS INCOME						
EXPENSES						
Advertising						
Auto Expense						
Commissions						
Depreciation						
Fuel – Oil						
Garbage & Refuse						
Gardening						
Gas & Electric						
Insurance						
Interest						
Legal & Collection						
Management Fees						
Office Supplies						
Painting & Decorating						
Plumbing						
Repairs & Maintenance						
Carpenter						
Electrician						
Supplies						
Taxes & Property						
Taxes – Other						
Travel Expenses						
Telephone						
Wages						
Water						
TOTAL EXF	PENSES					
NET RENTAL INCOME				<u></u>		
Description of	Date DE	Cost or	ON SCHEDUL Accumulated	.E	Years	Current Year
Property	Acquired	Basis	Depreciation	Method	Or Rate	Depreciation
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#### NEW YORK STATE NON-RESIDENT TAX DATA

	<b>2016</b>	
	YEAR	
SS#	NAME	

MONTH		TOTAL DAY			NUMBE	R OF		TOTAL	JAN	DEC.
	IN MONTH	WORKED IN NY STATE	WORKED OUTSIDE NY STATE	SAT. & SUN.	HOLIDAYS	VACATION	SICK	DAYS FOR MONTH	TO DEC.	TO JAN.
Jan.	31			8	2				31	365
Feb	28			8	1				59	334
March	31			10					90	306
April	30			8					120	275
May	31			8	1				151	245
June	30			10					181	214
July	31			8	1				212	184
Aug.	31			9					243	153
Sept.	30			9	1				273	122
Oct.	31			8	1				304	92
Nov.	30			9	2				334	61
Dec.	31			9	1				365	31
TOTAL	365			104	10					
REMARK	S:						,		,	•

For the purpose of this report days spent traveling on business are considered days worked. If you travel or perform services <u>outside</u> of New York State for more than half of any workday, it should be treated as a day worked without New York State. If more than half of a workday is spent <u>in</u> New York, either traveling or performing services, it should be treated as a day worked within New York.

Absences for any reason, including vacation, sickness, or injury, are considered days <u>not</u> worked. Non-working days, such as, Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, should be treated as days <u>not</u> worked, unless you were actually required to perform services, such as traveling or participating in meetings, on such days. Employees who take work home on a weekend or holiday are <u>not</u> permitted to treat such days as days worked outside the State of New York for state income tax purposes.

HOLIDAYS: Jan. 1st New Years (2016) Sept. 5th Labor Day Jan. 18th MLK Jr. Oct. 10th Columbus Day Feb. 15th President's Day Nov. 11th Veteran's Day Memorial Day May 30th Nov. 24th Thanksgiving July 4th Independence Day Dec. 25th Christmas

