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July 2006, Franchise Tax Board Litigation Roster

All currently active cases and those recently closed are listed on the roster. Activity or changes with respect to a case appear in bold-face type. Any new cases will appear in bold-face type.

A list of new cases that have been added to the roster for the month is also provided, as well as a list of cases that have been closed and will be dropped from the next report.

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FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
Closed Cases – July2006

Case Name	**Court Number**
Garcia, W. Rocke and Glenda L.	San Francisco Superior Court No. CGC06452218

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New Cases – July 2006

Case Name	**Court Number**
Gonzales, Thomas J. II	San Francisco Superior Court No. CGC06454297

FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
MONTHLY REFUND LITIGATION ROSTER

July 2006

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC334772 — Filed – 06/10/05
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate District No. B189240

Taxpayer's Counsel
Kenneth R. Chiate, Mary S. Thomas
Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges, LLP

Sherrill Johnson
Offices of the General Counsel
City National Bank

FTB's Counsel
Donald R. Currier
Joseph M. O'Heron

Issues:
1. Whether Plaintiff improperly engaged in tax shelter transaction involving Regulated Investment Trusts (REITs) and Regulated Investment Companies (RICs) during the subject years.
2. Whether certain subsidiaries were exempt from California taxation as IRC 501(c)(15) entities.
3. Whether Plaintiff has satisfied the requirement of exhausting all administrative remedies in order to maintain a lawsuit.

Years: 1999 through 2003 — Amount $84,676,129.00

Status: Plaintiff/Appellant's Opening Brief and Appendix Volume 2 filed on June 30, 2006.

CITY NATIONAL CORPORATION & Subs. v. Franchise Tax Board
Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 06AS02275 — Filed – 06/06/06

Taxpayer's Counsel
Kenneth R. Chiate
Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP

Sherrill Johnson
Offices of the General Counsel
City National Bank

FTB's Counsel
Michael J. Cornez

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs improperly engaged in tax shelter transaction involving Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs).

Year: 2004 — Amount $23,900,000.00

Status: **Defendant's Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint filed on July 21, 2006.**

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE, CO. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board
Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 03AS00707 — Filed - 02/07/03

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Eric J. Coffill, Carley A. Roberts	Steven J. Green
Morrison & Foerster, LLP	

Issues:
1. Whether the sales factor was properly calculated by excluding proceeds from short-term financial instruments and value added taxes assessed by foreign countries.
2. Whether the property factor needs to be adjusted to value property at its appreciated value to fairly reflect its activities in California.

Years: 1974 through 1982, 1984 through 1987, 1989 through 1991 — Amount $2,912,696.00

Status: Order to Stay Proceeding signed by Judge Virga on November 29, 2004, until a decision is reached in the *General Motors v. FTB* case.

CRISA CORPORATION v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC345087 — Filed - 12/23/05

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Steven Toscher, Michel R. Stein	Donald Currier
Hochman Salkin, Rettig, Toscher & Perez, P.C.	

Issues:
1. Whether the Plaintiff's California income can be determined upon the basis of a combined report including its foreign parent.
2. Whether the amount of income allocated and apportioned to California was properly determined.
3. Whether regulation 25106.5-10 was properly applied to account for inflation experienced by the parent's company.
4. Whether the denial of the use of alternative allocation and applicant methods under section 25137 was an abuse of discretion.

Years: 1987 through 1989 — Amount $622,800.00

Status: Case Management Conference held on June 6, 2006. Mandatory Settlement Conference scheduled for February 22, 2007, and Trial scheduled for March 5, 2007.

DELUCCHI, MARIO & KATHLEEN, et al v. Franchise Tax Board
Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 06AS02661 — Filed -

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Harry Gordon Oliver II	Michael J. Cornez
Attorney at Law	

Issues:
1. Whether Plaintiffs properly computed income on an installment sale.
2. Whether Plaintiffs may be deemed to have elected out of the installment method.
3. Whether Plaintiffs' gain on the sale of a stock qualified for exemption as Small Business Stock in 1995.

