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September 2013 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 –September 2013

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**FRANCHISE AND INCOME TAX
MONTHLY PUBLIC LITIGATION ROSTER**

September 2013

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH v. Franchise Tax Board Fresno Superior Court Case No. 12CECG03408 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed - 10/22/12 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Tim Nadar <u>FTB Contact</u> Doug Barrish
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Issues: 1. Whether FTB improperly discriminates against multistate unity corporate Taxpayers by requiring them to compute their California taxable income by using the combined reporting method as opposed to letting them choose between the combined reporting method or the separate reporting method.

Years: 2000

Amount: \$181,591.00 Tax

Status: Summons and Complaint served October 23, 2012. On November 20, 2012, FTB's Answer to Complaint for Refund of Taxes was filed. On December 10, 2012, Plaintiffs served the following Discovery Requests upon FTB: (1) First Set of Demands to FTB for Production, Inspection and Copying of Documents, (2) Form Interrogatories; (3) Plaintiffs' First Set of Special Interrogatories to FTB; (4) Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Admission. FTB's Responses to Plaintiffs' Form Interrogatories, Special Interrogatories, Production of Documents and Requests for Admissions were served on February 6, 2013. On February 25, 2013, Case Management Conference occurred. Mandatory Settlement Conference is scheduled for May 14, 2014. Plaintiffs' Responses to First Set of FTB's Special Interrogatories were served June 7, 2013. Plaintiffs' Responses to First Set of FTB's Request for Production, Inspection and Copying of Documents were served June 7, 2013. The Trial Readiness Conference is scheduled for June 6, 2014 and the Trial is scheduled for June 11, 2014.

BAKERSFIELD MALL, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-07-462728 FTB LLC Tax Refund Cases JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION PROCEEDING NO. 4742 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed - 04/25/07 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Marguerite Stricklin <u>FTB Contact</u> William C. Hilson, Jr.
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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: On June 26, 2012, FTB caused a Notice of Related Case to be filed in this action and also with the Fresno County Superior Court and Judicial Council advising that this case was substantially similar to CA-Centerside LLC v. Franchise Tax Board and proposing that the two cases be coordinated. A Hearing on the Motion to Coordinate the two cases was held on January 29, 2013, and the matter was taken under submission. On January 30, 2013, the Petition to Coordinate was granted. **Please refer to the status summary for FTB LLC Tax Refund Cases Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4742.**

VICKEN & ENNA BERJIKIAN v. Franchise Tax Board Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC514589 United States District Court for the Central District of California Case No. 2:13-CV-06301-DDP <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Freeman Butland, Vicken O. Berjikian	Filed - 06/09/13 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Diane Shaw <u>FTB Contact</u> Suzanne Small
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- Issues:**
1. Whether the license suspension provisions of California's Top 500 Legislation violate Equal Protection clauses under the U.S. Constitution/California Constitution.
 2. Whether the license suspension provisions of California's Top 500 Legislation violates Due Process clauses under the U.S. Constitution/California Constitution.
 3. Whether Plaintiffs should be removed from the "Top 500 List".

Years: 1990-94,
1999, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010

Amount: \$None
Specified

Status: The State Court Action: Summons & Complaint were filed on June 9, 2013. On July 11, 2013, Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction through which they sought a court order compelling FTB to remove them from the Top 500 List; to prohibit the Department of Motor Vehicles from suspending their driver's licenses; and to prohibit the Pharmacy Board from suspending Mrs. Berjikian's Pharmacist License. On August 13, 2013, the Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction, together with supporting pleadings, was filed. Plaintiffs' Reply Brief was filed August 15, 2013. On August 22, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court denied Plaintiffs' Request for Injunctive Relief in its entirety. **On August 29, 2013, FTB filed a Demurrer to Plaintiffs Complaint, together with pleadings in support thereof. On September 18, 2013, Plaintiffs' Opposition to Demurrer and Declaration of Vicken O. Berjikian in Support thereof was filed. On September 27, 2013, FTB filed a Motion to Strike the Opposition to Demurrer and Plaintiff Vicken O. Berjikian Declaration, together with its Opposition to Demurrer. Hearing on the Demurrer is scheduled to occur on October 7, 2013.**

The Federal Court Action: On August 28, 2013, after the Los Angeles County Superior Court denied Plaintiffs' Request for Injunctive Relief, Plaintiffs filed a Complaint, together with an Ex-Parte Application for Injunctive Relief, in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The content of the Complaint and the Request for Injunctive Relief is substantially similar to the content of the pleadings filed with the Los Angeles County Superior Court. On August 30, 2013, the United States District Court denied in its entirety, Plaintiffs' Request for Injunctive Relief. On September 18, 2013, FTB filed a Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Complaint, together with pleadings in support thereof. The Motion to Strike is scheduled to be heard on October 21, 2013.