#### **Record Retention Schedule**

	Retention Period		Retention Period
Accident reports/claims (settled cases)	7 years	Magnetic tape tabs cards	1 year
Accounts payable ledgers and schedules	7 years	Minute books of directors, stockholders, bylaws and charter	Permanently
Accounts receivable ledgers and schedules	7 years	Notes receivable ledgers and schedules	7 years
Audit reports	Permanently	Option records (expired)	7 years
Bank reconciliations	2 years	Patents and related papers	Permanently
Bank statements	3 years	Payroll records and summaries	7 years
Capital stock and bond records: ledgers, transfer registers, stubs showing issues, record of interest coupons, options, etc.	Permanently	Personnel files (terminated)	7 years
Cash books	Permanently	Petty cash vouchers	3 years
Charts of accounts	Permanently	Physical inventory tags	3 years
Checks (canceled-see exception below)	7 years	Plant cost ledgers	7 years
Checks (canceled for important payments i.e. taxes, purchases of property, special contracts, etc. Checks should be filed with the papers pertaining to the underlying transactions.	Permanently	Property appraisals by outside appraisers	Permanently
Contracts, mortgages, notes, and leases (expired) (still in effect)	7 years Permanently	Property records, including costs, depreciation reserves, year-end trial balances, depreciation schedules, blueprints, and plans	Permanently
Correspondence (general)	2 years	Purchase orders (except purchasing department copy)	1 year
Correspondence (legal and important matters only)	Permanently	Purchase orders (purchasing department copy	7 years
Correspondence (routine) with customers and/or vendors	2 years	Receiving sheets	1 year
Deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale	Permanently	Retirement and pension records	Permanently
Depreciation schedules	Permanently	Requisitions	1 year
Duplicate deposit slips	2 years	Sales commission reports	3 years
Employment applications	3 years	Sales records	7 years
Expense analyses/expense distribution schedules	7 years	Scrap and salvage records (inventories, safes, etc.)	7 years
Financial statements (year-end, other optional)	Permanently	Stenographer's notebook	1 year
Garnishments	7 years	Stocks and bond certificates (canceled)	7 years
General/private ledgers, year-end trial balance	Permanently	Stockroom withdrawal forms	1 year
Insurance policies (expired)	3 years	Subsidiary ledgers	7 years
Insurance records, current accident reports, claims, policies, etc.	Permanently	Tax returns and worksheets, revenue agents reports, and other documents relating to determination of income tax liability	Permanently
Internal audit reports (longer retention periods may be desirable)	3 years	Time books/cards	7 years
Internal reports (miscellaneous)	3 years	Trademark registration and copyrights	Permanently
Inventories of products, materials, and supplies	7 years	Training manuals	Permanently
Invoices (to customers, from vendors)	7 years	Union agreements	Permanently
Journals	Permanently	Voucher register and schedules	7 years
Vouchers for payments to vendors, employees, etc. (includes allowances and reimbursement of employees, officers, etc., for travel and entertainment expenses	7 years	Withholding tax statements	7 years



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#### PLEASE SIGN & RETURN THIS ENGAGEMENT LETTER TO US

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the opportunity to provide tax preparation services to you.

This letter is to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide. Please review the letter and reply to us with any questions at your earliest convenience.

#### Tax Services

We will prepare your federal, state and local individual income tax returns for the year ended December 31, 2016. As part of the tax engagement we will perform no audit or other verification of the tax data submitted to us, although we may ask for clarification of some of the information which you supply.

It is your responsibility to provide us with all the information required for the preparation of complete and accurate returns. You should retain all the documents, cancelled checks and other data that form the basis of income and deductions. These may be necessary to prove the accuracy and completeness of the returns to a taxing authority. You have the final responsibility for the income tax returns and therefore, you should review them carefully before you sign them.

Our work in connection with the preparation of the tax returns does not include any procedures designed to discover defalcations or other irregularities, should they exist. We will render accounting and bookkeeping assistance as we find necessary for preparation of the returns.

We will discuss with you any matters where the application of the tax law is unclear to the preparation of your income tax returns, or where there may be conflicts between the taxing authorities' interpretations of the law and other supportable positions.

We will prepare your state and local income tax returns based upon information you provide and the documents you submit. You are responsible for providing us with a complete understanding of all states and localities in which you are doing business and/or involved in financial transactions. We will not assume any responsibility for filing returns in additional jurisdictions not brought to our attention. Furthermore, if the basis for filing in a specific jurisdiction is not correct and has an effect on apportionment or inclusion of income, you agree that we are not responsible beyond the information originally provided. We will make every effort to bring to your attention any liability that we notice; however, overall advice on these issues is not within the scope of this engagement. We will not prepare any sales tax filings unless specifically identified in this letter. We do not in particular make any representation about the completeness of any sales and use tax filings. Please indicate your response to the following:

Have you or your spouse purchased property or service that was delivered to you in your home state without payment of applicable home state and local taxes to the seller. For example, purchases made through the Internet, catalogs, or from television shopping channels?

Please Circle One: Yes No

If the answer is yes, please note that you will need to provide information as to the amount and type of purchase.

The IRS has provided that taxpayers may authorize the IRS to discuss the taxpayer's tax return with the CPA who prepared and signed the taxpayer's return. The authorization is granted by checking the "yes" box in the signature area of the tax return. By checking the "yes" box, you are granting the IRS permission to contact our firm with questions that may arise during the processing of your return. *Please note that even if you provide this authorization our firm will not receive separate copies of IRS notices; therefore, you must provide our firm with copies of any notices you receive from the IRS.* Once elected, the authorization cannot be revoked. The authorization is valid for one year after the due date for filing the tax return.

