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May 2012 Franchise Tax Board Public 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.

The Franchise Tax Board posts the Litigation Roster on its Internet site. The Litigation Roster can be found at: <http://www.ftb.ca.gov/law/litrstr/index.shtml>.

The Litigation Rosters for the last four years may be found on the Internet site.

FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
Closed Cases –May 2012

Case Name

Court Number

Stephen J. Goldman & Azita Etaati
(Ruled in FTB's favor)

Alameda County Superior Court Case No.
RG09441003; Court of Appeal First
Appellate District Court Case No. A128985

Paul & Patricia Mickelsen
(Ruled in FTB's favor)

Los Angeles County Superior Court Case
No. BC385197; Court of Appeal, Second
Appellate District Court Case No. B213971
(consolidated with Du & Shimmon)

FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
New Cases – May 2012

<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Court Number</u>
Dennis & Bonny Conforto	San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2012-00092895
Al Mesa	Los Angeles County Small Claims Court Case No. GLN11S03030
Mercedes-Benz USA Inc	Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2012-00124506
Robert & Gail Poll	Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC485069

FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
MONTHLY PUBLIC LITIGATION ROSTER

May 2012

BAKERSFIELD MALL, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC07462728 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed - 04/25/07 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Marguerite Stricklin
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- Issues:
1. Whether the LLC fee imposed on an LLC doing business entirely within California by Rev. Tax. Code §17942 is unconstitutional under the due process, equal protection and commerce clauses of the U.S. Constitution.
 2. Whether Rev. Tax. Code §17942 violates Article XIII, section 26 of the California Constitution.
 3. Whether Rev. Tax. Code §17942 constitutes an invalid exercise of state police power and is void.

Years: 2000 through 2004 Amount: \$56,537.00 Tax

Status: **Complex Litigation (TELEPHONIC) Case Management Conference, previously set for July 20, 2010, was continued to August 16, 2010. On August 16, 2010, the Complex Litigation Matter was removed from the calendar and continued to December 6, 2010. On December 1, 2010, a Joint Case Conference Statement was filed by Plaintiff. On December 6, 2010, a Complex Litigation Case Management Conference was held and continued to January 25, 2011. The January 25, 2011, Case Management Conference was continued to July 14, 2011. On June 16, 2011, a Notice of Continued Case Management Conference was filed by FTB. On July 14, 2011, the Case Management Conference was held and continued to October 3, 2011. On October 3, 2011, the Case Management Conference was held and the matter was continued to November 2, 2011. Case Management Conference was held January 25, 2012, and was continued to March 20, 2012. On March 20, 2012, the Case Management Conference was held and continued to April 4, 2012. On April 4, 2012, the Case Management Conference was held and continued to June 14, 2012.**

BUNZL DISTRIBUTION v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC10506344 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> William F. Colgin Kimberley M. Reeder William Clayton Morgan, Lewis, & Bockius, LLP	Filed - 12/17/10 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Kris Whitten Karen Yiu
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- Issue:
1. Whether FTB properly included the California factors attributable to certain single-member LLCs when calculating the taxpayer's apportionment percentages.

2. Whether FTB properly included the single-member LLC's in the taxpayer's combined report.
3. Whether the FTB Settlement Bureau conducts itself with reckless disregard for Board published procedures?
4. Whether the policies and/or procedures of the FTB Settlement Bureau constitute improper underground regulations.

Year: 2005

<u>Amount</u>
\$1,368,734.00 Tax
\$128,562.00 Interest

Status: Summons and Complaint served on FTB December 21, 2010. FTB's Demurrer to the Complaint was heard on March 1, 2011. The Demurrer was sustained in part and overruled in part. The Answer was filed May 11, 2011. On June 14, 2011, the Answer to Cross Complaint was filed by the Cross-Defendant, Bunzl. On July 8, 2011, a Joint Notice of Agreement to Accept Service Electronically was filed by Bunzl. On July 18, 2011, trial was set for June 18, 2012. The Mandatory Settlement Conference is set for June 1, 2012. On February 28, 2012, FTB's Response to Plaintiff's Special Interrogatories, Set One, and FTB's Response to Plaintiff's Requests for Production of Documents, Set Two were served. On February 29, 2012, FTB's Notice of Motion and Motion for Summary Adjudication of the First and Second Causes of Action together with pleadings in support thereof, was filed. The Motion for Summary Adjudication is scheduled to be heard on May 21, 2012. On March 29, 2012, FTB filed a Motion for Protective Order, together with pleadings in support thereof, with respect to pending discovery. On March 29, 2012, Plaintiff filed a Motion, together with supporting pleadings, to compel FTB to provide further responses to discovery requests propounded by Plaintiff. Declaration of Kimberley M. Reeder in Support of Plaintiff Bunzl Distribution USA Inc.'s Motion to Compel Further Responses To Interrogatories, Requests for Admissions, and Requests for Production of Documents was filed. On March 29, 2012, Plaintiff's Notice of Motion and Motion to Compel Further Responses to Interrogatories, Requests for Admission, and Requests for Production of Documents was filed. On March 29, 2012, Plaintiff Bunzl Distribution USA Inc.'s Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion to Compel Further Responses to Interrogatories was filed, Requests for Admission, and Requests for Production of Documents was filed. On March 29, 2012, Plaintiff's Separate Statement in Support of its Motion to Compel Further Responses to Interrogatories, Requests for Admission was filed. On April 4, 2012, Plaintiff's Demand for Exchange of Expert Witness Information was filed. On April 25, 2012, Defendant Franchise Tax Board's Disclosure of Expert Witnesses was filed. On April 27, 2012, Plaintiff Bunzl Distribution USA. Inc.'s Expert Witness Disclosure was filed. On May 2, 2012, the Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Further Discovery Responses and Denying in Part and Granting in Part Defendant's Motion for a Protective Order was filed. On May 3, 2012, the Franchise Tax Board's Notice of Taking Deposition of Bunzl Distribution USA Inc. and Request for Production of Documents was served. On May 10, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Notice for Taking Deposition of Mukesh Bajaj Ph.D. and Request for Production of Documents was served. On May 10, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Notice for Taking Deposition of Matthew G. Mercurio and Request for Production of Documents was served. On May 10, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Notice for Taking Deposition of Jeffrey M. Healy and Request for Production of Documents was served. On May 11, 2012, Franchise Tax Board 's Objections to Plaintiff's Evidence filed in opposition to Motion for Summary Adjudication of the First and Second Causes of Action was filed. On May 11, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Reply Brief in Support of Motion for Summary

Adjudication of the First and Second Causes of Action was filed. On May 15, 2012, Bunzl Distribution USA Inc.'s Response to Franchise Tax Board's Supplemental Specially Prepared Interrogatories, Set One was filed. On May 15, 2012, Bunzl Distribution USA Inc.'s Response to Franchise Tax Board's Supplemental Form Interrogatories, Set One was filed. On May 15, 2012, Bunzl Distribution USA Inc.'s Response to Franchise Tax Board's Supplemental Request for Production of Documents, Set One was filed. On May 21, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Response to Bunzl Distribution USA Inc.'s Requests for Production of Documents, Set Four was filed. On May 22, 2012, Bunzl Distribution USA Inc.'s Objections to Franchise Tax Board's Deposition Subpoena of Kimberley M. Reeder and Request for Documents was filed. On May 23, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Motion for Leave to Amend Answer to Complaint, and supporting pleadings was filed.