BUNZL DISTRIBUTION v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No.CGC10506344
First Appellate District A137887
Taxpayer's Counsel
William F. Colgin
William Clayton
Morgan, Lewis, & Bockius, LLP

Filed - 12/17/10
FTB's Counsel
Kris Whitten
Karen Yiu
FTB's Contact
Michael Cornez

- 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

Amount: \$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 December 21, 2012, a Notice of Entry of Judgment was filed in favor of FTB. On February 12, 2013, a Notice of Appeal was filed by Plaintiff. On February 13, 2013, Appellant's Notice of Designating Record on Appeal was filed. On March 18, 2013, the Record on Appeal was filed. On May 17, 2013, the Application for Admission of Margaret C. Wilson as Counsel Pro Hac Vice was filed together with the Declarations of Margaret C. Wilson and Kimberley M. Reeder in support thereof. On May 22, 2013, Appellant's Opening Brief was filed. On June 6, 2013, a Stipulation to Extend Deadlines for Filing Respondent's Brief and Appellant's Reply Brief was filed. The Application for Extension of Time to File Brief was filed on August 23, 2013. **On September 29, 2013, the Attorney General's office filed a Request for Additional 30 Day Extension of Time within which to file Respondent's Opening Brief. The Court of Appeal granted the Application for Extension of Time to file Respondent's Brief.**

CA-CENTERSIDE II, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board
Fresno Superior Court Case No. 10CECG00434
Court of Appeal Fifth Appellate District

FTB LLC Tax Refund Cases Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4742

Taxpayer's Counsel

Amy L. Silverstein,
Edwin Antolin
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Filed: 02/04/10

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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 2005

Amount: \$65,201.00 Tax

Status: On January 30, 2013, FTB's Petition to Coordinate this case with Bakersfield Mall LLC v. Franchise Tax Board was granted. **Please refer to the status summary for FTB LLC Tax Refund Cases Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4742.**

FTB LLC TAX REFUND CASES JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION PROCEEDING No. 4742

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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.
 4. Whether the consolidated cases may properly be certified as a class action.

Years: 2000 through 2005

Amount: \$65,201.00 Tax

Status: On January 30, 2013, FTB's Petition to Coordinate the cases of Bakersfield Mall LLC v. Franchise Tax Board and CA- Centerside II, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board was granted. On May 1, 2013, a Notice of Joint Motion for Class Action Certification was filed on behalf of Bakersfield Mall LLC and Ca- Centerside II, LLC. On May 1, 2013, Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Joint Motion for Class Certification was filed together with Declarations of Kathleen M. Curtis, Johanna Roberts, William N. Hebert, Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin P. Antolin, Matthew H. Koritz, Lindsay T. Braunig, and Charles E. Olson, in Support thereof. On May 24, 2013, Defendant FTB's First Set of Special Interrogatories and Demand for Document Production of documents were served upon Plaintiffs.

On July 29, 2013, Declaration of Amelia White in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification was filed. On July 29, 2013, Declaration of William Hilson in Support of FTB's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certifications was filed. On July 29, 2013, FTB's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification was filed. FTB's Request for Judicial Notice in Support of Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification was filed July 29, 2013. On July 29, 2013, Declaration of Marguerite Stricklin in Support of FTB's Request for Judicial Notice in Support of FTB's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification was filed. A Case Management Conference was held on August 12, 2013, during which the Court ordered Plaintiffs' Reply to FTB's Opposition to the Motion for Class Action Certification to be filed on September 30, 2013. Plaintiff Reply was filed on September 30, 2013. The Hearing on the Motion is scheduled to occur on October 7, 2013.

COMCON PRODUCTION SERVICES I, INC. v. Franchise Tax Board Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC489779 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Carly Roberts Sutherland, Asbill, Brennan LLP	Filed: 8/6/2012 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Anthony Sgherzi Stephen Lew <u>FTB Contact</u> Jeffrey I. Margolis
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- Issues: 1. Whether Comcast and QVC were a single unitary business during the years at issue.
2. Whether Comcast's receipt of a Termination Fee at the conclusion of its unsuccessful attempt to merge with Media One constitutes non-business income.

Years: 1998, 1999

Amount:

1998: \$2,831,920.30

1999: \$24,866,811.05

Status: Summons and Verified Complaint filed August 6, 2012. On August 15, 2012, a Case Management Conference was filed by the Clerk. On September 26, 2012, FTB filed an Answer to the Verified Complaint. On November 14, 2012, the Verified Application of Jeffrey A. Friedman to Appear Pro Hac Vice, together with a Declaration and Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support thereof was filed. On December 10, 2012, a Minute Order was filed continuing the Case Management Conference to December 20, 2012. On December 20, 2012, a Minute Order was issued scheduling Trial for September 17, 2013. The final Status Conference is set for September 11, 2013. On May 1, 2013, Defendant FTB's Notice of Motion and Motion for Summary Adjudication of Second Cause of Action and pleadings in support thereof were filed. On May 14, 2013, Defendant FTB's First Set of Special Interrogatories was served upon Plaintiff. On May 20, 2013, Comcon Production Services I, Inc.'s Notice of Motion and Motion for Summary Adjudication of Second Cause of Action and pleadings in support thereof were filed. On June 10, 2013, Comcon Production Services I, Inc.'s Motion to Continue Hearing Date on FTB's Motion for Summary Adjudication and pleadings in support thereof were filed. On June 18, 2013, Declaration of A. Pilar Mata in Support of Application to Permit Daniel H. Schlueter to Appear Pro Hac Vice was filed. On June 18, 2013, Comcon's Notice of Hearing and Application to Permit Daniel H. Schlueter to Appear Pro Hac Vice was filed. On June 18, 2013, Verified Application of Daniel H. Schlueter to Appear Pro Hac Vice was filed. On June 27, 2013, FTB's Responses and Objections to Plaintiff's First Set of Demands for Requests for Production of Documents was served. On June 28, 2013, FTB's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Protective Order was filed. On June 28, 2013, FTB's Responses to Plaintiff's First Set of Form Interrogatories was served. On June 28, 2013, FTB's

