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TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.

ALJ ROSAS: Good morning. We are now on the record in the matter of the appeal of Ricky T. Burningham, OTA Case No. 18010865. This hearing is taking place in Sacramento, California on April 30, 2019, and the time is approximately 10:00 a.m.

The panel of Administrative Law Judges includes Tommy Leung and Jeffrey Angeja, as well as me, Alberto Rosas. And although I may be the lead ALJ for purposes of conducting this hearing, this panel, the three of us, we're all equal decision makers.

We're going to get started with appearances. Please state your names for the record, starting with the taxpayer.

THE APPELLANT: Rick Burningham.

MR. KOWALCZYK: David Kowalczyk for Respondent.

MS. PAGE: Natasha Page for Respondent.

ALJ ROSAS: I'd like to remind both parties that we are on the record. This matter is being recorded by a stenographer, so please remember to speak slowly, speak clearly, and please try not to speak over one another.

We held a pre-hearing conference earlier this

1	month on April 11, 2019, which resulted in five
2	orders. The first one is that Mr. Burningham's
3	Exhibits 1 through 8 were admitted into evidence.
4	(Appellant's Exhibits 1-8
5	admitted into evidence.)
6	ALJ ROSAS: Second, FTB's Exhibits Alpha,
7	Bravo, Charlie and Echo, that's A, B, C and E were
8	admitted into evidence.
9	(Respondent's Exhibits A, B, C, E
10	admitted into evidence.)
11	ALJ ROSAS: Number 3, only one witness,
12	Mr. Burningham, shall testify at today's proceeding.
13	Number 4, today's hearing is expected to take
14	no more than 50 minutes. And the parties are expected
15	to comply with the specific hearing time limits that
16	we discussed.
17	Fifth, Mr. Burningham was granted permission
18	to record the oral hearing using his own audio
19	recorder.
20	Is this an accurate summary of the
21	pre-hearing conference and orders, Mr. Burningham?
22	THE APPELLANT: I believe so.
23	ALJ ROSAS: FTB?
24	MR. KOWALCZYK: Yes, Judge.
25	ALJ ROSAS: In regards to your recording

1 device, Mr. Burningham, I would just like to point 2 out, I remind you that the stenographer's transcript 3 is the official record of today's proceeding. 4 Before we begin with the presentations, does 5 either side have any questions? 6 MR. KOWALCZYK: No, Judge. 7 THE APPELLANT: I have just one. 8 ALJ ROSAS: Yes, Mr. Burningham. 9 THE APPELLANT: During the oral phone 10 conference, we discussed the fact that I had a 11 complaint, that I would be able to read from that. brought copies for everybody in case they wanted to 12 13 review it. 14 ALJ ROSAS: We don't need copies. We have 15 the complete administrative file of everything that 16 was submitted in this case. But thank you for 17 offering, Mr. Burningham. 18 (Clarification by Reporter.) 19 ALJ ROSAS: Thank you, Ms. Perry. Thank you, 20 Mr. Burningham. 21 Mr. Burningham, whenever you're ready, if you 22 can please rise, and I will administer the oath. 2.3 Raise your right hand. Do you swear or 24 affirm that the testimony you are about to give shall

be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the

truth? 1 2 THE APPELLANT: Yes. 3 (Appellant sworn in.) 4 ALJ ROSAS: Thank you, Mr. Burningham. 5 Please be seated. 6 Mr. Burningham, you will have up to 20 7 minutes. You may begin your presentation whenever you 8 are ready. 9 THE APPELLANT: Okav. I'll start with the 10 fact that the FTB's presumption, that enforcement is 11 legitimate without examining the law. I think I 12 presented that with briefs that I had, the briefs that 13 were presented through the petitioning for a hearing 14 process, is that correct? 15 And you have those -- do you have my briefs, 16 my response briefs and everything? And the FTB did 17 not respond to the last brief that I had, is that 18 correct? So it was left un-responded. 19 I would like to start with the facts. I had 20 the brief from October 2nd, and that's Appellant's 21 reply brief to the respondent's brief of September 22 5th, this is dated. Appellant did present the brief. 2.3 There was a criminal complaint, Exhibit A, in 24 a timely fashion complete with the statutory and

regulatory references, provided facts that there was

no legal requirement to report any gross income in order to file a 2013 California return as demanded by the first notice which was the demand for a return.

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Exhibit A, I go to page 2 of that exhibit.