CA-CENTERSIDE II, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board Fresno Superior Court Case No. 10CECG00434 <i>Taxpayer's Counsel</i> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed: 02/04/10 <i>FTB's Counsel</i> Steven Green
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- Issues:
1. Whether the LLC fee imposed on an LLC doing business entirely within California by Rev. Tax. Code §17942 is unconstitutional under the due process, equal protection and commerce clauses of the U.S. Constitution.
 2. Whether Rev. Tax. Code §17942 violates Article XIII, section 26, of the California Constitution.
 3. Whether Rev. Tax. Code §17942 constitutes an invalid exercise of state police power and is void.

Years: 2000 through 2005 Amount
\$65,201.00 Tax

Status: Defendant's Demurrer and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Demurrer was filed on April 23, 2010. The hearing on Demurrer was held and the matter taken under submission on August 12, 2010. The Case Management Conference was originally set for August 23, 2010. On August 18, 2010 a Minute Order was issued by Judge Franson, overruling the Demurrer with 45 days to answer, and scheduling Status Conference for October 13, 2010. On October 13, 2010, FTB and CA-Centerside stipulated that FTB shall have fifteen court days to file and serve its answer to the First Amended Complaint from the Decision of the Court of Appeal on FTB's Petition for Writ of Mandate. Petition for Writ of Mandate was denied October 10, 2010. Request for Judicial Notice was denied October 20, 2010. FTB filed its Answer to the First Amended Complaint on November 8, 2010. On July 22, 2011, Plaintiff's First Set of Special Interrogatories to Defendant FTB were submitted. On July 22, 2011, Plaintiff's First Set of Form Interrogatories were served. On July 22, 2011, Plaintiff's First Set of Demands for Production, Inspection, and Copying of Documents was served. On July 22, 2011, Plaintiff's first Set of Requests for Admission to Defendant FTB were served. On July 22, 2011, Declaration of Johanna Roberts in Support of Additional Discovery was served. On October 3, 2011, the FTB responded to Responses to Plaintiff's First Set of Requests for Admission. On October 3, 2011, the FTB responded to Plaintiff's First Set of Form Interrogatories. On October 3, 2011, FTB responded to Plaintiff's First Set of Demands for Production, Inspection and Copying of Documents. On October 3, 2011, FTB responded to Plaintiff's First Set of Special Interrogatories.

STEPHEN & VICKORY CHERNER v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC469768

Filed: 09/16/11

Taxpayer's Counsel

Laura G. Brys

Burris, Schoenberg & Walden, LLP

FTB's Counsel

Craig Scott

Issues: 1. Whether the Franchise Tax Board properly denied/withheld Plaintiff's Claim for Refund?
2. Whether the Franchise Tax Board properly handled and diligently processed taxpayers 2005 Amnesty Penalty Application?

Years: 1990, 2005

Amount \$87,897.00

Status: Summons & Complaint filed September 16, 2011. On December 1, 2011, a Notice of Hearing on Demurrer to Complaint for Declaratory Relief/Demurrer to Complaint for Declaratory Relief together with a Memorandum of Points & Authorities and a Request for Judicial Notice of the Pleadings & Exhibits filed in the Prior Cherner/FTB suit were filed by FTB. The Plaintiff's First Set of Specially Prepared Interrogatories Propounded to FTB was served on December 30, 2011. On January 27, 2012, FTB responded to Plaintiff's First Set of Special Interrogatories. On March 9, 2012, FTB's Reply to Plaintiffs' Opposition to Demurrer was filed. The Request for Judicial Notice of SBE's Denial of Taxpayer Petition for Rehearing was filed on March 9, 2012. The Cross-Complaint for Unpaid Penalties, Fees and Interest on Tax Liability was filed March 14, 2012. On March 21, 2012, an Order After Hearing on FTB's Demurrer to Plaintiffs' Complaint was filed sustaining FTB's Demurrer without Leave to Amend. On April 11, 2012, the Cross-Defendants' Verified Answer to FTB's Cross-Complaint was filed.

DENNIS & BONNY CONFORTO v. Franchise Tax Board
San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2012-00092895

Filed:

Taxpayer's Counsel

Paul W. Rowe, Esq.

FTB's Counsel

Leslie Branman Smith

Issues: 1. Whether Appellant's investment in ShopA-Z.com Inc. became totally worthless in 2001.

Years: 2001, 2003

Amount

2001: \$53,661.00

2003: \$28,733.00

Status: Summons & Complaint filed on February 27, 2012. First Amended Complaint was filed April 24, 2012.

CUTLER, FRANK v. Franchise Tax Board Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC421864 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Marty Dakessian Reed Smith LLP	Filed - 09/15/09 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Christine Zarifarian
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- Issues:
1. Whether California's Qualified Small Business Stock Deferral of Tax Provisions violate the Commerce Clause and Due Process Requirements of the United States Constitution.
 2. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a refund of taxes and interest paid to FTB.
 3. Whether the Amnesty Penalty violates the Due Process Clause of the United States and California Constitutions.
 4. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to attorneys' fees and costs under RTC 19717 and/or CCP 1021.5.

Year: 1998 Amount: \$200,182.00 Tax
\$47,600.00 Penalty

Status: On June 8, 2010, Defendant/FTB filed a Notice of Entry of Order Approving Stipulation extending the time for parties to file and serve cross-motions for Summary Judgment. Hearing on the cross motions for Summary Judgment occurred on September 8, 2010. On May 2, 2011, an Order was issued granting FTB's Motion for Summary Judgment or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication. On May 3, 2011, the Notice of Entry of Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment was filed. On May 3, 2011, the Notice of Entry of Order on FTB's Motion for Summary Judgment or in the Alternative Summary Adjudication was filed. On May 5, 2011, Plaintiff's Notice of Ex-Parte Application and Application Requesting Order Clarifying Orders on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment was filed. On May 18, 2011 a Judgment, Minute Order, and Request for Dismissal were filed. The Order denied the Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Adjudication, granted Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, and granted Plaintiff's Request for Dismissal of the Fourth Cause of Action. On June 14, 2011, a Notice of Appeal combined with Election to Proceed was filed by the Plaintiff. On June 30, 2011, a Notice to Reporters to Prepare the Transcript on Appeal was filed. Plaintiff/Appellant filed his Opening Brief on November 21, 2011. Respondent's Brief was filed February 16, 2012. On April 30, 2012, Appellant's Reply Brief was filed. The case is now fully briefed.

DAI, WEILI v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-515643 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Glenn A Smith Law Offices of Glenn A. Smith	Filed - 11/03/11 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Marguerite Stricklin
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- Issues:
1. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to Declaratory Relief under section 11350 of the Government Code in the form of a determination that FTB has created and implemented invalid regulations with respect to the treatment of stock options.