Responses and Objections to Plaintiff's First Set of Specially Prepared Interrogatories was served. On June 28, 2013, FTB's Responses to Plaintiff's First Set of Demands for Requests for Production of Documents was served. On June 28, 2013, Declaration of Jeffrey I. Margolis in Support of FTB's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Protective Order was served. On July 3, 2013, FTB's Notice of Motion and Motion for a Protective Order Quashing Deposition Notice; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Declaration of Stephen Lew was filed. On July 17, 2013, Comcon's First Set of Requests for Admissions was propounded. On July 18, 2013, Comcon's First Set of Supplemental Interrogatories was propounded along with Declaration of A. Pilar Mata for Additional Discovery. Comcon's Second Set of Demands for Production of Documents, was served July 18, 2013. On July 29, 2013, FTB's Response to Plaintiff's Demand for Exchange of Expert Witness Information was filed. On July 29, 2013, Plaintiff's Expert Witness Declaration was filed. On July 31, 2013, Comcon's Reply to FTB's Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Adjudication of Second Cause of Action was filed. On July 31, 2013, Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Separate Statement of Additional Material Undisputed Facts in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Adjudication was filed. On July 31, 2013, Plaintiff's (Proposed) Protective Order-Confidential and Highly Confidential Designations was filed. On August 12, 2013, the Court denied both Motions for Summary Adjudication. FTB's Notice of Taking Depositions of Plaintiff's Experts was filed August 12, 2013. On August 14, 2013, the Confidential Settlement Conference Brief of Defendant FTB was filed. On August 16, 2013, Plaintiff's Supplemental Expert Witness List and Declaration were filed. On August 30, 2013, FTB's Amended Notice of Taking Depositions of Plaintiff's Experts was filed. On August 30, 2013, FTB's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Further Support of Motion for a Protective order Quashing Deposition Notice; and the Declaration of Stephen Lew was filed. **On September 12, 2013, Plaintiff's Designations of Deposition Transcripts and Discovery Responses as Testimony at Trial was filed. On September 12, 2013, Plaintiff's Trial Brief and FTB's Brief were filed. On September 12, 2013, FTB's Designation of Discovery Materials to be Used at Trial was filed. Trial commenced on September 25, 2013.**

C. V. Starr & Affiliates. v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-13-527952 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Peter J Drobac Jane Wells May McDermott Will & Emery LLP	Filed: 1/11/2013 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> David Lew <u>FTB Contact</u> Doug Barrish
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- Issues:
1. Whether dividend and Capital Gain income received by the taxpayer as the result of its acquisition and subsequent sale of AIG common stock should be classified as "business income" or "non-business income."
 2. Whether FTB's classification of the taxpayer's receipt of dividend and Capital Gain income attributable to its acquisition and sale of AIG stock as business income and apportioning a percentage of that income to California violates the Constitution of the United States of America.

Years: 2006, 2007

Amount:

2006: \$2,782,331.00

2007: \$3,561,662.00

Status Summons and Complaint filed January 11, 2013 and served January 16, 2013. On February 27, 2013, FTB's General Denial to Plaintiff's Complaint for Refund of Taxes was filed. On June 19,

2013, Motion to Admit Counsel Pro Hac Vice was filed. Trial is scheduled to commence on January 13, 2014. On July 16, 2013, Plaintiff filed a Motion to admit Jane Wells May, Esq as Counsel Pro Hac Vice. On August 13, 2013, FTB's First Set of Specially Prepared Interrogatories, FTB's First Set for Request for Admissions, FTB's First Set of Requests for Production, Inspection and Copying of Documents, Form Interrogatories, Set One, were served upon Plaintiff. **On September 16, 2013, Plaintiff's Response to FTB's Form Interrogatories was served. On September 16, 2013 Plaintiff's Response to FTB's First Set of Requests for Admissions was served.**

DENNIS & BONNY CONFORTO v. Franchise Tax Board San Diego County Superior Court Case No. 37-2012-00092895 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Paul W. Rowe, Esq.	Filed: 4/24/2012 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Leslie Branman Smith <u>FTB Contact</u> Raul Escatel
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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. On July 10, 2012, a Civil Case Management Conference was scheduled for August 24, 2012. On August 24, 2012, a Civil Court Trial was scheduled to commence on February 22, 2013. On February 4, 2013, an Ex Parte Application to Continue Trial was scheduled for February 7, 2013. On May 3, 2013, a Civil Case Management Conference was scheduled. The Case Management Conference was continued to June 28, 2013. On May 20, 2013, a Discovery Hearing was scheduled for November 8, 2013.

CUTLER, FRANK v. Franchise Tax Board Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC421864 Court of Appeal Second Appellate District B233773 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Marty Dakessian Reed Smith LLP	Filed - 09/15/09 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Christine Zarifarian <u>FTB Contact</u> Ann Hodges
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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 Rev. & Tax Code section 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 August 28, 2012, the Court of Appeal issued a published Opinion, finding California's Qualified Small Business Stock Statute to be unconstitutional and remanding the matter to Superior Court for further proceedings. The Court of Appeal Decision became final on September 27, 2012. Remittitur was issued on October 31, 2012. On November 7, 2012, Plaintiff filed a Peremptory Challenge after Reversal Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6, seeking to disqualify Judge Stern from presiding over the issue remanded to Superior Court. On November 15, 2012, the Notice of Ruling granting Plaintiff's Peremptory Challenge after Reversal Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 was filed. On December 5, 2012, a Memorandum of Costs on Appeal was filed. On December 7, 2012, a Minute Order was issued, which reassigned the case from Honorable Michael L. Stern to the Honorable Elizabeth Allen White. On January 22, 2013, a Case Management Conference Statement was filed by FTB. On January 25, 2013, FTB propounded a set of Interrogatories and a Request for Production of Documents to Plaintiff. On February 8, 2013, a Motion for Attorney's Fees under the Code of Civil Procedure Section 1021.5 was filed by Plaintiff. On March 15, 2013, FTB's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees was filed. On March 22, 2013, Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Motion for Attorney Fees and Supplemental Declaration of Mardiros H. Dakessian was filed. On March 29, 2013, the Court issued an Order denying Plaintiff's Motion for Award of Attorney Fees. On April 3, 2013, Notice of Reassignment from Judge Burrell to Judge Troy L. Nunley was filed. On April 5, 2013, Plaintiff's Case Management Conference Statement was filed. On May 5, 2013, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal with respect to the denial of the Motion for Award of Attorneys Fees. Trial in the Remanded Proceeding is scheduled to occur on November 4, 2013.