Years: 1995 — Amount $988,900.00

Status: **Defendant's Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint filed on July 24, 2006.**

DILTS, WALTER B. JR. AND PHYLLIS A. KAPPELER v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC04436496 — Filed - 11/19/04

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
R. Todd Luoma	Anne Michelle Burr
Law Office of Richard Todd Luoma	

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs ceased to be California residents as of December 16, 1994.

Years: 1994 and 1995 — Amount $973,101.00

Status: Order to Show Cause scheduled for June 08, 2006, is off calendar and Continued to January 8, 2008, Notice sent by the Court on June 20, 2006.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIRIES v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC06-449157 — Filed – 02/03/06

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Amy L. Silvertein	David Lew
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	
Jeffrey M. Vesely	
Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman, LLP	

Issues:
1. Whether the penalty imposed by section 19777.5(a) on amounts due and payable on March 31, 2005, for years beginning before January 31, 2003, violates the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution.
2. What is the meaning of "due and payable" for purposes of section 19777.5(a) of the Revenue and Taxation Code?

Years: (None) — Amount $0.00

Status: **Order; Defendant's Demurrer to Verified First Amended Complaint for Declaratory Relief Sustained Without Leave to Amend filed on July 31, 2006.**

GENERAL MILLS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC05-439929 — Filed – 03/29/05

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Thomas H. Steele	Marguerite Stricklin
Andres Vallejo, Jeffrey S. Terraciano	
Morrison & Foerster LLP	

Issues: 1. Whether the Plaintiffs' payroll factor was properly computed by excluding foreign employee stock options.
2. Whether the Plaintiffs' sales factor was properly calculated by excluding receipts from commodities transactions and short-term financial instruments.
3. Whether federal RAR adjustments were properly taken into account.

Years: 1992 through 1997 Amount $3,550,367.00

Status: Minute Order, Case Management Conference held on June 21, 2006, and continued to October 25, 2006, Trial scheduled for February 20, 2007.

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION, et al. v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC269404 Filed - 03/06/02
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate District No. B165665
California Supreme Court No. S127086

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Charles R. Ajalat	Stephen Lew
Law Office of Ajalat, Polley & Ayoob	Donald Currier
	Joseph O'Heron

Issues: 1. Whether gross receipts from the disposition of marketable securities were properly excluded from the sales factor.
2. Whether interest income was properly characterized as business income.
3. Whether dividends received with respect to stock representing less than a 50% voting interest were properly classified as business income.
4. Whether the limitation on deductions prescribed by sections 24402 and 24410 resulted in unconstitutional discriminatory taxation.
5. Whether various receipts from intangible assets were properly excluded from the sales factor.
6. Whether research tax credits were properly limited to the entity incurring the expense.
7. Whether a deduction was properly denied with respect to foreign country taxes withheld on dividends.
8. Whether the taxpayer is entitled to an increased deduction with respect to depreciation on assets held by foreign country subsidiaries.
9. Whether the taxes determined to be owing by the Franchise Tax Board were properly computed and assessed.

Years: 1986 through 1988 Amount $10,692,755.00

Status: Oral Argument held on June 2, 2006.

GOLDEN WEST HEALTH PLAN, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC353849 Filed – 06/15/06

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Alan R. Maler	Marla Markman
Greenberg Traurig, LLP	

Issue: Whether Plaintiff made a valid S Corporation election for California purposes.

Year: 04/01/03 through 06/01/03 Amount $669,045.00

Status: **Defendant's Answer to Plaintiff's Complaint filed on July 19, 2006. Case Management Conference scheduled for September 21, 2006.**

GONZALES, THOMAS J. II v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC06454297 **Filed – 07/18/06**

Taxpayer's Counsel	***FTB's Counsel***
Martin A. Schainbaum, Esq.	**Joyce E. Hee**
Martin A. Schainbaum, PLC	

Issues:
1. **Whether the loss claimed with respect to a Son of Boss transaction was allowable.**
2. **Whether a taxpayer self-reporting under VCI is eligible for interest suspension pursuant to section 19116.**
3. **Whether the taxpayer is entitled to deduct legal expenses paid in connection with an investment.**

Years: 2000 and 2001 **Amount $12,374,510.00**

Status: Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint filed on July 18, 2006, and served on the Franchise Tax Board on July 21, 2006.