Year: 2006 Amount: \$ 1.00

Status: Summons & Complaint filed November 3, 2011. On December 15, 2011, a Summons and the First Amended Complaint were filed alleging that Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration under Section 11350 of the Government Code that FTB has created and implemented certain invalid regulations. The First Request for Production of Documents by Plaintiff was propounded to FTB on December 23, 2011. The First Set of Special Interrogatories by Plaintiff was propounded to FTB on December 23, 2011. On February 8, 2012, FTB responded to Plaintiff's First Request for Production of Documents and First Set of Special Interrogatories. On February 10, 2012, FTB filed a Demurrer to Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint together with pleadings supporting the Demurrer. On April 13, 2012, the Opposition to Motion to Compel Further Responses to Special Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents was filed by FTB. On April 24, 2012, a Reply Memorandum in Support of Motion to Compel Responses to Special Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents was filed by Plaintiff. On April 24, 2012, a Reply Brief in Support of Demurrer was filed by FTB. A Case Management Conference was held on May 25, 2012, and the matter was continued to July 18, 2012.

DANIEL V INC. v. Franchise Tax Board		
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC457301		
<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	Filed - 03/14/11
Marty Dakessian	Anthony Sgherzi	<u>FTB's Counsel</u>
Reed Smith LLP		Eric Brown

- Issues:**
1. Whether Appellant has demonstrated the amnesty-related penalties assessed for the 1997 and 1998 tax years should be abated?
 2. Whether Appellant has demonstrated a late filing penalty assessed for the 1997 tax year should be abated.
 3. Whether Daniel V has demonstrated that its commercial domicile is not in California.

<u>Years:</u> 1997	<u>Amount:</u> Tax:	\$40,759.23
	Interest:	\$56,388.57
	Late Filing Penalty	\$10,189.80
	Amnesty Penalty	\$16,076.42
	Total:	\$123,414.02
1998	Tax:	\$840,010.32
	Interest:	\$1,073,439.12
	Late Filing Penalty	\$0.00
	Amnesty Penalty	\$237,050.56
	Total:	\$2,150,500.00

Status: Summons and Complaint served March 14, 2011. Answer to the Complaint filed April 12, 2011. On May 3, 2011, FTB sent the First Set of Special Interrogatories to Daniel V. FTB also sent a Demand for Production of Documents . On June 21, 2011, Daniel V's Response to Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories was sent. On July 12, 2011, Plaintiff Responded to the Request for Production of Documents. On December 6, 2011, the Plaintiff's Request for Production of Documents Set One to the Franchise Tax Board was served. Trial is scheduled for July 16, 2012. The Final Status Conference is scheduled to occur on July 6, 2012. The Parties are to participate in a non-binding Mediation prior to trial. A Post-

Mediation Status Conference that was scheduled for February 6, 2012, was continued to March 6, 2012. On April 16, 2012, an Ex-Parte Application for an Order Advancing the Hearing Date on Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Defendant's Further Production of Documents and Monetary Sanctions and Memorandum of Points and Authorities was filed. On April 16, 2012, a Minute Order was issued by the Court denying the Ex-parte Application and on the Court's own Motion continuing the Post-Mediation Status Conference and Mediation Cut-Off date was extended to June 18, 2012.

DICON FIBEROPTICS, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC367885 Court of Appeal, 2 nd Appellate District Case No. B202997 California Supreme Court Case No. S173860 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Thomas R. Freeman, Paul S. Chan, Marty Dakessian Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Reed Smith LLP Nessim, Dooks & Lincenberg, P.C.	Filed - 03/13/07 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Marla Markman
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- Issues:
1. Whether Franchise Tax Board properly denied EZ Credits claimed by Plaintiff.
 2. Whether Franchise Tax Board has authority to look behind vouchers issued by Local Enterprise Zone coordinator.

Year: Ending 03/31/07 Amount: \$1,104,992.00 Tax

Status: Defendant/Respondent's Reply Brief was filed on May 7, 2010. Amicus Curiae Brief filed on June 10, 2010, by California Taxpayers' Association in support of Appellant. The Response to the Amicus Curiae Brief was filed June 29, 2010. On July 26, 2010, a Reply Brief on the Merits was filed. On July 26, 2010, an Answer to the Amicus Brief was filed. On February 1, 2012, the Supreme Court issued a Notice assigning the case for Oral Argument. Oral Arguments were heard on March 6, 2012, and the matter was taken under submission. On March 19, 2012, Dicon filed an Application to vacate Submission and File Post-Argument Brief. On March 23, 2012, an Objection to the Application to Vacate Submission was filed. On April 11, 2012, the Application to Vacate Submission and Post Argument Brief were denied. On April 26, 2012, the California Supreme Court rendered a unanimous Opinion in FTB's favor.

WILLIAM B. & LAURA K. ELCOCK v. Franchise Tax Board Alameda Superior Court Case No. RG 11570953 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> William E. Taggart Taggart & Hawkins.	Filed - 04/14/11 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Karen Yiu
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff was entitled to refunds for tax years 2003-2006 for Non-Qualified Stock Options (NQSO's).

<u>Year:</u>	2003	<u>Amount:</u> \$87,209.00Tax
	2004	\$21,802.00 Penalty
	2005	\$15,282.00Tax
	2006	\$3,820.00 Penalty
		\$28,585.00 Tax
		\$89,822.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed April 14, 2011. On May 17, 2011, the Stipulation and Proposed Order to Transfer Case was filed. On June 24, 2011, FTB's Demurrer to Plaintiff's Complaint, Notice of Hearing thereon, and Pleading in Support thereof were filed. On September 8, 2011, Case Management Conference Statement was filed. On September 16, 2011, FTB's Index of Non-California Authorities in Support of Demurrer to Complaint was filed. On September 16, 2011, FTB's Reply in Support of Demurrer to Complaint was filed. Plaintiff's Opposition to Demurrer was filed on September 17, 2011. On September 23, 2011, the Court sustained the FTB's Demurrer to the First, Second and Third Causes of Action without Leave to Amend and dismissed those three causes of action. Case is proceeding on one remaining Cause of Action. FTB filed its Answer to the Complaint on October 21, 2011. Trial is scheduled for December 10, 2012. FTB served Discovery on February 16, 2012. A Compliance Hearing is scheduled for September 10, 2012.