Please indicate your response to the following by initialing the appropriate choice:

I hereby *grant* limited authorization for your firm to contact the IRS on our/my behalf as referred to on Page 2 of Form 1040 and as discussed in the above letter.

X		
Taxpayer	Spouse	
•	ited authorization for your firm to contact the IRS on our/my be of Form 1040 and as discussed in the above letter.	ehalf
X		
Taxpayer	Spouse	

It is your responsibility to inform us if you directly or indirectly hold any interest or signatory authority in any assets located in a foreign country. Based upon the information which you provide, this information will be used to calculate any applicable foreign tax credits.

We will also use this data to inform you of any additional filing requirements, which may include FinCen Report 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). Failure to file required forms can result in the imposition of both civil and criminal penalties, which can be significant. Please indicate if you or your spouse has a foreign bank account or foreign investment account.

Please circle one: YES	NO
f yes, indicate the highest value o	f the account in 2016

You are responsible for complying with any other country's reporting requirements. We have no responsibility to discuss these issues with you. If you have specific questions regarding your tax filing obligations, please contact us to schedule an appointment to discuss your concerns.

We have not been engaged to and will not prepare any financial statements.

You may be required to make quarterly estimated tax payments. We will calculate these payments for the 2017 tax year based upon the information you provide to prepare your 2016 tax returns and have no obligation to update recommended payments after the engagement is completed. If you ask us to update your estimated tax payments, we will confirm this in a separate engagement letter and may charge a separate fee.

We assume no obligation to provide you with tax advice unrelated to the preparation of the specified income tax returns unless we are specifically requested to do so. Moreover, it is recognized that tax issues tend to be quite complex and often turn on seemingly insignificant facts. The tax laws are in a constant state of flux, with new tax rulings and bulletins being issued on a daily basis. Accordingly, it is further understood and agreed that we shall not be responsible for any tax advice which we may issue unless we have had an opportunity to fully research and consider our advice and reduce it to writing.

We will not respond to any requests from banks, mortgage brokers or others for verification of any information reported on these tax returns.

#### **General Provisions**

We estimate our fee for services described above will be \$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, plus out-of-pocket expenses. This fee may increase due to the possibility any changes in the complexity of your return. We will keep you apprised of this should it occur. We reserve the right to assign work to any of our available staff. Invoices will be rendered by our billing department monthly and are payable upon presentation and/or collection at the time of rendering the service. Furthermore, we reserve the right to suspend or terminate our services if your account is in arrears. If we are required to terminate our services for reason of your failure to make timely payment, our engagement hereunder shall be deemed to have been

completed and you shall be obligated to pay for all services theretofore rendered notwithstanding our failure to have completed our engagement.

Should services other than those covered by the Agreement be required or requested their extent and the additional fees will be discussed and ascertained before we perform the work. Our fees do not include personal financial planning, tax or estate planning. Your returns may be selected for review by the taxing authorities. In the event of such a government tax examination, if mutually agreeable, we will be available to represent you and will render additional invoices for the time and expenses incurred.

In order to minimize the costs of our services we shall require your full cooperation. We shall inform you of the data which we will require in order to perform our work, including, but not limited to, copies of various schedules, analyses, invoices or other documents. Failure to provide the requested information accurately or not to provide it on a timely basis will likely increase the cost above that estimated in this letter. Independent contractors and consultants may participate in the services we provide to you.

The working papers prepared in conjunction with our engagement are the property of our firm, constitute confidential information and will be retained by us in accordance with our firm's policies and procedures.

In the interest of facilitating our services, we may communicate by facsimile transmission, send data over the Internet, store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the Internet, or allow access to data through third-party vendors' secured portals or clouds. Electronic data that is confidential to you may be transmitted or stored using these methods. We may use third-party service providers to store or transmit this data, such as providers of tax return preparation software. In using these data communication and storage methods, our firm employs measures designed to maintain data security. We use reasonable efforts to keep such communications and data access secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards. We also require all of our third-party vendors to do the same.

