## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	JUN 2 9 2006
Plaintiff,	OLARTHOF MUNDAY CLERK U.S. DIST. CT. S.D. OF TLA MIAMI
v.	) Civ. No. 06-20949 - CW - cooke
LABIB BALTAGI, INC. d/b/a JACKSON HEWITT TAX SERVICES, INC. and AHMAD LABIB BALTAGI,	) ) )
Defendants.	)

## STIPULATED JUDGMENT OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION AGAINST DEFENDANT MARK BALTAGI

Plaintiff United States of America and Defendant, Mark Baltagi, stipulate as follows:

- A. The United States has filed a complaint alleging that defendant has prepared tax returns which understated some of his customers' tax liabilities by asserting the frivolous and unrealistic position that per capita distributions of gaming proceeds paid to Native Americans are exempt from federal income taxes. The United States seeks a permanent injunction prohibiting defendant from: (1) preparing federal income tax returns that assert that per capita distributions of gaming proceeds are exempt from federal income taxes; and (2) preparing federal income tax returns that understate tax liability by asserting any other frivolous or unrealistic position. The complaint also asks the Court to order defendant to take certain corrective actions.
- B. Defendant admits that he prepared at least 8 federal income tax returns that incorrectly took the position that per capita distributions of gaming proceeds paid to Native Americans are exempt from federal income taxes.



- C. Defendant waives the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law under Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. §§ 7407, 7408 and 7402(a).
- D. Defendant understands that this Stipulated Judgment of Permanent Injunction constitutes the final judgment in this matter, and waives any and all right to file an appeal from this judgment.
- E. Defendant consents to the entry of this Stipulated Judgment of Permanent Injunction without further notice and agrees to be bound by its terms. Defendant further understands and agrees that the Court will retain jurisdiction over this matter for the purpose of implementing and enforcing this Stipulated Judgment of Final Injunction and understands that if he violates this Stipulated Judgment of Final Injunction, he may be found to be in contempt of court and may be sanctioned for the same.

WHEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, the Court hereby FINDS, ORDERS, and DECREES:

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1340 and 1345 and 26 U.S.C. §§ 7402(a), 7407 and 7408;
- 2. The Defendant has consented to the entry of this Stipulated Judgment of Permanent Injunction and agrees to be bound by its terms;
- 3. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 7402(a), 7407 and 7408, defendant is permanently enjoined from:
  - a. preparing or assisting in the preparation of, or counseling or advising the
     preparation or filing of, federal tax returns which assert that per capita
     distributions of gaming proceeds paid to Native Americans are exempt

- from federal income tax;
- b. preparing or assisting in the preparation of, or counseling or advising the preparation or filing of federal tax returns that assert any position for which there is not a realistic possibility of being sustained on its merits that results in the understatement of tax liability, or which evinces a willful, intentional, or reckless disregard for the applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
- c. engaging in any fraudulent or deceptive conduct which interferes with the proper administration of the internal revenue laws.
- 4. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. §§ 6695, 7402(a), and 7407, defendant is hereby ordered to:
  - a. Cooperate fully with the Government's efforts to identify all tax returns that he prepared which understated a taxpayer's tax liability by asserting that per capita distributions of gaming proceeds paid to Native Americans were exempt from federal income taxes;
  - b. Review the list of customers prepared by co-defendants Labib Baltagi Inc.

    d/b/a Jackson Hewitt Tax Services, Ahmad Labib Baltagi, and Lucille

    Baltagi, (collectively "co-defendants") and produce to counsel for the

    United States, within 14 days of the Court's order, a list of any customers

    not identified by his co-defendants for whom he prepared income tax

    returns which asserted that any income, of whatever kind, was exempt

    from taxation due to a purported Native American Treaty; and for each

    customer, provide the customer's name, social security number, address

    and telephone number;

- c. Produce to counsel for the United States within 14 days of the Court's order, copies of all federal tax returns (including amended returns), not already produced by his co-defendants, that defendant prepared which asserted that any income, of whatever kind, was exempt from taxation due to a purported Native American Treaty;
- d. To the extent that defendant identifies any customers for whom he prepared income tax returns which asserted that any income, of whatever kind, was exempt from taxation due to a purported Native American Treaty, which were not already identified by his co-defendants, he shall notify his co-defendants, Labib Baltagi Inc. d/b/a Jackson Hewitt Tax Services Inc. ("LBI"), Ahmad Labib Baltagi, and Lucille Baltagi, so that his co-defendants can send, at their expense, within 14 days of the Court's order, the attached letter to all such customers;
- e. Continue his efforts to identify and correct any income tax returns which asserted that income was exempt from taxation due to a purported Native American Treaty after making his initial report to counsel for the United States, and to the extent that defendant identifies any additional returns which asserted that income was exempt from taxation due to a purported Native American Treaty, defendant shall comply with the obligations set forth in subparagraphs (b)-(d) within 14 days of identifying such a return.

- 5. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7402(a), defendant is further ordered to file with the Court, within 14 days after the entry of this Stipulated Judgment of Permanent Injunction, a certificate of compliance, signed under penalty of perjury, which states that defendant has provided counsel for the United States:
  - a list of all customers that defendant has identified for whom defendant has prepared income tax returns which asserted that any income, of whatever kind, was exempt from taxation due to a purported Native American Treaty;
  - b. a complete description of the means by which defendant identified such customers;
  - c. a complete description of the means by which defendant has notified his customers that: (1) all per capita distributions of gaming proceeds are subject to federal income taxes and (2) any income tax return on which such customers claimed that income was exempt from taxation due a Native American Treaty may need to be amended.

Furthermore, to the extent that defendant identifies any further income tax returns which asserted that income was exempt from taxation due to a purported Native American Treaty after filing the initial sworn certificate of compliance, he shall, within 14 days, file a further certificate of compliance, signed under penalty of perjury, which contains the information required by subparagraphs (a)-(c) of this paragraph.

- 6. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this matter and defendant for the purpose of enforcing any permanent injunction;
- 7. The United States is granted the right to conduct post-judgment discovery for the purpose of monitoring defendant's compliance with the terms of any injunction;

SO ORDERED, this 29 day of

2006

United Stated District Judge

Consented and Agreed to:

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