GENERAL MILLS, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board		
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC05439929		Filed - 03/29/05
Court of Appeal, 1 st Appellate District Case No. A131477		
California Supreme Court Case No. S173180		
<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>FTB's Counsel</u>
Paul H. Frankel	Andres Vallejo,	Joyce Hee
Morrison & Foerster LLP	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: \$3,950,026.00 Tax

Status: Trial commenced on April 9, 2010. Closing arguments were concluded on June 2, 2010. Post-Trial briefing and exchanges regarding proposed statements of Decision occurred through September 2010. On October 6, 2010, the Court ordered the matter be deemed under submission. On November 1, 2010, a Tentative Statement of Decision was issued in favor of FTB. On December 17, 2010, an Order to Extend Time to Enter Judgment and Require Responses to Judgment was filed. On January 10, 2011, Judgment was entered in favor of FTB. Notice of Appeal was filed on March 17, 2011. On April 12, 2011, the Exhibits and Depositions from Trial on Remand were returned to respective Counsel. On April 12, 2011, an Order granting Application, admitting as Counsel Pro Hac Vice for Appellant, was filed. On April 26, 2011, the Court of Appeal certified the record. On July 21, 2011, Appellant filed its Opening Brief in the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District. FTB filed its Opening Brief on November 17, 2011. Appellant's Reply Brief was filed February 2, 2012. The matter is now fully briefed. On February 15, 2012, General Mills requested Oral Argument.

THE GILLETTE COMPANY & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board	
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC10495911	Filed 01/11/10
Court of Appeal First District Court Case No. A130803	
<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>FTB's Counsel</u>
Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Lucy Wang

- Issues:
1. Whether California's Amendment of Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 in 1993 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact.
 2. Whether California's denial of Plaintiff's claim for refund, premised upon the claim that the 1993 amendment to Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact, violates the U.S. Constitution and the California Constitution.

Years: 1997 through 2004 Amount \$4,137,591.00

Status: On May 27, 2010, a Complex Litigation Case Management Conference was held; the Court ordered the matters consolidated, and the Complex Litigation Hearing, including the hearing on FTB's Demurrers was continued to October 7, 2010. This case is now consolidated with the actions filed on behalf of Jones Apparel Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries, Kimberly-Clark World Wide, Inc. & Subsidiaries; Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Co. & Affiliates; RB Holdings (USA) Inc. & Subsidiaries; and Sigma-Aldrich Corp. & Subsidiaries, all of which involve the same legal issues. On October 7, 2010, the Complex Litigation Hearing on FTB's Demurrer to Complaint was held. The Court sustained the Demurrers without leave to amend. On October 26, 2010, the Order on the Demurrer was filed. The Notice of Entry of Order was filed on November 2, 2010. On December 2, 2010, A Notice of Appeal/Request for Preparation of Transcript was filed on behalf of Gillette. The Certification of the Appeal Record was mailed on January 24, 2011. In February a Joint Stipulation Extending Time for Filing Briefs was filed allowing both Appellants and Respondent sixty additional days within which to file their respective briefs. On May 4, 2011, Appellant filed its Opening Brief. On August 9, 2011, Respondent's Brief was filed. On August 9, 2011, Respondent's Opposition to Appellants' Request for Judicial Notice was filed. On August 9, 2011, Respondent's Appendix in Support of Respondent's Brief was filed. On August 9, 2011, Respondent's Request for Judicial Notice, Motion, Memorandum and Supporting Papers Volume 1 of 2 was filed. On August 9, 2011, a Proposed Order Granting Respondent's Request for Judicial Notice was filed. Appellants filed a Reply Brief on October 28, 2011. On December 8, 2011, the parties filed a Joint Request for Extension of Time to File Oppositions and Replies to the Amicus Briefs submitted in this matter. Respondent FTB's Consolidated Reply Brief to Amicus Curiae Briefs filed in Support of Appellants was filed on January 23, 2012. Respondent's Supplemental Request for Judicial Notice, Motion, Memorandum and Supporting Papers was filed January 20, 2012. Declaration of Jeffrey Margolis in Support of Respondent's Supplemental Request for Judicial Notice was filed January 20, 2012. Appellants' Response to Amicus Brief of Multistate Tax Commission was filed January 20, 2012. Proposed Order Granting Appellant's Request for Judicial Notice in Support of their Responses to Amicus Brief of the Multistate Tax Commission was filed January 20, 2012. Appellants' Request for Judicial Notice in Support of their Response to Amicus Brief of the Multistate Tax Commission, Motion and Memorandum was filed January 20, 2012. The Declaration of Johanna Roberts in Support of Appellants' Request for Judicial Notice in Support of their Response to Amicus Brief of the Multistate Tax Commission was filed January 20, 2012. A Notice from the Court of Appeal regarding the determination of the two Motions for Summary Judgment filed by both Gillette and by the Franchise Tax Board was

filed on February 3, 2012. The Reply of Multistate Tax Commission to Appellants' Response to Amicus Brief of the Multistate Tax Commission was filed on February 6, 2012. Both the Brief of Jeffrey B. Litwak in Reply to FTB's Joint Response to Amici Briefs and the Response Brief of Amici Curiae the Interstate Commission for Juveniles and the Association of Compact Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children to Respondent FTB's Consolidated Reply Brief were filed on February 8, 2012. On April 17, 2012, the Order scheduling Oral Argument was set for May 8, 2012. Oral Argument occurred on May 8, 2012. The parties are waiting for a decision.

GONZALES, THOMAS J. II v. Franchise Tax Board	
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC06454297 Filed - 07/18/06	
Court of Appeal, 1 st Appellate District Case No. A122723 (Franchise Tax Board v. San Francisco Superior Court) (Real Party in Interest Tom Gonzales)	
California Supreme Court Case No. S176943	
Court of Appeal, 1 st Appellate District Case No. A134238	
<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>FTB's Counsel</u>
Martin A. Schainbaum, Esq.	Jeffrey Rich
Martin A. Schainbaum, PLC	

Issues:

1. Whether a \$142,000,000.00 capital loss from an abusive tax shelter is 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 Tax

Status: On June 6, 2011, the California Supreme Court issued a unanimous opinion holding that under the California Constitution there is no right to a jury trial in Tax Refund Lawsuits. On June 20, 2011, a Petition for Rehearing was filed by Gonzales. On June 22, 2011, the Court extended the time to consider the Petition until September 6, 2011. On July 13, 2011, the Petition for Rehearing was denied. On July 13, 2011, the Remittitur was issued. The Jury Trial decision is now final. On July 21, 2011, a Status Conference Hearing was set for July 29, 2011. On July 29, 2011, Trial was set for September 12, 2011. On August 17, 2011, Notice of Motion and Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings; Request for Judicial Notice; Points and Authorities; Declaration by Cross Complainant FTB was filed. On August 26, 2011, Six Motions in Limine and a Declaration in Support there were filed by of FTB. On September 2, 2011, the Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion in Limine was filed by FTB. On September 2, 2011, the Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Reply to Opposition to Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings was filed by FTB. On September 2, 2011, Plaintiff filed his oppositions to each of FTB's Motions In Limine together with a declarations in support thereof. On September 2, 2011, the Designation of Deposition Transcript Extractions was filed by Plaintiff. On September 6, 2011, the Status Conference was continued from September 9, 2011, to September 12, 2011. On September 6, 2011, a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings and for Order Precluding Evidence regarding Tax Shelters was filed by FTB. Hearing on the Requests for Judicial Notice was continued from September 9, 2011, to September 12, 2011. On September 6, 2011, a Request for Judicial Notice at Trial, together with declarations in support thereof was filed by FTB. On September 6, 2011, Trial was continued from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. On September 8, 2011, a Request for Leave to File a Supplemental Trial Brief was filed by Plaintiff. On September 8, 2011, the Objections to Plaintiff's Designation of Deposition Extractions was