The top left corner says, Steps to determine filing requirement. Is your gross income -- no, it says gross income, all income you receive from all services in the form of money, goods, properties, services and are exempt or that are not exempt from tax no more than the amount shown on the table that is presented on page 2 of this.

I presented that in a brief as a response to that demand for a return. You have that record.

Okay? Respondent's presumption, the FTB has a presumption that all receipts are gross income.

Right out of the starting gate, I want to read from the Supreme Court, Southern Pacific vs.

Lowe, 247 U.S.330 (1928). We must reject the broad contention submitted on behalf of the government that all receipts, everything that comes in are income.

Okay. I presented statutory explanation of why that is.

The foundation of the FTB and the presumption that we owe tax or add gross income is Section 61, adopted Revenue and Taxation Code in the California

Revenue and Taxation Code. Okay? That's a foregone conclusion.

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Section 61, if you know what 61 is. Excuse me. General definition says, gross income defines

Section 61, general definition, A, except as otherwise provided in subtitle, gross income means all income, whatever source derived between but limited to the following items, and then gives Items 1 through 14.

The first phrase, except as otherwise provided in the subtitle, it's very important to note. Okay? That's a subordinating clause. It's like saying notwithstanding Section 61, if there's another subtitle or if there's another statutory or any other explanation on gross income or what it means and what it is, you have to take that into consideration.

I thoroughly and exhaustively and articulately explain Section 82. You can't escape Section 83. If you go to Section 61(b) which it says, cross-references, it says for items specifically included in gross income, see Section 71 and the following. If you look at the list like 71 through like 90-something.

Section 83 is in there. It's for those things that are specifically included in gross income. For the purposes of this -- for the purposes of this

hearing, Section 83, this is the [inaudible] -(Clarification by Reporter.)

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THE APPELLANT: The operative language of the section. I'm not going to read all of it, inoperative language.

Property transfer for performance of services. In connection with the performance of services, property is transferred in excess of the fair market value of such property over the amount, if any, paid for such property shall be included in gross income of the person who performs such services.

Section 83(a) explains how property received in exchange for services is taxed. See Montelepre Systemed vs. CIR, 956 F2d Page 496, 498 (1992). A court of appeals on three different circuits rule that Section 83 applies to all compensation for services and it explains how the tax of one would be hard-pressed to explain how 83 allows the fair market value to be included in gross income.

Section 83 addresses fair market value, excess and gross income, but only the excess is associated with gross income. How could an individual include the fair market value and gross income without violating Section 83. It cannot be done.

Regulations refer to all the other sections

of statute that allow deductions and talk about the -the basis, associated basis and everything, the basis
for what you call the -- let me get this -- adjusted
basis and everything that you deduct, all the
operating, all the -- excuse me, I'm very nervous.

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All the implementing regulations due refer to property exchanged with connection with performance of services, that it applies, Section 83 applies. It refers to other sections of the code. It's in my criminal complaint.

Sections 1001, 1011, 1012 all refer to basis and adjusted basis, what can be deducted, what can be included in gross income. These are all included in the criminal complaint as being violated by the Franchise Tax Board. Okay.

I have an immense amount of information here. Please bear with me. I would like to talk about property, property rights. My labor is property, that all property is cost. And I'd like to read from, a little bit from Black's dictionary, Law Dictionary. I have one, my personal one, 4th edition.

But anyway, property, that which is peculiar or proper to any person that which belongs excessively to one in the strict legal sense, an aggregate of rights which are guaranteed and protected by the

government determines, said to extend to every species of valuable right of interest, more specifically ownership and unrestricted and exclusive right to a thing, the right to dispose of a thing in every legal way to dispose of it, to use it and to exclude everyone else from interfering with it, the dominion or indefinite right of use or disposition which one may lawfully exercise over particular things or subjects, the exclusive right of possessing, enjoying and disposing of a thing, the highest right of a man that can have to anything being used to refer to the right which one has to lands or tenements, goods or chattels which no one depends on another man's courtesy, property within constitutional protection in those group of rights inherent in citizen's relation to physical thing, things as rights to possess, use and possess of, it is goodwill. Goodwill is property.

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Intangible property, property which cannot be touched because it has no physical existence such as claims, interest and rights.

Personal property, a right or interest in things personal or right or interest less than a freehold in realty or any right or interest which one has in things movable. Personal property includes money, goods, chattels, things in [unintelligible].