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 <u>FTB Contact</u> Natasha Page
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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 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 with respect to the treatment of stock options. On December 23, 2011, Plaintiff served Special Interrogatories and a Request for Production of Documents upon FTB. On February 8, 2012, FTB responded to Plaintiff's First Request for Production of Documents and First Set of Special Interrogatories. A Case Management Conference was held on May 25, 2012. Trial of this matter was set to commence on January 28, 2013. An Objection to Notice and Time and Place of Trial was filed by Plaintiff. On July 19, 2013, an Ex Parte Application for Order to Continue Trial Date was filed by Plaintiff. On July 19, 2013, a Declaration in Support of Ex Parte Application for Order was filed by Plaintiff. On July 19, 2013, Order granting Ex Parte Application to Continue Trial was filed. The Court reset Trial to commence on March 10, 2014.

DANIEL V INC. v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC457301
Taxpayer's Counsel
Marty Dakessian
Reed Smith LLP

Filed - 03/14/11
FTB's Counsel
Anthony Sgherzi
FTB Contact
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: On November 5, 2012, the evidentiary portion of the Trial was completed and Post-Trial briefing was submitted. Plaintiff's Opening Brief was filed on November 27, 2012. FTB's Opening Brief was filed on December 11, 2012. Plaintiff's Reply Brief was filed on December 18, 2012. On February 6, 2013, a Tentative Decision and Proposed Judgment in favor of Plaintiff were filed. On February 22, 2013, Objection to Proposed Judgment was filed by FTB. On February 25, 2013, an Application for Entry of Judgment and a Proposed Judgment was filed and served by Plaintiff. On March 13, 2013 the Final Statement of Decision was filed. On March 13, 2013, a Minute Order was filed. On March 29, 2013, Plaintiff filed its Application for Entry of Judgment. On April 17, 2013, Plaintiff's Notice of Motion and Motion for Litigation Costs, including Attorneys' fees; Points and Authorities; Declarations of Mardiros H. Dakessian, David Keligian, Richard Pearl, Jeffrey M. Vesely, Roy E. Crawford, Edwin P. Antolin, and Christopher J. Matarese in Support thereof; and Proposed Order were filed. On May 13, 2013, FTB's Opposition to the Motion for Costs and Attorneys' Fees together with pleadings and declarations in support thereof were filed. On June 3, 2013, Plaintiff's Reply Brief in Support of Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs; together with several declarations and other pleadings was filed. On June 10, 2013, several Evidentiary Objections and Requests for Judicial Notice were filed in Support of FTB's Opposition to Plaintiff's Reply Brief and supplemental declarations. Hearing on the Motion for Demand of Costs and Attorneys' fees occurred on June 14, 2013. At which time the Court awarded Plaintiff the total sum of \$1,166,819.00 for Litigation Costs and Attorneys' Fees On June 17, 2013, Daniel V. Inc.'s Proposed Judgment regarding Litigation Costs and Attorneys' Fees was served. On June 17, 2013, FTB filed a Notice of Appeal. On July 8, 2013, Judgment Awarding Litigation Costs, Including Attorneys' Fees was filed. On July 12, 2013, Notice of Counter-Designation of Clerk's Transcript on Appeal was filed. On July 18, 2013, Notice of Entry of Judgment was filed. **On September 3, 2013, Request for Dismissal of Appeal was filed. On September 16, 2013, a Remittitur was filed. On September 25, 2013, an Acknowledgment of Satisfaction of Judgment was filed.**

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 <u>FTB Contact</u> Ann Hodges
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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 coordinators.

Year: Ending 03/31/07

Amount: \$1,104,992.00 Tax

Status: On April 26, 2012, the California Supreme Court rendered a unanimous Opinion in FTB's favor and remanded the case to Superior Court. The parties are awaiting further proceedings in Superior Court. On December 5, 2012, a Minute Order was issued stating that a Peremptory Challenge by Dicon was granted and the case has been reassigned from Judge Mel Red Recana to Judge Charles F. Palmer. On March 20, 2013, Notice of Order RE: Case Reassignment was filed, reassigning the case to Honorable Mary H. Strobel. On March 28, 2013, a Case Management Conference was held. FTB filed its Answer to the Complaint on April 22, 2013. On July 1, 2013, a Minute Order was issued by the Court stating that the Court is ordering both parties to participate in a Mandatory Settlement Conference on July 24, 2013, Final Status Conference is to be held on February 4, 2014. Trial is scheduled to commence February 11, 2014.

