# 2023 Engagement Letter and Tax Questionnaire prepared for:

#### Client

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# <u>PLEASE</u> READ FULL DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY.

Your 2023 Engagement Letter MUST be signed and the Tax Questionnaire MUST be completed to the best of your ability and returned with your tax documents. If you have any questions, be sure to give us a call or email your questions.

Due to continuing medical concerns along with varies communicable virues, we will be asking all tax clients to consider dropping off your documents, mailing, or uploading them into our secure portal.

IF it is necessary to visit our office, be advised that mask wearing (to include covering the NOSE and MOUTH) at all times will be required.

Thank you for understanding that our family is fighting cancer and can take no chances for illness.

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# 2023 Engagement Letter for Tax Return Preparation

#### Dear Client:

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and to assist and advise you regarding your 2023 income tax return. This engagement letter is designed to confirm the terms and conditions under which we will provide you with tax services. It also outlines the responsibilities for each of us in this process. It is important that you read, sign, and return this engagement letter with your tax documents. Without a signed engagement letter, we will be unable to begin your tax filing.

#### Tax Preparation:

- 1) We will prepare your federal and state tax return(s) with supporting schedules for the applicable tax year based upon information you provide.
- 2) You will provide any requested records needed in order to complete the tax return(s) preparation. Original records will be returned upon completion of the tax return(s). Photocopies or scanned copies will be accepted if <u>all pages</u> and <u>both sides</u> of documents are included. We are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen records.
- 3) Our policy is to process all tax returns in the order that they are received.
- 4) Returns received after March 31, 2024 may be subject to a \$25.00 surcharge.
- 5) If we are unable to complete your tax return by the due date, or if we receive your documents after March 15, 2024, you give us permission to file a tax extension (Form 4868) on your behalf with no further notice. Please be aware that an extension to file your return does not extend your tax payment liability date.
- 6) We will not be responsible for any penalties and/or interest charges that you might incur if you have not met your tax liability by the due date of the return. Whenever possible, we will attempt to advise you if we project that you may have an unpaid tax liability.
- 7) We will not audit or otherwise verify your records to discover errors or omissions, should any exist. However, if we find irregularities or unusual items, we will bring them to your attention and/or ask for clarification.
- 8) We will provide bookkeeping assistance necessary to complete the tax preparation at an additional charge.
- 9) You confirm that income and expense items you claim are substantiated by proper records and receipts, and can furnish such documentation in the event of an audit.
- 10) You confirm that the information you provide is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge.
- 11) You are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the tax return(s) and should review all documents carefully before signing.

#### Fees & Payment:

- 1) Tax preparation fees are <u>due</u> at the time the return is <u>complete</u> and, in all cases, must be paid within 30 days of return acceptance by the IRS unless a written payment arrangement has been signed and approved prior to tax preparation.
- 2) We reserve the right to ask for a retainer to be paid in advance of tax return preparation.
- 3) We accept Cash, Personal Checks, MasterCard, Visa, or bank debit payments as a courtesy to our clients.
- 4) Our fees are based on a per form fee with additional fees added based upon the complexity of your tax return(s) and any additional out-of pocket expenses we may incur.
- 5) If you terminate this engagement before completion, you agree to pay the HIGHER of a \$50.00 termination fee OR for actual time and expenses incurred prior to the date of termination, even if the tax return(s) are not completed.
- 6) In the event the client has any past due balances, we reserve the right to cease working on your tax return(s) or providing any other services until the balance has been paid in full or other acceptable payment arrangements have been made.
- 7) Past due balances of more than 30 days may be subject to 18% annual interest.
- 8) At any time after 90 days past due, your account may be sent to collections. You are responsible for any court costs, attorneys' fees, and any costs resulting from collection attempts.

#### Important Notices:

- 1) Where tax law is ambiguous or unclear; we will use our best judgment. Unless otherwise instructed by you, we will resolve such questions, when possible, in your favor.
- 2) Penalties can be imposed when taxpayers understate their tax liability.
- 3) If an extension to file taxes is required, any estimated taxes owed should be paid when the extension is filed. And while we may assist you in determining the amount of estimated tax payment you should make, we are not responsible if the estimate we recommend does not cover your tax liability. Any amounts not paid by the original filing deadline are subject to interest and late payment penalties. We are not responsible for any penalties and interest charges you may incur if estimated tax payments are not timely made.
- 4) The IRS does not permit us to discuss your tax return except if authorized by the client by checking a specific box on your tax return. Unless otherwise instructed by you, we will check the box which authorizes the IRS to discuss your tax return with us. Additionally, we may ask you to sign a Form 8821-Tax Information Authorization or Form 2848-Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative. Signing these forms will ensure that we receive any notices you might receive thus ensuring timely responses as needed.
- 5) Your tax return(s) may be selected for audit by tax authorities. We are available to assist you in response to correspondence. However, we reserve the right to invoice for additional time and expenses incurred.
- 6) One printed and one electronic copy of your tax return(s) will be provided to you for your files. Additional copies, paper or electronic, are available for a minimum \$25.00 fee. This fee will apply to all additional electronic or paper copies you may request in the future.
- 7) If you require us to release a copy of your tax return(s) to a 3rd party (e.g., mortgage lender) we require documented permission and a minim fee of \$25.00 must be paid prior to delivery.
- 8) The IRS recommends that you keep your tax return and documentation for a minimum of three years. We recommend seven years.

