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OBJECTIVE ADVICE ON THE ROAD OF LIFE

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To our Clients:

We have recently been notified by a number of clients that they have received phone calls from the Internal Revenue Service threatening legal action if a bill is not paid.

We want to remind all our clients that IRS if you have a tax issue with IRS, or for that matter the State tax authorities as well, the IRS will issue a series of correspondence prior to proceeding to any direct contact. The tax authorities will not demand payment.

If you receive a phone call and have not received any correspondence concerning a tax discrepancy you can ignore the call. For your information I have also received a call in which the caller identified themselves as an employee of the Internal Revenue **SERVICES**, though a subtle mistake a bad one to make to a CPA. I did return the call just out of curiosity but the number was shut down. I also called the phone numbers left with our clients and these numbers were shut down as well.

One other note, phishing scams via email are becoming more and more prevalent and sophisticated. On a daily basis I receive anywhere from 10-20 phishing emails a day. Some are clearly scams while others make you think twice. For example "attached is your invoice from your order" with a fake amazon email address. I have taken the approach that if I do not know who or what company the email is from or just the slightest bit questionable I delete. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Remember, the IRS does not use text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information, please visit the

website: http://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts

We hope this information is helpful. If you would like more details, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

I wish everyone a Great Memorial Day Weekend and remember our troops!

Thank You,

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