Fidelity National Information Services Inc v. Franchise Tax Board Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-00148 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Carley A. Roberts Timothy A. Gustafson Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan LLP	Filed – 07/15/13 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Serajul Ali <u>FTB Contact</u> Irina Krasavtseva
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- Issues:**
1. Whether Plaintiff's Capital Gain realized by Plaintiff from Plaintiff's sale of minority stock interest is allocable non-business income under Rev & Tax Code section 25120.
 2. Whether FTB's treatment of capital gain realized by Plaintiff from Plaintiff's sale of minority stock interest as apportionable business income under Rev & Tax Code section 25120 violates the Due Process and Commerce Clauses of the United States Constitution.
 3. Assuming FTB properly treated Plaintiff's capital gain realized by sale of a minority stock interest as apportionable business income under Rev. & Tax Code section 25120, does Plaintiff require a sales factor adjustment under the Due Process and Commerce Clauses of the United States Constitution.
 4. Whether FTB's imposition of a large corporate understatement penalty pursuant to Rev & Tax Code section 19138 violated the California Constitution as well as Excessive Fines, Due Process, Commerce and Equal Protection Clauses of the United States Constitution.

Year: 2007

Amount: \$5,723,702.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed July 15, 2013. On August 5, 2013, Notice of Case Management Conference and Order to Appear was filed. The matter was set for a Case Management Conference on February 6, 2014.

THE GILLETTE COMPANY & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC10495911 Court of Appeal First District Court Case No. A130803 California Supreme Court Case No. S206587 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed 01/11/10 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Lucy Wang <u>FTB Contact</u> Jeffrey I. Margolis
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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: 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. Briefs were timely submitted by both Appellants and FTB. Amicus Curiae briefs were submitted on behalf of both Appellants and FTB. Oral Argument occurred on May 8, 2012. On July 24, 2012, the Court of Appeal issued a for publication opinion in favor of the taxpayers. On August 8, 2012, the Franchise Tax Board filed a Petition for Rehearing. On August 9, 2012, the Court of Appeal on its own Motion issued an Order Vacating its Opinion. On October 2, 2012, the Court of Appeal issued a second published Opinion in favor of taxpayer. On November 13, 2012, a Petition for Review was filed with the California Supreme Court on behalf of FTB. On December 3, 2012, Appellant's Answer to Petition for Review was filed. On December 3, 2012, Appellants' Objection to Respondent's Request for Judicial Notice was filed. On December 4, 2012, Amicus letters from the States of Texas, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington and the District of Columbia in support of granting review were filed. On December 10, 2012, an Amicus letter of the Multistate Tax Commission in support of Granting Review was filed. On December 11, 2012, an Amicus Curiae Letter in Opposition to Petition for Review was filed. On December 28, 2012, the California Supreme Court extended the time within which it must grant or deny Review to and including February 11, 2013. On January 16, 2013, the Supreme Court granted the Petition for Review. On January 28, 2013, FTB filed an Application for Extension of Time to File its Opening Brief. On February 4, 2013, the Court ordered FTB's Opening Brief to be filed by March 18, 2013. On February 15, 2013, FTB filed

an Application for Extension of Time to File its Opening Brief. On February 20, 2013, the Court granted the requested Extension. On April 17, 2013, FTB's Opening Brief on the Merits was filed in the Supreme Court of California. On April 17, 2013, Declaration of Jeffrey I. Margolis In Support of Respondent's Request for Judicial Notice was filed in the Supreme Court of California. On April 17, 2013, Declaration of Sheldon H. Laskins in Support of Respondent's Request for Judicial Notice was filed in the Supreme Court of California. On April 17, 2013, Respondent's Request for Judicial Notice, Motion, Memorandum and Supporting Papers were filed in the Supreme Court of California. On April 23, 2013, Appellants' Application for Extension of Time to File its Opening Brief and to file its Opposition to Respondent's Request for Judicial Notice were filed. On April 26, 2013, the Supreme Court of California granted Appellants' Request for an Extension of Time to file its Opposition. Appellants' Opening Brief is due July 16, 2013. On July 16, 2013, Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Motion for Judicial Notice was filed. On July 16, 2013, Declaration of David R. Doerr in Support of Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Motion for Judicial Notice was filed. On July 16, 2013, Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Answer Brief on the Merits was filed. On July 16, 2013, Application for Leave to File Oversized Answer Brief on the Merits; Application to File Oversized Appendix; Declaration of Amy L. Silverstein was filed. Declaration of Edwin P. Antolin in Support of Plaintiffs'/Appellants' Motion for Judicial Notice was filed July 16, 2013. On July 22, 2013, Application for Extension of Time to File FTB's Reply Brief was filed. On July 22, 2013, the Court granted permission to file answer brief on the merits in excess of 14,000 words. On July 25, 2013, the Court granted an extension of time to file the Reply Brief. **The Reply Brief was filed September 20, 2013. Amicus Curiae briefs are to be filed by October 20, 2013.**

<p>HARLEY DAVIDSON INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2011-00100846 Court of Appeal Case No. D064241 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein Edwin Antolin Silverstein & Pomerantz</p>	<p>Filed: 11/09/11 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Leslie Branman Smith <u>FTB Contact</u> Melissa Potter</p>
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- 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 were filed on January 20, 2012. On February 27, 2012, the Opposition to Demurrer and related pleadings were filed. On March 2, 2012, the Reply to Opposition to Demurrer was filed by FTB. 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, a Second 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. On June 22, 2012, the Court issued an Order scheduling Trial to commence on February 15, 2013; the

