# Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases





Helping Good People with IRS Problems

Randy Martin CPA EA CTRS

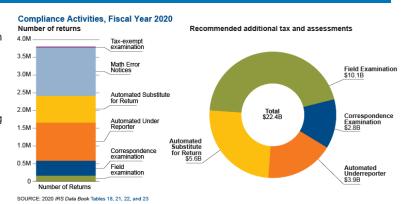
### 1

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE IRS?

# From the IRS 2020 DATABOOK

The IRS closed 509,917 tax returns examinations, resulting in more than \$12.9 billion in recommended additional tax.

The IRS closed 942,155 cases under the **Automated Underreporter Program**, resulting in more than \$3.9 billion in additional assessments.



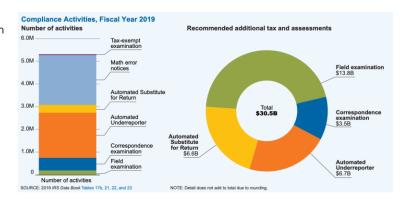
**IRSPR♥B**.com

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE IRS?

## From the IRS 2019 DATABOOK

The IRS closed 509,917 tax returns examinations, resulting in more than \$17.3 billion in recommended additional tax.

The IRS closed 1.9M cases under the **Automated Underreporter** Program, resulting in more than \$6.7 billion in additional assessments.





Best Practices for Managing CP 2000 Cases

3

# **CONTENTS**

- Intro What's Going on at the IRS 01
- CP2000 (Letter Audits) 02
- The Parts of a CP2000 03
- 04 **Types of CP2000 Cases**
- 05 Beginning Representation in a CP2000 Case
- 06 The CP2000 Contestation
- 07 The CP2000 Case



# THE IRS CP2000

# Why Does a Taxpayer Receive a CP2000

- 1. An original return was filed by the taxpayer with the IRS
- 2. The IRS found a discrepancy between what was reported on the the return and what was reported by a third-party such as employers, banks, business, casinos, lenders, businesses, and other payers.
- 3. The IRS sends the CP2000 around ten to 16 months after the filing of the tax return proposing changes to the tax return filing based on the discrepancy allowing the taxpayer 30 days to agree or disagree with the proposed changes.
- 4. \*The IRS will process the proposed changes if no response is received within 30 days.\*
- 5. Generally, the IRS uses a computer scoring system, based on past IRS experience, that rates the tax return filing for possible audit changes.
- 6. Failure to respond allows the IRS to move forward with the proposed assessment of additional tax, penalties, and interest.

<sup>\*</sup> The IRS will also process the changes if they have not been able to process the response in those 30 days.



Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

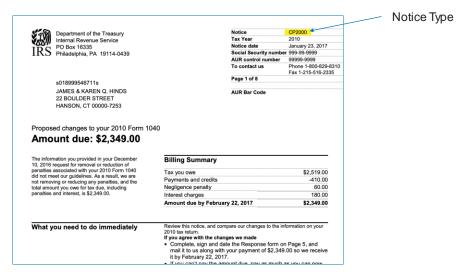
5

# THE PARTS OF THE CP2000





# THE PARTS OF THE CP2000

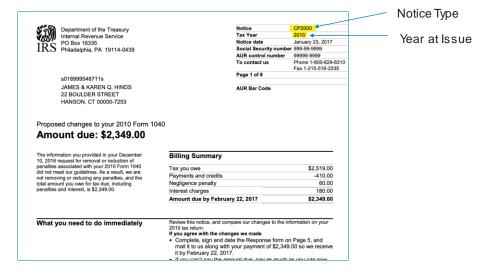


IRSPR©B.com

Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

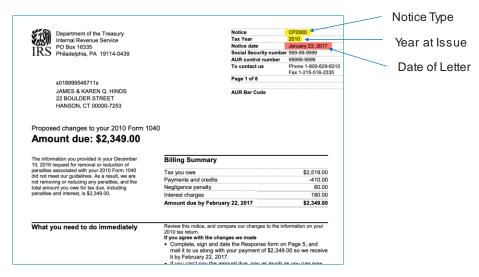
7

# THE PARTS OF THE CP2000





# THE PARTS OF THE CP2000



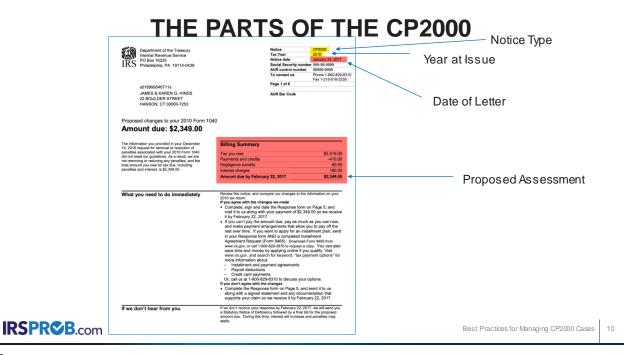


Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

.

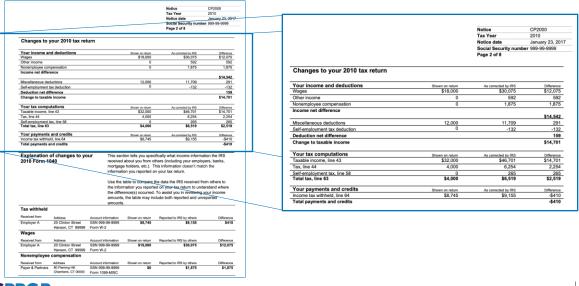
INSPRED.com

9



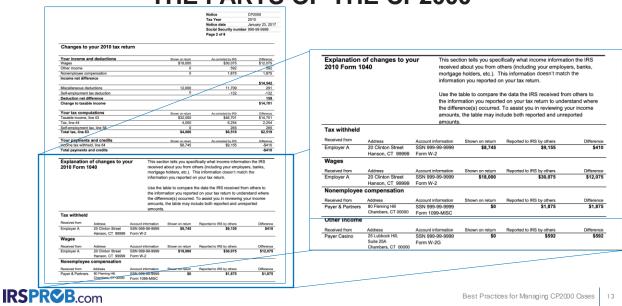
11

# THE PARTS OF THE CP2000



**IRSPR⊗B**.com

# THE PARTS OF THE CP2000



13

# THE TYPES IRS CP2000

# **Common Changes Sought by the IRS**

Missed Form Often Resulting in Add'l Assessment:

- 1099-D (Dividend Income)
- 1099-R (Distribution from a Retirement Account)
- W-2

Missed Form with Defendable Positions:

- 1099-B (Brokerage)
- 1099-S (Real Estate sale)
- 1099-MISC/Non-employee
- W-2G (Gambling)
- Dependents



# STARTING REPRESENTATION IN A CP2000 CASE

# When Does the Taxpayer come to us?

### Close to Letter Date

Best chance of being resolved prior to the NOD (CP3219)

### Close to Due Date (30 days in)

Poor chance of being resolved prior to the NOD (CP3219)

### After Due Date

Slim chance of being resolved prior to the NOD (CP3219)

### What Documentation does the Taxpayer have?

### **Full Documentation**

Best chance of being resolved prior to the NOD (CP3219)

### **Partial Documentation**

Poor chance of being resolved prior to the NOD (CP3219)

### **Partial Documentation**

Slim chance of being resolved prior to the NOD (CP3219)



Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

15

# STARTING REPRESENTATION IN A CP2000 CASE

# Win the Case from the Start

Bona fide?

What's the client's attitude?

Take good notes during the initial client meeting.

Provide the taxpayer with a list of documents that you will need to be successful.

\*\*\*SCOPE THE CASE\*\*\*



# THE CP2000 CONTESTATION



### Parts of the CP2000 Contestation

- Header
- Taxpayer's position
- Unagreed Items
- Proposed Resolution
- \*\*\*Formal Request for a conference with IRS Office of Appeals\*\*\*
- Signature
- Attachment listing