filed FTB. On September 8, 2011, Non-California Authorities Cited in Support of Trial Brief was filed by FTB. On September 13, 2011, Closing Arguments were held and the matter was submitted for Decision. The Court ruled in favor of FTB on the Substantive Tax Shelter issue, holding that a Federal Court Decision on the same issue was binding upon Plaintiff. The Court ruled in favor of the Plaintiff on the Penalty issue. On September 14, 2011, a Stipulation and Order to Return All Trial Exhibits & Depositions to Respective Counsel for Safe Keeping was filed. On September 22, 2011, an Order and a Fee Paid for Plaintiff's Counsel to Maintain and Preserve Documents Previously lodged with the Court was filed. On November 16, 2011, the Statement of Decision on the Cross-Complaint was filed by Gonzales. On November 18, 2011, the Court Ordered judgment be entered in favor of Gonzales on the Cross-Complaint in the amount of \$86,589.25. On November 28, 2011, a Stipulation and Order regarding Correct Statement of Decision On Cross-Complaint was filed. On December 1, 2011, Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements was filed by Plaintiff. On December 21, 2011, a Response to Petition of Tom Gonzales for Restoration of Trustee Powers and For Release of Responsibility for Acts of Temporary Trustee was filed. Notice of Appeal/Request for Transcript was filed by Plaintiff on January 6, 2012. On January 18, 2012, the Clerk's Notice of filing of Appeal was entered. On January 19, 2012, a Motion to Use Settled Statement filed by Plaintiff was filed. On January 23, 2012, Appellant's Notice Designating Record on Appeal was filed. On January 27, 2012, Motion to Stay was filed. On February 14, 2012, Opposition to Motion to Stay was filed. On February 16, 2012, Memorandum in Support of Motion to Stay was filed. On February 16, 2012, a Reply to Opposition to Motion to Stay was filed. On February 22, 2012, a Notice of Erratum was filed by Respondent. On March 1, 2012, an Order to Show Cause was filed. On March 1, 2012, Record on Appeal was filed. On March 15, 2012, Appellant's Amended Notice Designating Record on Appeal was filed. On May 17, 2012, Appellant filed his Opening Brief. On May 17, 2012, Appellant filed his Appendix.

HARLEY DAVIDSON INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board	
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2011-00100846 Filed - 11/09/11	
<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>FTB's Counsel</u>
Amy L. Silverstein	Leslie Branman Smith
Edwin Antolin	
Silverstein & Pomerantz	

Issues:

1. Whether Plaintiffs should be allowed a claim for refund for 2000-2002 based on assertions that Plaintiffs have been discriminated against by FTB as they were not allowed as a multistate corporation to file separate returns.
2. Whether Plaintiffs are entitled to use the equal-weighted three factor formula to apportion their income.
3. Whether California lacks nexus sufficient to justify taxation of certain Harley Davidson subsidiaries and, if there is nexus, whether the income of these subsidiaries can be attributable to California.

Years: 2000-2002 Amount: \$1,851,942.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed November 9, 2011. On December 20, 2011, Harley Davidson filed a First Amended Complaint. FTB's Notice of Hearing on Demurrer and related pleadings was filed on January 20, 2012. The Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of FTB's Demurrer to First Amended Verified Complaint for Refund of Taxes was filed January 20, 2012. On February 27, 2012, the Opposition to Demurrer and

related pleadings were filed. On March 2, 2012, the Reply to Opposition of to Demurrer was filed by FTB. On March 8, 2012, Tentative Ruling for Demurrer/Motion to Strike was published. On March 12, 2012, a Minute Order was issued sustaining FTB's Demurrer to the first Two Causes of action without leave to amend; and sustaining FTB's Demurrer to the Third Cause of action with Leave to Amend. On March 21, 2012, an Amended Complaint was filed by Harley Davidson. On April 19, 2012, the FTB's Answer to Second Amended Complaint for Refund of Taxes was filed.

HYATT, GILBERT P. v. Franchise Tax Board Clark County Nevada District Court Case No. A382999 Nevada Supreme Court Case No. 47141 Nevada Supreme Court Case No. 53264 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Thomas L. Steffen & Mark A. Hutchison Hutchison & Steffen, H. Bartow Farr III	Filed - 01/06/98 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> James W. Bradshaw McDonald, Carano, Wilson LLP Las Vegas, Nevada
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Issues: 1. Whether the judgment issued by the (Nevada) Clark County District Court in favor of Gilbert Hyatt against FTB, including the award of \$250,000,000 in punitive damages was proper.

Years: N/A

Amount: Approx. \$500,000,000

Status: **Nevada Supreme Court:** On June 1, 2010, FTB submitted Appellant's reply brief and Cross-Respondent's answering brief in the Nevada Supreme Court. On June 8, 2010, FTB submitted Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief Regarding Costs, also in the Nevada Supreme Court. Both briefs were accepted and filed. Plaintiff requested an extension until September 13, 2010, to file a responsive brief. The Order Granting In Part Motions for Extensions of time was filed July 19, 2010. On September 13, 2010, Hyatt filed and served a Supplemental Answering Brief (regarding the award of his costs). FTB filed a Supplemental Reply Brief (regarding Hyatt's costs), on October 13, 2010. Mr. Hyatt previously filed a motion requesting to file a Sur-Reply to FTB's Reply Brief. On August 24, 2010, FTB filed an Opposition to Hyatt's motion. On October 4, 2010, after reviewing the Motion and Opposition, Justice Hardesty denied Hyatt's motion and directed the clerk of the court to return, unfiled, the proposed Sur-Reply submitted by Mr. Hyatt on August 13, 2010, and to strike the appendix to the Sur-Reply filed on August 16, 2010. On September 13, 2010, Hyatt filed a Supplemental Answering Brief Regarding Costs, including a two-volume Appendix of Exhibits. On October 12, 2010, FTB filed a Supplemental Reply Brief regarding Costs. On January 20, 2011, FTB noticed and filed Respondent's embedded Answering and Opening Cross-Appeal Brief, Reply Cross-Appeal Brief, and Supplemental Answering Brief Regarding Costs in electronic form. On February 4, 2011, Hyatt filed a Notice of Submission of Hyatt's Embedded (i) Answering Brief and Opening Cross Appeal Brief; (ii) Reply Brief on Cross Appeal; and (iii) Answering Brief on Cost Appeal which was filed with the Nevada Supreme Court. The matter is now fully briefed and the Parties await the Nevada Supreme Court's Notice of Date and Time of Oral Argument. On February 27, 2012 the Nevada Supreme Court issued a Notice specifying that Oral Argument is to be held April 3, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada, which Order was later modified to specify that Oral Argument will be held on May 7, 2012. The Oral Argument will be heard in Carson City, Nevada. Oral Argument was held on May 7, 2012, and on May 14, 2012, the Nevada Supreme Court issued an Order scheduling additional Oral Argument to

be heard on the matter on June 18, 2012.