Motion for Summary Judgment to be heard on January 11, 2013; and the Trial Readiness Conference to be heard on February 1, 2013. On November 9, 2012, Plaintiff filed its Motion for Summary Judgment/Summary Adjudication of Issues together with its pleadings in support thereof. On December 21, 2012, FTB filed its Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment/Summary Adjudication. On January 17, 2013, a Minute Order was filed denying Harley-Davidson's Motion for Summary Judgment. Trial occurred on February 22, 2013. On March 15, 2013, Plaintiff's Post Trial Brief was filed. On March 27, 2013, Response to Harley-Davidson's Trial Brief was filed. On May 2, 2013, the Trial Court issued its Statement of Decision and Judgment in favor of FTB. On May 23, 2013, Plaintiff filed a Motion for a New Trial together with a Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support Thereof. On May 27, 2013, FTB's Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for a New Trial was filed. The Hearing on the Motion for a New Trial was heard and denied on June 21, 2013. On June 27, 2013, a Notice of Appeal was filed by Harley Davidson. On July 25, 2013, A Civil Case Information Statement was filed by Plaintiff/Appellant. On August 1, 2013, a Civil Case Information Statement was filed by Plaintiff. **On September 10, 2013, Joint Stipulation Extending Time for Filing of Briefs was filed. Appellant's Opening Brief is due to be filed on December 6, 2013.**

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 Barrow Farr III	Filed – 1/06/98 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> James W. Bradshaw McDonald, Carano, Wilson LLP <u>FTB Contact</u> Scott DePeel
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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. 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 August 24, 2010, FTB filed an Opposition to a motion filed on behalf of Mr. Hyatt which sought leave to file a Sur-Reply to FTB's Brief. 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. 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. 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 June 18, 2012. The additional Oral Argument was presented and the matter is now under submission.

JK GROUP INC. v. Franchise Tax Board San DIEGO Superior Court Case No. 37-2013-00035096 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Martin Mullen Rowe, Allen and Mullen Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed 02/19/13 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Tim Nadar <u>FTB Contact</u> Suzanne Small
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- Issues: 1. Whether FTB's Jeopardy Assessment and Levy were proper.
2. Whether the LLC fee assessed against Plaintiff was unconstitutional.

Years: 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

Amount: \$7,337.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed February 19, 2013. Demurrer was filed March 25, 2013. The First Amended Complaint was filed June 5, 2013. On June 26, 2013, a General Denial was filed on behalf of FTB. A Stipulation was filed continuing the Case Management Conference to September 27, 2013. **On September 23, 2013, Requests for Identification and Production of Documents Propounded to Plaintiffs, Set One, was served. On September 23, 2013, Special Interrogatories Propounded to Plaintiffs, Set One was served. On September 23, 2013, Form Interrogatories ,were propounded to Plaintiffs**

JONES APPAREL GROUP, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-499083 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed 04/26/10 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Jill Bowers <u>FTB Contact</u> Jeffrey I. Margolis
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- 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: Franchise Tax Board Summons and Complaint served on April 27, 2010. Please see summary for the Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board. 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.**

KIMBERLY-CLARK WORLD WIDE, INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-495916 <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP	Filed 01/11/10 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Lucy Wang <u>FTB Contact</u> Jeffrey I. Margolis
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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: 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.**

DENISE ELIZABETH LAM v. Franchise Tax Board Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. CV12-7719cas <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Denise Elizabeth Lam	Filed 09/12/12 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Eliza Wolfe <u>FTB Contact</u> Suzanne Small
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- Issues:** 1. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to her claim for refund.
2. Whether the Franchise Tax Board can engage in collection activity without going through some type of formal court proceeding.

Years: 2001

Amount: \$1.00

Status: Summons and Complaint filed on October 17, 2012. On January 17, 2013, the Court granted FTB's Motion to Dismiss. A Refusal for Cause for multiple pleadings was filed March 19, 2013. On April 29, 2013, a Notice was filed by Plaintiff for a Refusal for Cause. On June 18, 2013, a Claim and Abatement Refused for Cause was filed by Plaintiff. On July 18, 2013, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Refusal for Cause. On August 19, 2013, a Notice for Refusal for Cause was filed.

MARTIN A. LOGIES v. Franchise Tax Board
Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG11603896
Taxpayer's Counsel
Bradley A. Bening
Willoughby, Stuart & Bening

Filed 07/01/11
FTB's Counsel
Marguerite Stricklin
FTB Contact
Craig Scott

- 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.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC08471260
Court of Appeal Court Case No. A131964
Taxpayer's Counsel
A. Pilar Mata, Esq,
Sutherland, Asbill, & Brennan LLP

Filed - 01/22/08
FTB's Counsel
David Lew
Lucy Wang
FTB Contact
Craig Sweiso

- 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 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. Appellant's Opening Brief was filed on September 19, 2011. On December 19, 2011, Respondent's Brief was filed. On February 8, 2012, Appellant's Reply Brief was filed. Oral Argument was held on October 1, 2012. The Court of Appeal issued a for-Publication Opinion in favor of Microsoft on December 18, 2012. The Judgment was reversed and the matter

was remanded to the trial court for further proceedings. On January 2, 2013, Respondent's Petition for Rehearing was filed. On January 15, 2013, the Court of Appeal denied the Petition for Rehearing. On February 20, 2013, Remittitur was issued. On February 21, 2013, the Remittitur was reversed. On March 27, 2013, a Memorandum of Costs and Disbursements was filed. The case has been remanded back to Superior Court. Microsoft has asked for and was granted an extension until September 30, 2013.

DAN PICKELL v. Franchise Tax Board United States District Court Case No. 2:12-CV-00373-GEB-DAD <u>Taxpayer's Counsel</u> Dan Pickell	Filed: 2/28/12 <u>FTB's Counsel</u> Jane O'Donnell <u>FTB Contact</u> Suzanne Small
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Issues: 1. Whether Franchise Tax Board's Executive Director and the Contactor's Licensing Board's Director have the authority to revoke, rescind, or suspend Plaintiff's contractor's license.