HAMEETMAN, FRED AND JOYCE v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC 305968 Filed - 11/12/03
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate District No. B187278

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Eric L. Troff, Esq.	Donald Currier
Gibbs, Giden, Locher & Turner, LLP	

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs were entitled to a business bad debt reduction.

Years: 1990 and 1993 Amount $65,738.00

Status: **Defendant/Respondent's Brief filed on July 26, 2006.**

HILTON, ERIC & BITTEN v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC354308 Filed – 06/21/06

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Richard K. Semeta	Anthony Sgherzi
A Professional Law Corporation	

Issue: Whether a portion of the gain realized on the exercise of stock options by a non-resident was California source income.

Year 1997 Amount $27,346.98

Status: **Order to Show Cause filed, Hearing scheduled for August 31, 2006, and Case Management Conference scheduled for October 30, 2006.**

HYATT, GILBERT P. v. Franchise Tax Board

Clark County Nevada District Court No. A382999	Filed - 01/06/98
Nevada Supreme Court No. 47141	
Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Thomas L. Steffen & Mark A. Hutchison	James W. Bradshaw
Hutchison & Steffen, H. Bartow Farr III	McDonald, Carano, Wilson LLP
	Las Vegas, Nevada

Issues:
1. Whether Plaintiff was a resident of California from September 26, 1991 through April 2, 1992.
2. Whether the Franchise Tax Board committed various torts with respect to plaintiff and is subject to a claim for damages.
3. Whether the Nevada courts have or should exercise jurisdiction over the Franchise Tax Board.

Years: 1991 and 1992 Amount $7,545492.00 Tax
$5,659,119.00 Penalty

Status: Nevada Supreme Court
Defendant FTB's Opposition to Plaintiff Hyatt's Motion for Leave to File Reply to Answer to Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed on July 3, 2006. Order Granting Motion for Leave to File a Reply filed on July 17, 2006. Plaintiff Hyatt's Reply to Answer to Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed on July 25, 2006.

JIBILIAN, TONY & DOROTHY v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC298685	Filed – 07/09/03
Court of Appeal 2nd Appellate District Court No. B175952	
California Supreme Court No. S142011	
Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Derek L. Tabone, Esq.	Brian Wesley
Law Offices of Tabone, APC	Elisa Wolfe-Donato

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs have taxable income for the years involved.

Years: 1999 through 2001 Amount $208,742.00

Status: Petitioners' Petition for Review denied on May 10, 2006.

KIM, PAUL M. v. Franchise Tax Board

Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC333465	Filed – 05/13/05
Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Yoon Han Kim	Donald R. Currier
Law Offices of Yoon Han Kim & Assoc.	

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff had income from payments received as the result of a lawsuit.
2. Whether Plaintiff had a loss arising from foreclosure of property.
3. Whether Plaintiff filed a claim for refund.

Year: 1993 Amount $16,098.46

Status: **Plaintiff's Request and Entry of Dismissal with Prejudice filed July 19, 2006.**

KUHN, DAVID & ELIZABETH v. Franchise Tax Board
Alameda Superior Court Docket No. WG05212795 Filed – 05/13/05

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
David N. Kuhn	David Lew
Attorney at Law	

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiffs timely filed claims for refund.
2. Whether estoppel should lie against the Board for failing to notify Plaintiffs of the statute of limitations.

Years: 1994 through 1996 Amount $18,090.48

Status: **Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment granted on July 13, 2006.**

THE LIMITED STORES, INC. AND AFFILIATES v. Franchise Tax Board
Alameda Superior Court Docket No. 837723-0 Filed - 04/09/01
Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate District Court No. A102915
California Supreme Court No. S136922

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Edwin P. Antolin	Joyce Hee
Morrison & Foerster, LLP	

Issues: 1. Whether gross receipts from the sale of short-term financial instruments should be included in the sales factor.
2. Whether gain realized on the sale of a partial interest in a limited partnership formed from three subsidiaries constitutes business income.