We will be pleased to meet with you at various times throughout the year to discuss tax, accounting and other matters affecting the company. You should feel free to call on us at any time in this regard. Should we perform services not included as part of the compilation or tax services above, we will invoice you separately for such services. Please be advised however, that we assume no obligation to offer advice that is not specifically requested.

From time to time, as an accommodation to you, we may refer you to other service providers (e.g. attorneys, accountants, etc.), and we shall not be liable for any acts or omissions of those service providers.

All disputes concerning the amount of fees accruing under this agreement shall be submitted to binding arbitration in New York City before a single arbitrator administered by the American Arbitration Association under the Rules for Accounting Firm Disputes of the American Arbitration Association. All fees of the American Arbitration Association and the arbitrator shall be borne by the parties in equal amounts.

All other disputes arising under this agreement (including, but not limited to the scope, nature and quality of services to be performed by us and other terms of the engagement) shall be submitted to mediation. A competent and impartial third party, acceptable to both parties, shall be appointed to mediate, and each disputing party shall pay an equal share of the mediator's fees and expenses. No party may initiate a legal proceeding relating to such issues until 60 days after the mediator's first meeting with the involved parties. You agree that our liability arising out of our services provided shall not exceed the total amount paid for the services described herein. This shall be your exclusive remedy.

No action, regardless of form, arising out of the services under this agreement may be brought by either of us more than three years after the date of the last services for the year in dispute provided under this agreement.

If, as a result of our prior or future services to you, we are required or requested to provide information or documents to you or a third party in connection with legal or administrative proceedings in which we are not a party, our efforts in complying with such requests or demands shall be deemed a part of this engagement and we shall be entitled to compensation for our time and reimbursement for our reasonable out-of-pocket expenditures (including legal fees) in complying with such requests or demands. Nothing herein, however, is intended to relieve us of our duty to observe the confidentiality requirements of our profession.

We would expect to continue to perform our services under the arrangements discussed above from year to year, unless for some reason you or we find that some change is necessary.

We reserve the right to amend any of the terms in this letter at any time as a result of any changes in laws or regulations affecting the accounting profession, which may preclude us from providing the services described in this letter on the terms we have agreed upon.

It is hereby understood and agreed that this engagement is being undertaken solely for your benefit and that no other person or entity shall be authorized to enforce the terms of this engagement.

This letter comprises the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between us, superseding all proposals oral or written and all other communications between us. If any provision of this letter is determined to be unenforceable, all other provisions shall remain in force.

We believe the foregoing correctly sets forth our understanding, but if you have any questions regarding any provisions of this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you. If you find the arrangements acceptable, please acknowledge your agreement to the understanding by signing and returning this letter of engagement.

We look forward to many more years of pleasant association with you and our firm.

Very truly yours, STEVEN GOLODNY CPA PC

# Taxpayer : \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED & ACCEPTED BY:



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#### 8 Steps from start to finish of a tax return

- You have received a year end letter which includes our tax data sheet for you to fill in and an engagement letter for you to read, sign and bring with you at the time of your appointment.
- 2. Returns are more and more complicated as the government changes the tax laws so please schedule an early appointment for your tax preparation prior to March 15, 2015. If you are mailing your information we will schedule a telephone appointment which will occur two weeks after we receive your information.
- 3. Please inform us if you have moved or have new contact information for your home, office or cell phone number or new e-mail address.
- 4. At the time of your appointment please make sure that we have all your original documents to support your income and deductions. Original documents will be returned upon completion of your tax return.
- 5. If it is determined that additional information is needed to complete your return you will be given an itemized list. This information can be mailed, faxed to 212-418-1229 or e-mailed to Sharon@golodnycpa.com. We do not accept any information by phone. We request that all the missing information be sent at one time. Do not send it to us as you gather it.
- 6. When possible returns will be electronically filed with the IRS and state governments.
- 7. For your review you will be sent a client copy of your return along with an e-file authorization form that you and your spouse must sign authorizing us to electronically file your return. You must return this signed form to us or your tax return cannot be electronically filed. Please also note that we will now be sending your client copy and E-file authorization via our "Client Portal" which will have separate instructions on how to use prior to finishing your tax return.
- 8. No return will be completed until our fee is paid in full and your signed engagement letter and signed e-file authorization forms are returned to us.

