

# TAX NEWS LETTER

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Most contact from the IRS happens because of minor issues or common errors which happens a lot. The IRS might even owe you a refund. Each year, more than 1 million letters are sent to people because they failed to sign their tax returns. Now, some letters that the IRS sends out deals with more serious issues than common mistakes of mathematical errors, not signing the tax return, or not including a required document with the filed tax return. What if it's the big one, a letter stating that your tax return has been selected for an audit?

An audit of your tax return is a process where the IRS asks you to substantiate the numbers

## What to do if the IRS sends you a letter!

on your tax return. Once you know what the IRS wants, you should contact a tax professional if the matter is beyond your common knowledge to resolve. We suggest you never represent yourself on an audit of your tax return. You may know what to say, but you don't know what *not* to say.

Almost all of the letters received from the IRS are computer generated. Often, when you call the 1-800 number shown on the letter, it can be quite time consuming and frustrating all while following the recording instructions before you finally make contact with an IRS representative.

We suggest that when you receive a letter from the IRS and you do not know what to do, call us for assistance. At Sharpton, Brunson and Company, we are available to assist you with IRS correspondence concerning your tax return whether it involves a human error or a tax audit.

We can represent you on tax matters involving both your individual and /or business tax returns.

At Sharpton, Brunson & Company, we strive to keep you current on the new changes in tax laws and tax benefits available to individuals as well as businesses.

Our goal is to help clients obtain maximum tax savings in accordance with what is allowable under tax rules. Please feel free to call R. Wesley Agee, CPA, Senior Tax Advisor, for any questions or assistance. He can be reached at 954.467.5490.

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