Years: 1993 and 1994 Amount $2,185,718.00

Status: Petition for Review granted on October 26, 2005. Further action in this matter is deferred pending consideration and disposition of a related issued in General Motors and Microsoft or pending further order of the court.

LUCAS, LADONNA v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BS102039 Filed – 03/08/06

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
LaDonna Lucas, In Pro Per	Felix Leatherwood

Issues: 1. Whether the Superior Court has jurisdiction to consider the action filed by the Plaintiff.
2. Whether Appellant qualifies as a head of household for the year 2002 and 2003.

Years: 2002 and 2003 Amount Unknown

Status: **Hearing on Defendant's Demurrer held and continued to October 19, 2006.**

MARKEN, DONALD W. & CLAUDINE H. v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. 302520 Filed - 04/05/99
Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate Dist. No. A091644
California Supreme Court No. S 104529
Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate Dis. No. A109715
Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate District No. A110668 (Attorneys' Fees)

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
William E. Taggart, Jr.	Marguerite Stricklin
Taggart & Hawkins	

Issue: Whether Plaintiffs were residents of California in 1993.

Year: 1993 Amount $244,012.00

Status: **Oral Argument Waiver Notice sent on July 3, 2006. Plaintiffs/Appellants' Request for Oral Argument filed under A109715 on July 13, 2006.**

THE MCGRAW-HILL COMPANIES, INC., a New York Corporation v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC 03424737 Filed - 09/24/03
Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate Dist. Div. One No. A109907
California Supreme Court No. S143330

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Jeffrey M. Vesely, Richard E. Nielsen & Annie H. Huang	Anne Michelle Burr
Pillsbury Winthrop, LLP	

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff was entitled to use Marked-to-Market accounting allowed under the Internal Revenue Code when those provisions had not been adopted by California.
2. Whether other adjustments made or allowed by the Internal Revenue Service should be allowed by California.

Years: 1993 and 1994 Amount $606,744.00

Status: **Petition for Review denied on July 12, 2006.**

MICROSOFT CORPORATION v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. 400444 — Filed - 10/19/01
Court of Appeal, 1st Appellate Dist. Div. 3 No. A105312
California Supreme Court No. S133343

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
James P. Kleier, Esq.	Julian O. Standen
Reed Smith LLP	
Joseph Patton Powers	
Baker & McKenzie	

Issues: 1. Whether the denominator of the receipts factor was properly calculated by excluding receipts from marketable securities.
2. Whether the limitation on the deduction of dividends provided for in Section 24402 discriminates.
3. Whether adjustments made to increase the income of controlled foreign corporations included in the combined report were proper.

Year: 1991 — Amount $1,879,809.00

Status: Oral Argument held on June 2, 2006.

MONTGOMERY WARD LLC v. Franchise Tax Board v. Franchise Tax Board
San Diego Superior Court Docket No. GIC802767 — Filed - 12/30/02

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Antolin, Pilar M. Sansone, Amy Silverstein	Domini Pham
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	

Issues: 1. Whether proceeds from the sale, maturity or other disposition of short-term financial instruments were properly excluded from the sales factor.
2. Whether section 24402 Rev. & Tax. Code is constitutional.

Years: 1989 through 1994 — Amount $2,694,192.00

Status: Status Conference held on March 17, 2006, and continued to September 15, 2006.

NEW GAMING SYSTEMS, INC. & AKA INDUSTRIES, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board
Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 03AS05705 — Filed - 10/10/03

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Spencer T. Malysiak	Michael Cornez
Spencer T. Malysiak Law Corp.	

Issues: 1. Whether New Gaming Systems, Inc., timely filed its suit for refund for the income year ended March 31, 1996.
2. Whether a declaratory relief action can be brought to prevent the collection of tax.
3. Whether a suit for refund can be maintained for a year in which the amount of tax has not been paid in full.