JONES APPAREL GROUP, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board Filed 04/26/10
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC10499083

Taxpayer's Counsel

Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP

FTB's Counsel

Jill Bowers

- Issues:**
1. Whether California's Amendment of RTC 25128 in 1993 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact.
 2. Whether California's denial of Plaintiff's claim for refund, premised upon the claim that the 1993 amendment to RTC 25128 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact, violates the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of California.

Years: 12/31/01 through 12/31/03

Amount: \$755,730.00

Status: **Summons and Complaint served on April 27, 2010. On June 15, 2010, Complex Litigation hearing previously set for August 6, 2010, was continued until October 7, 2010. The Complex Litigation hearing was held October 7, 2010, and the Court sustained the Demurrers to the Complaint without Leave to Amend. Please see summary for the Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board.**

KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLD WIDE, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board Filed 01/11/10
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC 10495916

Taxpayer's Counsel

Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP

FTB's Counsel

Lucy Wang

- Issues:**
1. Whether California's Amendment of Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 in 1993 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact.
 2. Whether California's denial of Plaintiff's claim for refund, premised upon the claim that the 1993 amendment to Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact, violates the U.S. Constitution and the California Constitution.

Years: 1993 through 2004

Amount: \$14,317,394.00

Status: **On June 10, 2010, the Court ordered this case consolidated with The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-495911. Please refer to status summary for The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board.**

MARTIN A. LOGIES v. Franchise Tax Board	Filed 07/01/11
Alameda County Superior Court Case No.RG11603896	
<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>FTB's Counsel</u>
Bradley A. Bening	Marguerite Stricklin
Willoughby, Stuart & Bening	

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to cancellation of the Preparer penalties.
2. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a refund of the \$21,112.50 that he has paid to date.

Years: 1997-2001 Amount: \$21,112.50

Status: On June 23, 2011, the Summons and Complaint were filed. On August 4, 2011, the Santa Clara County Superior Court approved a Stipulation and Order transferring the case to Alameda County. On October 13, 2011, an Order was issued transferring the case to Oakland, Alameda County. On November 7, 2011, the case was transferred to Oakland, Alameda County. Notice of Receipt of Transfer was filed on November 8, 2011.

MERCEDES-BENZ USA INC. v. Franchise Tax Board	Filed 01/11/12
Sacramento County Superior Court Case No.34-2012-00116949	
<u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u>	<u>FTB's Counsel</u>
Eric Coffill	Jill Bowers
Morrison & Foerster	

Issues: 1. Whether the loss sustained by Plaintiff upon liquidation of that certain entity known as AEG should properly be considered an ordinary loss or a capital loss.
2. Whether certain bad debts should be classified as ordinary losses or capital loss carryover.
3. Whether income generated by pension assets should be classified as non-business income.

Years: 1996-1997 Amount: \$10,300,564.00

Status: Summons and Complaint served on January 12, 2012. On February 27, 2012, FTB filed it's General Denial with Affirmative Defenses. The parties have agreed to go to Mediation. Mercedes-Benz has agreed to pay all Mediation costs. The parties have not yet selected a Mediator.

MERCEDES-BENZ USA INC. v. Franchise Tax Board Filed 05/17/12
Sacramento County Superior Court Case No.34-2012-00124506

Taxpayer's Counsel

Eric Coffill
Morrison & Foerster

FTB's Counsel

Jill Bowers
Steven Green

- Issues:
1. Whether FTB properly determined that Mercedes-Benz USA Inc. and ABB Daimler-Benz transportation GMBH (Adtranz) were not a single unitary business.
 2. Whether FTB properly denied Plaintiff's request to correct an erroneous mark to market adjustment on it's California return.
 3. Whether FTB properly treated a portion of Plaintiff's pension asset income as non-business income.
 4. Whether FTB properly denied certain net operating losses claimed by Plaintiff.

Years: 1998-1999

Amount:

1998: \$10,580,243.00

1999: \$6,116,155.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed May 17, 2012.

AL MESA v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Small Claims Court

Taxpayer's Counsel

Al Mesa

Filed - 03/12/12

FTB's Counsel

Patricia Mendiola

Issue: Whether taxpayer owes money for Renter's Assistance Claims.

Year: 2005

Amount: \$695.00

Status: Plaintiff's Claim and Order to Go to Small Claims court was filed on March 13, 2012.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC08471260
Court of Appeal Court Case No. A131964

Filed - 01/22/08

Taxpayer's Counsel

A. Pilar Mata, Esq,
Sutherland, Asbill, & Brennan LLP

FTB's Counsel

David Lew
Lucy Wang

- Issues:
1. Whether royalty income received from licensing agreements with Original Equipment Manufacturers should be sourced outside of California based upon costs of performance.
 2. Whether receipts from trading marketable securities should be included in the sales factor.
 3. Whether the value of trademarks, copyrights, patents and other intangible assets should be included in the property factor.
 4. Whether the taxpayer should be allowed a deduction under Revenue and Taxation Code section 24402 for dividends received for the years at issue.
 5. Whether the amnesty penalty under Rev. & Tax. Code § 19777.5 violates the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution, applies only retroactively, or attaches only after a liability becomes due and payable.

Years: 1995 and 1996

Amount: \$25,283,868.00 Tax

Status: Trial commenced on September 1, 2010, and further proceedings were scheduled to resume on October 14, 2010. On September 24, 2010, the Motion to Admit Counsel Pro Hac Vice was granted. On October 1, 2010, the Trial (closing arguments) was continued to November 4, 2010. On October 5, 2010, Per Diem Fees were deposited by Microsoft. On November 4, 2010, the Court heard Closing Arguments. On January 18, 2011, the trial court issued a Proposed Statement of Decision that ruled in favor of the FTB on each of the four causes of action set forth in Microsoft's complaint for tax refund. On January 28, 2011, Microsoft filed its Objections to the Court's Proposed Statement of Decision. On February 17, 2011, the Court issued its Statement of Decision in favor of FTB. On March 15, 2011, the Court ordered that Microsoft take nothing from FTB. The Notice of Entry of Judgment was filed on March 21, 2011. On May 12, 2011, a Notice of Appeal/Request for a Transcript was filed by Plaintiff. On May 26, 2011, the Directory Notice to Prepare Transcript was filed. On June 8, 2011, the Appeal Record was Certified and mailed to the Court of Appeal. Appellant's Opening Brief was filed on September 19, 2011. On October 13, 2011, Microsoft filed a Joint Appendix. On December 19, 2011, Respondent's Brief was filed. On February 8, 2012, Appellant's Reply Brief was filed. On March 7, 2012, Appellant Microsoft Corporation's Request for Judicial Notice was filed. On March 8, 2012, an Amicus Curiae Brief was filed. On March 14, 2012, the Opposition to Appellant's Request for Judicial Notice was filed. On March 29, 2012, FTB filed its Response to Amicus Brief. The matter is now fully briefed.