That is California Evidence Code.

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We'll move into Supreme Court rulings regarding property. I already read one, which was Southern Pacific vs. Lowe.

In Butchers' Union vs. Crescent City (1884), it's 111 U.S.746 at pages 756 through 757. It is in our inner course with our fellow men certain principles of morality are assumed to exist, without which society would be impossible. So certain inherent rights lie at the foundation of all action and upon recognition of them alone can free institutions be maintained.

These inherent rights have never been more happily expressed than in the Declaration of Independence or organic law, that new evangel of liberty to the people.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that it is plain that their truth is recognized upon the mere statement that all men are endowed, not like edicts of men or treason, pardon or acts of Congress but by the creator with certain inalienable rights.

That is rights which cannot be bartered away or given away or taken away except in punishment of crime.

And among these are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and to secure these, not grant them, but

secure them, Government's institute among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

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In Butchers' Union, among these -- this is part of that Butchers' Union. Among these inalienable rights is proclaimed in the document is the right of man to pursue their happiness by which it is meant the right to pursue any unlawful business or vocation in any manner not inconsistent with the equal rights of others which may increase their prosperity or development their faculties, so as you give their highest enjoyment.

The common business and callings of life and ordinary trades of pursuits which are innocuous in themselves have been followed in all communities from time of memorial. They must therefore be free in this country, and all alike upon some same conditions, the right to pursue them without lead or hindrance except that which is applied to persons of the same age, sex, condition is distinguished -- is a distinguished privilege of citizens of the United States and an essential element of that freedom which they claim as their birth right.

Within that, within this case that I quote now is an excerpt from Adam Smith, quote, it has been well said that property which every man has is his own

labor as it is the original foundation of all other property. So it is the most sacred and invaluable. The [inaudible] the poor man lies in his strength and dexterity at his own hand [unintelligible] strength and dexterity in what man he thinks proper without injury to his neighbor is in plain violation of the most sacred property.

ALJ ROSAS: Mr. Burningham, just as a courtesy, I want to let you know you have a little more than five minutes.

THE APPELLANT: Thank you. Unquote. In Coppage vs. Kansas, another Supreme Court ruling (1915) included in the right of personal liberty and the right of private property for taking in the nature of each is the right to make contracts for the acquisition of property. Chief among such contracts is that of personal employment by which labor and other services are exchanged for money or other forms of property.

Every man has a natural right to the fruits of his own labor, and this is by moving on. Every man has a right -- let me explain this. The Antelope or the 23 U.S.66 Page 120. Every man has a natural right to the fruits of his own labor, and as generally admitted that no other person can rightfully deprive

him of those fruits and appropriate them against his will.

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In Evans vs. Gore, 253 U.S.245 (1920),
Sixteenth Amendment. Is does not justify the taxation of persons with things previously immune. It was intended only to remove the occasion of any apportionment of income taxes among the states for which the Supreme Court, taking off Supreme Court in [unintelligible] excised tax which has to be following the rule of apportion -- or, excuse me, of -- it's not apportionment, it's -- I'm sorry. Uniformity. Excuse me. Sorry for that lapse. The Constitutional
Amendment Sixteen authorized --

THE COURT REPORTER: Can you slow down, please.

THE APPELLANT: Constitutional Amendment
Sixteen authorizes Congress to collect taxes on
incomes from whatever source derived without
apportionment among the states. Does not extend the
taxing power to new or accepted subjects, but merely
removes all occasion.

I'd like to point out the fact that when the Sixteenth Amendment was supposedly ratified, that people, that wages, salaries, labor was not taxed.

Okay? It was only until 1942 when the tax was taken

when we were in war. You'll see for Section 61.

In the United States statutes at large, we have record of gross income being defined, Section 22, the predecessor of 61 today. General definition, Section 62, gross income includes gains, profits and income underlined, derived from salaries, wages and compensation, personal service. It has to be a derivative.

Courts have already explained that very, very clearly. Supreme courts have done it. I don't know why there's so much contention about that with Federal District Courts. It's certainly a due process problem. Okay?

The history of the Section 61, because the Franchise Tax Board uses it as its foundation, Section 22 of the 1939 code. It originated in 1918 with the Simmons, Underwood-Simmons Act, it was a Tariff Act.

If you look at all the income tax acts, you look at the regulations, you look at the history of income taxes, there's a nexus to foreign, non-resident aliens and foreign corporations.