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 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. On June 27, 2012, Defendant's Designation of Counsel was filed. On December 5, 2012, the Magistrate's Findings and Recommendations were filed proposing that Plaintiff's lawsuit be permitted to proceed. On January 18, 2013, an Order was issued from the Court denying Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. On February 15, 2013, the Answer to Complaint by Defendants Stephen P. Sands, Registrar California State License Board and Selvi Stanislaus, Executive Director of the Franchise Tax Board was filed. On April 3, 2013, an Order of Reassignment was filed, reassigning the case from District Judge Garland E. Burrell to District Judge Troy L Nunley. On April 5, 2013, Plaintiff's Case Management Conference Statement was filed. On April 12, 2013, Defendants' Report for Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference was filed. On May 16, 2013, Defendant's First Set of Requests for Admissions to and Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories were served upon Plaintiff. On May 21, 2013, a Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order was filed. On May 28, 2013, Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment was filed. On June 6, 2013, a Notice of Deposition of Plaintiff Dan Pickell was served by FTB. On July 17, 2013, an Order was filed. The Order stated that pursuant to the Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Order issued by the Court on May 21, 2013, all Discovery in this matter must be completed by August 16, 2013. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion to Stay Discovery is denied without prejudice to renewal. On July 15, 2013, an Order denying Plaintiff's Motion to Hold Discovery in Abeyance until Summary Judgment has been heard was filed. On August 8, 2013, a Minute Order was issued continuing the date for hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment to September 20, 2013. **On September 13, 2013, Motion to Accept Plaintiff's Response to FTB's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment was filed. On September 13, 2013, Plaintiff's Response to FTB's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment; Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support thereof was filed.**

ROBERT & GAIL POLL v. Franchise Tax Board
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 485069
Taxpayer's Counsel
Abelson Herron & Halpern LLP
Leslie A. Pereira

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

Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiffs 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 Answer to Complaint for Declaratory Relief was filed June 19, 2012. On July 26, 2012, Deposition Subpoena for Production of Business Records was filed. On July 26, 2012, Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production to Defendant Franchise Tax Board was sent. On July 26, 2012, Plaintiffs' First Set of Specially-Prepared Interrogatories to Defendant Franchise Tax Board was served. On August 7, 2012, Defendant Franchise Tax Board's First Set of Special Interrogatories to Plaintiffs Robert and Gail Poll were served. On August 7, 2012, Defendant Franchise Tax Board's First Set of Requests for Identification and Production of Documents to Plaintiffs Robert & Gail Poll were served. On September 27, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Responses to Plaintiffs' First Set of Special Interrogatories were served. On September 27, 2012, Franchise Tax Board's Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production were served. On November 10, 2012, a Case Management Statement was filed scheduling the next Case Management Conference for December 17, 2012. On November 15, 2012, a Joint Case Management Statement was filed requesting a Trial date of March 25, 2013. On December 17, 2012, a Case Management Conference was held. The following dates were set at the Conference: August 8, 2013, Post-Mediation Status Conference; October 24, 2013; Final Status Conference and November 7, 2013, non-jury Trial. On June 17, 2013, Stipulation and Proposed Order Extending Mediation was filed. The mediation process is ongoing. **On September 4, 2013, a Notice regarding Settlement and Request to take September 9, 2013, Status Conference off Calendar was filed by the Plaintiff. On September 9, 2013, a Minute Order was issued stating that the Final Status Conference is set for October 24, 2013, and Trial is set for November 7, 2013.**

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE MANUFACTURING CO. & AFFILIATES v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-495912
Taxpayer's Counsel
Amy L. Silverstein, Edwin Antolin, Johanna W. Roberts
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP

Filed: 1/11/10
FTB's Counsel
Lucy Wang
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Jeffrey I. Margolis

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 the 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. CGC-09-487540
Court of Appeal First Appellate District A134734
Taxpayer's Counsel
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Matthew D. Lerner, Esq.
Steptoe & Johnson, LLP

Filed - 04/20/09
FTB's Counsel
Anne Michelle Burr
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Christopher Haskins

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: Trial commenced on March 28, 2011, and was continued to April 25, 2011. The Court's Statement of Decision was filed on January 3, 2012, in favor of the Plaintiff. FTB filed a Petition for Writ of Mandate and/or Prohibition or Other Appropriate Relief; Request for Stay, and a Memorandum of Points and Authorities on March 1, 2012. FTB filed a Notice of Appeal on March 1, 2012. On July 13, 2012, an Order was issued dismissing the Appeal, but permitting the Writ proceeding to continue. On July 30, 2012, an Order was filed, which ordered the briefing be temporarily held in abeyance pending the Court's determination of appealability. That issue was decided, the Order holding briefing in abeyance was lifted. On August 17, 2012, the return was filed. On August 31, 2012, the Petitioner's Traverse to Return to Petition for Writ of Mandate and/or Prohibition was filed. On October 2, 2012, the Court of Appeal ordered cases A134734 and A134735 consolidated for purposes of argument and decision. On October 4, 2012, FTB submitted a request to present Oral Argument. On October 5, 2012, Quellos Financial submitted a request to present Oral Argument. On November 29, 2012, the Court issued a letter asking three questions of the parties. On December 7, 2012, Quellos filed a Letter Brief in Response to the Court's November 29, 2012, request. On December 10, 2012, the Franchise Tax Board submitted a Letter Brief in response to the Court's November 29, 2012, Request for Additional Briefing. On August 28, 2013, a Joint Case Management Conference Statement was filed stating that this case should not go forward until the Court of Appeal has issued a decision on FTB's Petition for Writ of Mandate. The Case Management Conference is set for September 4, 2013. **On September 4, 2013, the Superior Court ordered the Case Management Conference taken off calendar and continued to January 7, 2014. Oral Argument before the Court of Appeal occurred on September 18, 2013, and the Court of Appeal Proceeding is under submission.**

QUELLOS GROUP, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-501299
Taxpayer's Counsel
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Steptoe & Johnson, LLP

Filed - 07/20/10
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Christopher Haskins

- Issues:
1. Whether the promoter penalty provided for in RTC section 19177 violates the due Process clause of the United and California Constitution.
 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 the 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 improper activity.
 5. Whether the proper measure of the promoter penalty may include income not received by person/entity against whom the penalty has been assessed.