DAN PICKELL v. Franchise Tax Board
United States District Court Case No. CV00373
Taxpayer's Counsel
Dan Pickell

Filed: 2/28/12
FTB's Counsel
Amy Winn

Issues: 1. Whether Franchise Tax Board's Executive Director and the Contactor's Licensing Board's Director have the authority to revoke, rescind, suspend or otherwise interfere with Plaintiff's contractor's license which has caused him the inability to work and thus owe an unpaid tax liability.

Years: 2000-2008

Amount: \$150,000.00

Status: Summons & Complaint filed February 28, 2012. A Notice of Hearing on Motion of Defendants Sands and Stanislaus to Dismiss Civil Complaint was filed on April 9, 2012. A Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Defendants' Motion to Dismiss was filed on April 9, 2012. On May 23, 2012, the Plaintiff's Request to File a Sur Reply to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, to Have the Defendants' Motion Converted to a Motion for Summary Judgment Giving Leave to the Plaintiff Additional Time to Respond Thereto was filed. On May 23, 2012, Plaintiff's Sur Reply to Defendants' Reply to Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss was filed.

ROBERT & GAIL POLL v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles County Superior Court BC 485069
Taxpayer's Counsel
Abelson/Herron LLP
Leslie A. Pereira

Filed: 5/22/12
FTB's Counsel
Stephen Lew

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff's were nonresidents of the State of California for income tax purposes for the time period of September 29, 2000 to December 31, 2000 .

Years: 2000

Amount: \$1,520,083.00

Status: Summons & Complaint filed May 22, 2012.

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE MANUFACTURING CO. & AFFILIATES v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC10495912
Taxpayer's Counsel
Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP

Filed: 1/11/10
FTB's Counsel
Lucy Wang

Issues: 1. Whether California's Amendment of Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 in 1993 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact.
2. Whether California's denial of Plaintiff's claim for refund, premised upon the claim that the 1993 amendment to Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact, violates the U.S. Constitution and the California Constitution.

Years: 06/30/99 through 06/30/05

Amount: \$11,837,747.00

Status: On June 10, 2010, the Court ordered this case consolidated with The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-495911. Please refer to status summary for The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board.

QUELLOS FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC09487540
Court of Appeal First Appellate District A134734

Filed - 04/20/09

Taxpayer's Counsel Taxpayer's Counsel

FTB's Counsel

Amanda J. Pedvin, Matthew D. Lerner, Esq.

Anne Michelle Burr

- Issues:
1. Whether the promoter penalty provided for in RTC section 19177 violates the due process clause of the United States and California Constitutions.
 2. Whether the promoter penalty provided for in RTC section 19177 violates the commerce clause contained within the United States Constitution.
 3. Whether the penalty provisions provided for in RTC section 19177 apply to activities prior to calendar year 2005.
 4. Whether the proper measure of the promoter penalty is \$1,000 per transaction or 50% of the gross income derived from the improper activity.
 5. Whether the proper measure of the promoter penalty may include income not received by the Person/entity against whom the penalty has been assessed.

Years: N/A

Refund sought \$3,473,437.50 Penalty

Status: On July 22, 2010, FTB filed its Joint Case Management Conference Statement. Mandatory Settlement Conference was scheduled for October 25, 2010. The Opening Trial Briefs originally scheduled to be filed on October 27, 2010, were continued to December 7, 2010. The Reply Briefs originally scheduled to be filed on November 29, 2010, were continued to January 11, 2011. On December 2, 2010, a Joint Stipulation of Facts was filed by FTB. A Notice of Revised Trial Briefing Schedule was filed by Quellos on December 2, 2010. Trial was continued from December 7, 2010, to February 1, 2011 to March 1, 2011. On January 18, 2011, Plaintiff's filed a Reply Brief, Request for Judicial Notice, Appendix of Non-California Authorities. Also on January 18, 2011, FTB filed its Reply to Plaintiff's Opening Trial Brief, and Objection to Plaintiff's Request for Judicial Notice. The Trial that was scheduled for March 1, 2011, commenced on March 28, 2011 and was continued to April 25, 2011. On May 12, 2011, a Post-Trial Brief on Plaintiff's Facial Due Process Challenge to the statute was filed by FTB. Defendant FTB's Proposed Statement of Decision and Declaration of Service were filed June 17, 2011. The Parties have submitted proposed Statements of Decision and the Judge will review the case and issue a final Statement of Decision. The Case Management Conference which was set for October 24, 2011, was continued to November 16, 2011, and thereafter to December 19, 2011. On December 8, 2011, Objections and Proposed Revisions to Tentative Statement of Decision were filed by Cross-Complainant FTB. On December 12, 2011, Plaintiff's Revisions to Tentative Statement of Decision was filed. On December 12, 2011, the Joint Case Management Conference Statement was filed by FTB. Statement of Decision was filed on January 3, 2012 in favor of the Plaintiff. Case Management Conference previously set for May 22, 2012 has been rescheduled to May 23, 2012. The Petition for Writ of Mandate and/or Prohibition or Other Appropriate Relief; Request for Stay, Memorandum of Points

2. Whether California's denial of Plaintiff's claim for refund, premised upon the claim that the 1993 amendment to Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact, violates the U.S. Constitution and the California Constitution.

Years: 2002 through 2004

Amount: \$145,240.00

Status: On June 10, 2010, the Court ordered this case consolidated with The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-495911. Please refer to status summary for The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board.

SEHAT SUTARDJA v. Franchise Tax Board	Filed 11/03/11
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-515645	
<i>Taxpayer's Counsel</i>	<i>FTB's Counsel</i>
Glenn A. Smith	Marguerite Stricklin
Law Offices of Glenn A. Smith	

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to declaratory relief under Section 11350 of the Government Code in the form of a determination that FTB has created and implemented invalid regulations with respect to the treatment of Stock Options.

Years: 2006

Amount: \$1.00

Status: Summons & Complaint filed November 3, 2011. On December 15, 2011, a Summons and the First Amended Complaint were filed alleging that Plaintiff is entitled to a declaration under Section 11350 of the Government Code that FTB has created and implemented certain invalid regulations. The First Request for Production of Documents by Plaintiff was propounded to FTB on December 23, 2011. The First Set of Special Interrogatories by Plaintiff was propounded to FTB on December 23, 2011. On February 8, 2012, FTB responded to Plaintiff's First Request for Production of Documents and First Set of Special Interrogatories. On February 10, 2012, FTB filed a Demurrer to Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint together with a Memorandum of Points and Authorities supporting the Demurrer. On February 10, 2012, a Notice of Hearing on FTB's Demurrer to First Amended Complaint was filed. On February 10, 2012, FTB's Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Demurrer to First Amended Complaint was filed. Hearing is set for April 11, 2012. On April 3, 2012, a Demurrer to the First Amended Complaint was filed, On April 13, 2012, the Opposition to Motion to Compel Further Responses to Special Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents was filed by FTB. On April 13, 2012, the Declaration of Marguerite C. Stricklin in Support of Opposition to Motion to Compel was filed by FTB. On April 13, 2012, a Request for Judicial Notice in Opposition to Motion to Compel Further Responses to Special Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents was filed by FTB. On April 24, 2012, a Reply Memorandum in Support of Motion to Compel to Special Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents was filed. On April 24, 2012, a Reply Brief in Support of Demurrer was filed by FTB. On May 25, 2012, an Order Overruling Defendant FTB's Demurrers and Tentative Decision Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery was filed. A Case Management Conference was held on May 25, 2012, and the matter was continued to July 18, 2012.