ALJ ROSAS: Mr. Burningham, you have approximately two minutes left. If you can start wrapping it up. Thank you, sir.

THE APPELLANT: Okay. Thank you. So

nothing's changed most of these tax laws from tax acts from year to year were in lieu of tax acts before

Congress declared Section 61 is no different than section -- has the same meaning of Section 22 of the 1939 code that very specifically talks about the fact that it has to be derived from salaries, wages and income.

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It's not taxed on labor. It never has been and I don't see where the law says anything otherwise. Presumptions of everything that came in comes in as gross income is not verified or based upon law and Supreme Court justice or Supreme Court rulings.

I think under the circumstances, I have plenty of regulations saying that Section 83, which is the statute that governs the taxation of those who provide services for the exchange of property, I can't define the paycheck any better than that.

I think I can summarize everything, the fact that Section 83 stands, has been there since 1969 before I started filing and before I figured out that I didn't owe this tax and have no requirement. I don't believe for one minute that I have a duty, a lawful duty to pay this income tax that they call an income tax.

I think I have plenty of articulated briefs

1 that explain that in detail, and it's never been 2 challenged. The record is barren from the Franchise 3 Tax Board of any language of Section 83, and the 4 stipulated related sections of the code, 1001, 1011, 5 1012 that is in violation of their sections of Revenue and Taxation Code 1700 or 1781, 17,201 and 18,301. 6 7 They're in violation, and on the record I 8 need to make it known as my criminal complaint says, 9 they are violating Title 18, Section 241, conspiracy 10 against my rights; Section 1341, frauds and swindles; 11 Section 1343, mail fraud; Section 1951, extortion; 12 1962, is it? I believe. Let me verify that, 1962. 13 ALJ ROSAS: Mr. Burningham, past the time, 14 but we'll return back to you after FTB has their 15 presentation so you will have the last word, sir. THE APPELLANT: 16 Thank you. 17 ALJ ROSAS: Mr. Kowalczyk, do you have any 18 questions for Mr. Burningham? 19 MR. KOWALCZYK: No, Judge. 20 Judge Leung, do you have any ALJ ROSAS: 21 questions for Mr. Burningham? 22 ALJ LEUNG: No. 23 ALJ ROSAS: Judge Angeja, do you have any 24 questions?

No.

ALJ ANGEJA:

THE APPELLANT: Excuse me.

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ALJ ROSAS: Mr. Burningham, I also don't have any questions for you at this time. We will now turn it over to the Franchise Tax Board to make their presentation.

FTB, you will have up to 15 minutes. You may begin whenever you're ready.

MR. KOWALCZYK: Good morning. The issues before us today is whether Appellant has met his burden of proof to show error in Respondent's proposed assessment and reasonable cause to debate the delinquent filing penalty for tax year 2013.

Appellant has failed to file 2013 tax return and has made the same frivolous arguments that many taxpayers have made before. Appellant's arguments relating to Section 83 of the Internal Revenue Code is a variation of the theme that wages are not taxable.

The Office of Tax Appeals, the State Board of Equalization and the Federal Courts have all emphatically, uniformly and consistently held for many years that wages are taxable. Appellant's federal wage and income transcript confirm Appellant received \$53,466 in wages from Brentwood Electric Roof, Inc., and \$6,836 in wages from Sprig Electric.

Appellant has not denied he received these

1	wages or was employed by either of these companies.
2	In regards to the delinquent filing penalty, Appellant
3	has not provided any reasonable cause explanation for
4	why he has not filed a tax return besides the
5	frivolous arguments.
6	Accordingly, Appellant has not met his burden
7	of proof to establish error in Respondent's proposed
8	assessment or reasonable cause to abate the delinquent
9	filing penalty. Therefore, Respondent's action must
10	be sustained. Thank you.
11	ALJ ROSAS: Thank you, Mr. Kowalczyk.
12	Judge Leung, do you have any questions for
13	FTB?
14	ALJ LEUNG: No, I do not.
15	ALJ ROSAS: Judge Angeja?
16	ALJ ANGEJA: No, thank you.
17	ALJ ROSAS: And I also do not have any
18	questions for FTB. Thank you.
19	Mr. Burningham, we will now return to you.
20	You will have the last word. You will have up to an
21	additional five minutes. You may begin whenever you
22	are ready, sir.
23	THE APPELLANT: All I've presented in this
24	court, in this hearing are Supreme Court rulings,

statutory pleadings and regulations. I presented to

the Franchise Tax Board a brief and response with the 66-page copy of the current, which they refer to by within their correspondence that gave me the sites and everything to go to. I copied that out and I sent it back to them.