Years: 2001

Refund sought: \$569,807.25

Status: Summons and Complaint filed July 23, 2010. On August 3, 2010, Defendant FTB filed both an Answer to the Complaint and its Cross Complaint. On August 30, 2010, Quellos Group LLC filed an Answer to Cross Complaint. Although not formally consolidated, this case is proceeding in tandem with Quellos Financial Advisors, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board. **Please refer to the status summary for Quellos Financial Advisors, LLC v. Franchise Tax Board.**

RB HOLDINGS (USA) INC. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-496438
Taxpayer's Counsel
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Edwin Antolin,
Johanna W. Roberts
Silverstein & Pomerantz, LLP

Filed 01/29/10
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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: 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 the status summary for The Gillette Company & Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board.**

SEHAT SUTARDJA v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-11-515645
Taxpayer's Counsel
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Filed 11/03/11
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Natasha Page

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 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 regarding the treatment of stock options. On December 22, 2011, Plaintiff propounded Discovery to FTB in the form of Request for Production of Documents and Special Interrogatories. On April 3, 2012, a Motion to Compel further Discovery from FTB 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 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. On June 8, 2012, an Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Plaintiff's Motion to Compel (Special Interrogatories and Document Requests) was filed. On July 3, 2012, FTB's Response to First Set of Special Interrogatories following Court's Order granting in part Plaintiff's Motion to Compel was filed. On July 3, 2012, FTB's Response to First Request for Production of Documents following Order Granting in Part Plaintiff's Motion to Compel was filed. On July 18, 2012, Trial was scheduled to commence on February 4, 2013. An Objection to Notice and Time and Place of Trial was filed by Plaintiff. The Court rescheduled Trial to commence on May 13, 2013. On December 21, 2012, an Ex Parte Application for Order to Continue Trial was filed by the Plaintiff, which resulted in Trial being rescheduled to commence on October 21, 2013. On June 13, 2013, Plaintiff Sehat Sutardja's Memorandum in Support of Motion to Compel FTB to Answer and/or further Answer Second Set of Special Interrogatories and Second Set of Document Requests was filed. FTB's responses were due July 24, 2013. On July 19, 2013, an Ex Parte Application for Order to Continue Trial Date was filed by Plaintiff. On July 19, 2013, an Order granting Ex Parte Application to Continue Trial was filed. The Court reset Trial to commence on March 10, 2014.

SIGMA-ALDRICH, CORP. & SUBSIDIARIES v. Franchise Tax Board
San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-10-496437
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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. **Pease refer to the status summary for The Gillette Company Subsidiaries v. Franchise Tax Board.**

SWART ENTERPRISES v. Franchise Tax Board
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 13CECG02171
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Issues: 1. Whether Plaintiff had sufficient nexus with the State of California during 2009 so as to be subject to the provisions of Revenue and Taxation Code 23153.
2. Whether the provisions of Revenue and Taxation Code section 23153 violate the Constitutions of the United States of America and/or the State of California.
3. Whether Plaintiff's investment activities during 2009 constitute doing business within the State of California.
4. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to an award of Attorneys' Fees.

Years: 2009

Amount: \$1,106.71

Status: Summons and Complaint was filed on July 9, 2013. Case Management Conference set for November 12, 2013. FTB filed its Answer to Complaint on August 16, 2013. **Case Management Conference is scheduled for November 12, 2013.**

IRENE TRITZ v. JOHN POTTER
United States Federal District Court Central District
SACV10-182doc (RNBx)
Ninth Circuit Court Appeal
10-56967
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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

Years: N/A

Amount: Not Specified

Status: First Amended Complaint filed June 4, 2010. Notice of Appeal filed December 10, 2010. Appellant filed an Informal Brief with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal on May 20, 2011.

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 March 20, 2012, Plaintiff's Request for Temporary Injunction against Defendants IRS and FTB, together with, a Proposed Order Approving Plaintiff's Request for Temporary Injunction Against the IRS and FTB was filed with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. An Order was issued April 18, 2012, appointing a pro bono counsel to assist the Plaintiff. On April 19, 2012, the Plaintiff's Reply to Defendant's Opposition to Appellee's Request for Temporary Injunction against Defendant's Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board was filed. On October 26, 2012, Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief was filed. On December 6, 2012, a Supplemental Brief for Review was submitted by Appelles's IRS and USPS. On

January 28, 2013, a Notice was issued by the Court requesting the Parties to submit Electronically, via appellate ECF, all excerpts of the record. Oral Argument occurred April 17, 2013. The case is now under submission. On July 9, 2013, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit rendered an Opinion. The Opinion dismissed Tritz's Breach of Contract claim for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The Court dismissed seven of Tritz's claims for lack of subject matter jurisdiction because it held that Tritz had not complied with the Federal Tort Claims Act. And finally the United States Court of Appeal held that Tritz's remaining three claims were barred by the Doctrine of res judicata. On August 18, 2013, Appellant's Petition for Panel Rehearing was filed. **On September 4, 2013, an Order denying Appellant's Petition for a Panel Rehearing was denied.**