4. Whether Plaintiffs are liable for California taxes on income generated from leases for operating Indian casinos.

Years: 1996 and 1997 Amount $90,773.05

Status: **Status Conference continued to September 18, 2006.**

NEWS AMERICA INCORPORATED (FOX, INC.) v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC350576 Filed – 04/12/06

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Neil R. O'Hanlon	Felix E. Leatherwood
Hogan & Hartson, LLP	

Issues:
1. Whether the Franchise Tax Board properly classified gain realized on the sale of an interest in a partnership as nonbusiness income.
2. If the gain on the sale of the interest in a partnership was nonbusiness income, whether it should be allocated to New York.
3. Whether the assignment to California of the gain realized on the sale of the partnership fairly reflects the activities of the taxpayer in this state.

Year: 1989 Amount $1,726,405.00

Status: **Defendant's Notice of Non-Appearance at the Hearing on Request of David A. Shuster and Melvin E. Lefkowitz to Appear as Counsel Pro Hac Vice filed on July 17, 2006. Hearing on Motion, Appear Pro Hac Vice scheduled for August 2, 2006, and Case Management Conference scheduled for September 11, 2006.**

NORTHWEST ENERGETIC SERVICES, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No.CGC05-437721 Filed – 01/15/05

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin	Marguerite Stricklin
Silverstein & Pomerantz	

Issue: Whether Revenue and Taxation Code section 17942, which imposes a tax upon the "total income from all sources reportable to this state" of LLC registered with the Secretary of State, violates the Due Process Clause and Commerce Clauses.

Years: 12/31/97 through 12/31/01 Amount $25,067.00 Tax
$ 3,764.29 Penalty

Status: **Defendant's Notice of Appeal and Request for Transcript filed on July 5, 2006. Plaintiff's Notice of Motion and Motion for Reasonable Attorneys Fees and Costs; Defendant's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees filed on July 25, 2006.**

ORDLOCK, BAYARD M. & LOIS S. v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC278386 — Filed - 07/25/02
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate Dist. No. B169465
California Supreme Court No. S127649

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Clayton Vreeland	Amy J. Winn
Bingham McCutchen LLP	

Issue: Whether the tax involved was timely assessed.

Year: 1983 — Amount $12,350.00

Status: Plaintiffs/Appellants' Petition for Rehearing filed in the California Supreme Court on June 23, 2006.

PLAYMATES TOYS, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC344785 — Filed – 12/19/05

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Craig J. Stein	Joseph M. O'Heron
Gelfand, Stein & Wasson, LLP	

Issue: Whether Defendant Franchise Tax Board properly computed the numerator of the taxpayer's California sales factor by assigning sales made from Hong Kong to California.

Years: 1988 through 1990 — Amount $1,582,288.00

Status: **Plaintiff's Ex-Parte Application to Continue the Hearing on Defendant's Motion to Strike and Demurrer and Extend the Mediation Completion date filed on July 26, 2006. Ex-Parte Proceeding denied on July 26, 2006.**

SHAFRAN, ALLEN J. & TOBY v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Docket No. BC 316070 — Filed – 05/25/04
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate Dist. No.B186947

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
W. Patrick O'Keefe, Jr.	Anthony F. Sgherzi
W. Patrick O'Keefe, Jr. Incorporated	

Issue: Whether the denial of a deduction for depreciation based upon a federal adjustment was proper.

Year: 1992 — Amount $45,415.00 Tax

Status: **Opinion filed on July 31, 2006, in favor of Defendant.**

SQUARE D COMPANY v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC05442465 — Filed – 06/21/05

Taxpayer's Counsel
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McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Chicago, IL

FTB's Counsel
Paul Gifford

Issues:
1. Whether Palatine Hills Leasing, which invested in leverage lease transactions, was part of the unitary business conducted by Square D Company.
2. Whether the income of Palatine Hills Leasing constituted business income of the unitary business conducted by Square D Company.
3. How the proceeds from the short-term investment of funds should be reflected in the sales factor of the apportionment formula.