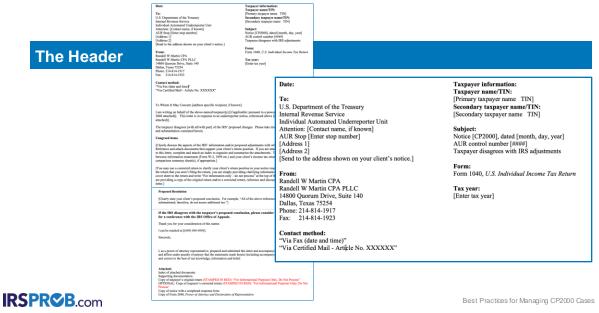
IRSPR©B.com

17

Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

**The Letter** 

# THE CP2000 CONTESTATION



# THE CP2000 CONTESTATION

# The Taxpayer's Position and Unagreed Items

To Whom It May Concern [address specific recipient, if known]:

I am writing on behalf of the above-named taxpayer[s] [if applicable: pursuant to a power of attorney (copy of Form 2848 attached)]. This letter is in response to an underreporter notice, referenced above [if available: (copy attached)].

The taxpayer disagrees [with all/with part] of the IRS' proposed changes. Please take into account the information and substantiation contained herein.

### Unagreed items

[Clearly discuss the aspects of the IRS' information and/or proposed adjustments with which your client disagrees. Reference and attach documents that support your client's return position. If you are attaching multiple documents to this letter, complete and attach an index to organize and summarize the attachments. To outline the differences between information statements (Form W-2, 1099 etc.) and your client's income tax return, reference and attach comparison summary sheet(s), if appropriate.]

[You may use a corrected return to clarify your client's return position in your notice response. Clearly indicate on the return that you aren't filing the return, you are simply providing clarifying information to the IRS. Attach a cover sheet to the return and write "For information only — do not process" at the top of the corrected Furn. If you are providing a copy of the original return and/or a corrected return, reference and discuss here and attach to this letter.



Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

IRSPR©B.com

19

# THE CP2000 CONTESTATION

# **Proposed Resolutions**

Tec
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Institute Terrain Service
U.S. Department of the Treasury
Institute Terrain Service
Secondary Service
Secondary Service
Secondary Service
Secondary Service
Secondary Service
Secondary Service
Subject
Su

Fax: 214-814-1923

Contact method:
"Via Fax (date and time)"

### **Proposed Resolution**

[Clearly state your client's proposed conclusion. For example, "All of the above-referenced unagreed items are substantiated; therefore, do not assess additional tax."]

the store dies per server fining he tears jo van minely providing information in the first. Names a contract to the tears and server due to the tear and tear and

**IRSPR⊗B**.com

Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

20

# THE CP2000 CONTESTATION

# **Request for Appeals Conference**

If the IRS disagrees with the taxpayer's proposed conclusion, please consider this a formal request for a conference with the IRS Office of Appeals.

If the IRS disagrees with the taxpayer's proposed conclusion, please consider this a formal request for a conference with the IRS Office of Appents.

Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

IRSPR©B.com

21

THE CP2000 CONTESTATION

# **Signature and List of Attachments**

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

I can be reached at (214) 814-1917.

I, as a power of attorney representative, prepared and submitted this letter and accompanying documents. I declare and affirm under penalty of perjury that the statements made herein (including accompanying documents) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Index of attached documents

Index of attached use anticolors
Supporting documentation
Copy of taxpayer's original return (STAMPED IN RED): "For Informational Purposes Only, Do Not Process"
OPTIONAL: Copy of taxpayer's corrected return (STAMPED IN RED): "For Informational Purposes Only, Do Not

Copy of notice with a completed response form

Copy of Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

If the IRS disagrees with the taxpayer's proposed for a conference with the IRS Office of Appeals.



# THE CP2000 CASE

# **Managing the Case**

We now have a packet of documents for the IRS to contest the CP2000.

This packet should be sent in (certified mail & faxed) as soon as possible.

We will also contact the AUR to describe what we are doing and letting them know that we have submitted the documents.

We will also request a hold on assessment so that the case does not receive a CP3219 Notice of Deficiency.

Normally we will receive a CP22 stating that the information has been received and allow the IRS time for processing. This is good.

Other times, we receive a CP3219 - Notice of Deficiency and the client has 90 days to petition tax court. This is not good.



Best Practices for Managing CP2000 Cases

23

23

# IRSProb.com OUR CONTACT







(214) 214-3999

IRSProb.com



BEST PRACTICES FOR MANAGING
CP2000 CASES