

UNITED STATES TAX COURT
WASHINGTON, DC 20217

DONALD C. KARN, JR.,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	Docket No. 10694-19S.
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COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE,)	
)	
Respondent)	

ORDER

This case was calendared for trial at the April 27, 2020, Syracuse, New York, Trial Session of the Court. Due to concerns relating to COVID-19, the trial session was canceled and this case was assigned to Judge Diana L. Leyden.

By Order dated April 24, 2020, the Court directed that the parties shall each file written status report, on or before June 22, 2020, detailing their efforts to stipulate matters as required by Rule 91 and submit any agreed upon stipulation. The parties shall participate, in good faith, in informal consultations in an effort to narrow the facts and legal issues in dispute, and to stipulate matters as required by Rule 91.

On June 18, 2020, respondent filed a Status Report indicating that on March 17, 2020, respondent mailed a letter to petitioner along with the Form W-2 from Mashona LLC, at petitioner’s request. Respondent has prepared a proposed Stipulation of Facts to mail to petitioner.

On July 10, 2020, petitioner filed a Status Report indicating that respondent provided petitioner a computer-generated print out of the alleged W2 form. It was not a copy of the original form, and it took respondent over a year and a half. Petitioner further states that he is not open to a conference call with respondent.

To proceed with the case the Court is setting this case for trial. To accommodate continuing uncertainties relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and until further notice, the Court will conduct its proceedings, including trials,

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remotely. See Administrative Order 2020-02 regarding remote proceedings and Administrative Order 2020-03 regarding Limited Entries of Appearance. The place at which the Court calendars a case for trial is for administrative purposes only. The trial session will not be held in person in that place. Instead, the parties will be provided information about how to sign in by videoconferencing or telephone for the date and time of a remote trial session calendar call.

Accordingly, this case will be added to the Court's October 5, 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, remote trial session. The parties will be served a Notice of Remote Proceeding that will contain comprehensive instructions on how to participate in the remote proceeding and a Standing Pretrial Order for information about how to prepare for the trial. For more information about remote proceedings, the parties can visit the Court's website at <https://www.ustaxcourt.gov/zoomgov.html>.

If the parties would like a conference call with Judge Leyden before the trial session, a pretrial conference call, they should contact her chambers administrator, Sharon Cutter, by email Sharon.Cutter@ustaxcourt.gov or by telephone (202) 521-0823. After due consideration, and for cause, it is

ORDERED that this case is calendared for trial during the Court's October 5, 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, trial session to be conducted remotely. It is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall also serve on the parties (1) a Notice of Remote Proceeding that shall contain comprehensive instructions on how to participate in the Court's October 5, 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, trial session, and (2) a copy of the Standing Pretrial Order for the Court's October 5, 2020, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, trial session.

(Signed) Diana L. Leyden
Special Trial Judge

Dated: Washington, D.C.
August 4, 2020