SIGMA-ALDRICH, CORP. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC10496437 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed 01/29/10 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Lucy Wang
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- Issues:
1. Whether California's Amendment of Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 in 1993 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact.
 2. Whether California's denial of Plaintiff's claim for refund, premised upon the claim that the 1993 amendment to Rev. & Tax. Code § 25128 is precluded by California's participation in the Multistate Tax Compact, violates the U.S. Constitution and the California Constitution.

Years: 1998 through 2004

Amount: \$1,607,168

Status: On June 10, 2010, the Court ordered this case consolidated with **The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-495911**. Please refer to status summary for **The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board**.

TAIHEIYO CEMENT U.S.A., INC. v. Franchise Tax Board Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC422623 Court of Appeal, 2 nd Appellate District Court Case No. B226067 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Marty Dakessian Reed Smith LLP	Filed - 11/12/09 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Marta Smith
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- Issues:
1. Whether plaintiff is entitled to enterprise zone sales and use tax credits for certain items it claims it "placed in service" during the tax years in question. In particular, the issue is whether the phrase "placed in service" refers to depreciable capital assets or "expensed items" usually consumed within a year of their initial use.
 2. Whether the assessment of an Amnesty penalty in this case is factually warranted.
 3. Whether the assessment of an Amnesty penalty in this case violates due process protections afforded the taxpayer under the constitutions of the United States of America and/or the state of California.
 4. Whether FTB's interpretation/enforcement of provisions contained within the enterprise zone credit statute constitute underground regulations.
 5. Whether plaintiff is entitled to attorneys fees under the provisions of the Revenue and Taxation Code and/or the private attorney general doctrine.

Years: 1998 and 1999

Amount: \$4,980,165.00

Status: FTB's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings was granted on July 1, 2010. On July 23, 2010 the Notice of Appeal was filed. The Notice of Entry of Order was filed on July 26, 2010, and a second Notice of Appeal was filed on July 26, 2010. The Court sent a Notice to Reporter to prepare the Transcript for appeal purposes on August 18, 2010. On November 16, 2010, a Request for Copies was filed by FTB. Appellant's Opening Brief was filed early January 2011. Respondent's Brief filed April 6, 2011. Appellant's Reply Brief was filed June 24, 2011. This case is now fully briefed. Oral Arguments were heard on February

14, 2012. On March 13, 2012, the Court of Appeal issued a unanimous published Opinion affirming the Judgment in favor of FTB. On April 2, 2012, the Respondent's Answer to Petition for Rehearing was filed. On April 2, 2012, Respondent's Objections to Appellant's Request for Judicial Notice was filed. On April 4, 2012, the Order Modifying the Opinion and Denying Rehearing was filed. On April 24, 2012, Plaintiff filed Petition for Review with the California Supreme Court. The Answer to Petition for Review was filed on May 11, 2012.

IRENE TRITZ v. JOHN POTTER

United States Federal District Court Central District

SACV10-182DOC (RNBx)

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal

10-56967

Taxpayer's Counsel

Irene Tritz

Pro Se

Filed - 02/12/10

FTB's Counsel

Marla Markman

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff's post-judgment settlement of damages award against her former employer (U.S. Postal Service), which she contends she was led to believe by the Postal Service and its counsel was non-taxable, may be set aside on any of the following bases:

- A. Fraud/Misrepresentation;
- B. Voidable Contract due to undue Influence
- C. Breach of Settlement Agreement
- D. Discrimination
- E. Retaliation
- F. Hostile Environment
- G. Interference by the Court
- H. Final Contract Violates Rights of Others
- I. Conspiracy

Years:

Amount: Not Specified

Status: First Amended Complaint filed June 4, 2010. First Amended Complaint has not yet been properly served upon FTB or Selvi Stanislaus. Notice of Appeal filed December 10, 2010. On December 15, 2010, a Time Schedule Order was filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. On January 25, 2011, the Court sent a letter to Plaintiff/Appellant requesting money to cover the docket fees. Appellant filed an Informal Brief with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal on May 20, 2011. On June 22, 2011, the Notice of Appearance of Counsel or Re-Assignment of Counsel Within the Same Office was filed. On June 22, 2011, the Brief of Appellee Selvi Stanislaus, Executive Officer of the FTB, was filed. On June 29, 2011, Appellant's Informal Reply to Appellee Brief was filed. On July 14, 2011, seven copies of the Answering Brief were filed. On March 20, 2012, Plaintiff's Request for Temporary Injunction Against Defendants IRS and FTB was filed. On March 20, 2012, a Proposed Order Approving Plaintiff's Request for Temporary Injunction Against the IRS and FTB was filed. An Order was issued April 18, 2012, appointing a pro bono counsel to assist the Court.

TRIVEDI, MRUDULA & RAMNIK v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC481592

Filed - 11/12/09

Taxpayer's Counsel

FTB's Counsel

Mrudula & Ramnik Trivedi

Christine Zarifian

Issues: 1. Whether plaintiff is entitled to Innocent Spouse relief from a deficiency collection for the 1992 tax year.

Years: 1992

Amount: \$23,677.67

Status: Summons & Complaint filed November 7, 2011. On December 21, 2011, a Notice of Motion and Motion to Transfer; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; and Declaration in Support thereof was filed. The Reply of Defendant FTB in Support of Motion to Transfer was filed on January 24, 2012. Hearing held on Motion to Transfer on February 1, 2012. The Court granted the Trivedi's waiver of the transfer fees and costs. The Case will be transferred transfer to Los Angeles County Superior Court. On April 13, 2012, a Notice of Transfer Out from the Ventura County Court was filed. On April 23, 2012, a Notice of Incoming Transfer was filed in Superior Court County of Los Angeles. On April 23, 2012, the Trivedi Case Summary was filed. On April 30, 2012, Plaintiff's Notice of Motion and Motion for Writ of Mandate Relief: memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of the Motion; Declaration of Mrudula Trivedi; Declaration of Ramnik Trivedi and Proposed Order After Hearing was filed. On May 11, 2012, Plaintiff's Notice of Motion Hearing Date was filed changing it to June 29, 2012. On May 12, 2012, a Case Management Statement was filed by Plaintiff requesting the Court to arrange a Case Settlement Conference with Defendant before Discovery begins. On May 14, 2012 a Case Management Statement was filed by Defendant requesting mediation. On May 16, 2012, a Notice of Motion Hearing Date Change was filed by the Plaintiff. On May 23, 2012, the Demurrer to Complaint was filed by the Franchise Tax Board.