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If petitioning Government for redress of grievances is a frivolous argument, then it will go on this record, public record right now. Okay?

Everything I presented is not on that list -- of that list. That's the official list. They've had Section 83 for 25 years, and it's not in that list.

Now, if petitioning Government for redress of grievances is a crime, then I deserve the penalties that I've been receiving from the Franchise Tax Board, then we need to address that now. We need to address that.

I received three frivolous submission penalties from the Franchise Tax Board. They base, by adoption, they base these things on Section 6702, subtitle F. All right? Apparently they haven't read subtitle F.

Congress shall make no law preaching the right of the people to petition the government for redress of grievances. First Amendment. State of California is inseparable for part of the American

union. And the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. All men are free and independent and have certain inalienable rights.

Among them will [inaudible] enjoying pending life, liberty and inquiring, possessing and protecting property.

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Appellant jealously guards his fundamental rights. There is to be no exception to revenue collection purposes and wage none. It is his wish the State of California, which is a municipal for-profit corporation, cease interfering with his right to redress his grievances in the forum and cease harassing his family.

The first appearance of Section 6702 was found in 1986, subtitle F. It imposed \$500 frivolous penalty. In 2006, it was increased to \$5,000 and changed the subject to any person filing a frivolous return or statement. The amendment has mandated from the secretary to treasury shall prescribe and periodically revise a list of positions that the secretary has identified as being frivolous.

I presented that to the Franchise Tax Board.

They never returned one iota. As far as I know,

that's their responsibility to answer my questions.

If they can put their finger on the taxpayer, they

need to put their finger on the tax law. Excuse me for being angry.

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Any penalty arbitrarily assessed against a natural individual man for the purpose of interfering with free exercise of the constitutionally-protected rights such as free speech or redress must be reported as a criminal act of oppression and extortion.

Cal Penal Code 55 -- or 518 through 527.

Congress expressly withheld the application of the frivolous filing penalty. If you read Section 7851 (a) (6) (a), you'll find it has never been enacted. There is not an enactment date to that subtitle or to subtitle F. Okay.

And they use it if they have a tantrum every time and they come after you and say, withdraw your protest, which they call a protest. I call it a redress, a petition for redress of grievance. And I've always put that in my writing. It's always been in writing.

They say, withdraw that or be subject to this fine. If I withdrew it, I would submit to the fact that they say that you owe this, okay, whether I owe it or not by law or by statute or anything. Policy and practices and procedures are not law. This is fake law. Let me put that on the record.

If a law has no purpose, then it shields to the assertion of constitutional rights by penalizing those who exercise them, then it is patently unconstitutional. The term person that's used in this chapter includes the officer or employee of a corporation or member or employee or partnership who is such officer, employee or member as under penalty to perform the act and respect to which the violation occurs.

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Appellant, not being a creation of the state, denies that he possesses the requisite corporate response to be charged with any duty to perform any act for which the amended subject designation of person could possibly apply. The type of tax that the classic persons liable for the penalty are ruled inapplicable to the personal income tax by the Supreme Court in 1978. Any state court, tax court, USDC decision or bureau publication to the contrary notwithstanding.

ALJ ROSAS: Mr. Burningham, we're past the five minutes. If you could just wrap it up in the next 30 or 60 seconds, that would be great. Thank you.

THE APPELLANT: Okay. When Congress added the phrase modifying person, it was not seeking

1 further to describe the class of persons to define in 2 67 or 6671(b) upon who fell the responsibility for collecting taxes. 3 4 I think I've explained it good enough that 5 that is a violation of law. It's not been enacted. 6 They cannot prove with implementing regulations nor an 7 enactment date that that's even law. It's under the 8 color of the law. And I state it here on the record. 9 ALJ ROSAS: Thank you, Mr. Burningham. 10 concludes the hearing in the appeal of Ricky T. 11 Burningham, OTA Case No. 18010865. The record in this matter is now closed. And this matter is submitted as 12 13 of today, April 30, 2019. This panel will issue a 14 written decision to the parties no later than 100 days 15 from today. Thank you all very much. 16 17 (Whereupon the proceedings were 18 adjourned at 10:34 a.m.) 19 20 21 22 2.3 24

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