Years: 1985 through 1990 — Amount $5,635,087.40

Status: Mandatory Settlement Conference advanced from September 5, 2006, to August 15, 2006. Trial scheduled for September 18, 2006. Discovery proceeding.

STAPLES, MARK A. v. Taxpayer Advocate Bureau, Franchise Tax Board, and State Board of Equalization
Sacramento Superior Court Docket No.04AS03598 — Filed – 09/03/04
Court of Appeal, 3rd Appellate Court No. C052864

Taxpayer's Counsel
Mark A. Staples, In Pro Per

FTB's Counsel
Michael J. Cornez

Issues:
1. Whether the method used by California to compute the tax owed by part-year resident violates various provisions of the United States Constitution.
2. Whether the department's review and disposition of the plaintiff's objections to additional tax were properly handled.

Year: 1998 — Amount $1,141.00

Status: **Defendant/Respondent's Motion to Dismiss the Appeal as Untimely is granted on July 27, 2006. The Appeal filed on June 9, 2006, is dismissed, and Application to Correct the Plaintiff/Appellant's Civil Case Information Statement is Dismissed as Moot.**

TOY'S "R" US, INC. & AFFILIATES v. Franchise Tax Board
Sacramento Superior Court Docket No. 01AS04316 — Filed - 07/17/01
Court of Appeal, 4th Appellate Court No. C045386
California Supreme Court No. S143422

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Eric J. Coffill	Michael J. Cornez
Carley A. Roberts	
Morrison & Foerster, LLP	

Issue: Whether gross receipts from the sale of short-term financial investment were properly excluded from the documentation of the sales factor.

Years: 1991 through 1994 — Amount $5,342,122.00

Status: **Plaintiffs/Appellants' Reply to Answer to Petition for Review filed on June 8, 2006. Petition for Review granted on July 26, 2006.**

UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. CGC 05441957 — Filed – 06/06/05

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
James P. Kleier, Brian Toman, John R. Messenger	Anne Michelle Burr
Reed Smith, LLP	

Issues:
1. Whether additions to the bad debt reserves of the taxpayer's unitary business were properly calculated.
2. Whether there were losses arising from the exchange of loans for bonds that are deductible as ordinary losses.
3. Whether the water's-edge election fee assessed violated the Commerce Clause of the United State Constitution.

Year: 1991 — Amount $15,953,167.00

Status: Mandatory Settlement Conference rescheduled to October 26, 2006. Trial scheduled for November 13, 2006. Discovery proceeding.

VENTAS FINANCE I, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Docket No. 05-440001 — Filed – 04/01/05

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin	Marguerite Stricklin
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	

Issue: Whether Revenue and Taxation Code section 17942, which imposes a tax based upon the "total income from all sources reportable to this state" of LLC registered with the Secretary of State, violates the Due Process Clause and Commerce Clause.

Years: 2001 through 2003 — Amount $29,580.00

Status: **Plaintiff's Reply Brief and Index of Non-California Authorities in Support filed on July 7, 2006. Defendant's Reply Brief filed on July 14, 2006. Defendant's Objection to Plaintiff's Request for Judicial Notice filed on July 14, 2006. On July 24, 2006, Court Trial Set for May 8, 2006, continued to August 11, 2006.**

YOSHINOYA WEST, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District No. BC274343 — Filed - 05/22/02
Court of Appeal, 2nd Appellate Dist. No. B178751

Taxpayer's Counsel	*FTB's Counsel*
Dwayne M. Horii,	Donald R. Currier
William C. Choi	
Rodriguez, Horii & Choi	

Issues:
1. Whether Yoshinoya West, Inc. is involved in a unitary business with its Japanese parent company.
2. Whether application of the standard allocation and apportionment provision of the Revenue and Taxation Code disproportionately taxed Yoshinoya West.

Years: 1986 and 1987 — Amount $1,741,534.00

Status: Opinion filed on June 26, 2006; Judgment is affirmed in favor of Defendant/Respondent.