#### Privacy Policy Notice:

It has always been the policy of Bottom Line Accounting to keep all information that we collect from you confidential from all sources. We restrict access to all nonpublic personal information about you to members of our firm who need to know that information to provide services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to guard your nonpublic personal information. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our clients or former clients to anyone, except as instructed by you in writing or as required by law as listed below:

Requirements to comply with federal, state, or local law.

Requirements to comply with national, state, or local licensing rules.

Requirements to disclose information in response to legal subpoenas.

Items you permit or request us to disclose, as authorized by you in writing.

Information that you authorize us to disclose by signing this engagement

letter to electronically file your tax return.

IF, however, in the course of our relationship, we are made aware of physical, mental, or financial abuse, we will invoke the "Good Samaritan Law" and report the issue to the proper authorities. The "Good Samaritan Laws" offer legal protection to individuals who give reasonable assistance to those who are, or who they believe to be, injured, ill, in peril, or otherwise incapacitated.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions, be sure to contact us for further explanation by phone at (910) 424-0004 or by e-mail at NonaFisher@aol.com. or Rebecca.M.Lewis0309@gmail.com

By signing below, you agree that you have read, understand, and accept your obligations and responsibilities stated above, plus you understand our responsibilities and limit of liabilities as explained above. By signing, you also acknowledge receipt of our Privacy Policy. For a joint return, both the taxpayer and spouse must sign (except for a surviving spouse).

2023 Engagement Accep	oted by Taxpayer(s):		
Taxpayer's Signature		Spouse's Signature	
Taxpayer's Printed Name	e Date	Spouse's Printed Name	Date
Accepted by BLA Repre	esentative:		
-	BLA Representative Signature	Date	
-	BLA Representative Printed Name		

Did you, or your spouse, enter into this alimony agreement with the former spouse on or

Can you, or your spouse, provide a copy of your separation or divorce agreement, if

before December 31, 2018?

needed?

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2023	1040	US	Miscellaneous Questions
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, pay forchildcare for a child under age 13 oradult daycare while you worked or looked for work? We will need the name, Social Security Number or FEIN of the company or person providing care along with a breakdown by child of the amount paid.
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, pay any expenses related to the adoption of a child during 2023?
	Yes	No	If you, or your spouse, are divorced or separated with child(ren), do you, or your spouse, have a divorce decree or other form of separation agreement which establishes custodial responsibilities and can you, or your spouse, provide a copy?
ı.	Yes	No	STATE RESIDENCY  Did your mailing address change? If so, please update here and on Client Information  Page which follows the questionare:
			Please list State of Residence, County of Residence, and Township or School District (if applicable)  Taxpayer:  Spouse:
	Yes	No	Were you, the taxpayer, a North Carolina resident in 2023? If not, then what State residencey do you claim?
	Yes	No	Was your spouse a North Carolina resident in 2023? If not, then what State residency do they claim?
	Yes	No	Did you, the taxpayer, live in North Carolina all of 2023? If not, then what State(s), Counties/Townships did you live in and from what dates?
	Yes	No	Did your <u>spouse</u> live in North Carolina all of 2023? If not, then what State(s), Counties/Townships did he/she live in and from what dates?

2023	1040	US	Miscellaneous Questions
	Yes	No	Do you, or your spouse, need to file a State Tax Return other than North Carolina for any reason? If yes, which State(s)?
	Yes	No	MILITARY-Taxpayer (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Are <u>you</u> , the taxpayer, an active duty military member, retired from the military, or have you <u>ever served</u> in the military? Length of Service?
	Yes	No	Date of enlistment? Date of seperartion: (If not already provided, a copy of DD-214 is required.)  Did you, the taxpayer, serve outside of the US at any time during 2023? If yes, can you please describe the location and dates?
	Yes	No	Did you, the taxpayer, incur moving expenses due to a change of duty station that were not fully reimbursed?
	Yes	No	MILITARY-Spouse (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Is your spouse an active duty military member, retired from the military, or ever served in the military? Length of Service?
	Yes	No	Date of enlistment? Date of seperartion: (If not already provided, a copy of DD-214 is required.)  Did your spouse serve outside of the US at any time during 2023? If yes, can you please describe the location and the dates?
	Yes	No	Did your <u>spouse</u> , incur moving expenses due to a change of duty station that were not fully reimbursed?
	Yes	No	GENERAL INFORMATION  Do you, or your spouse, have ALL records to substantiate the PERSONAL deductions you are claiming on your 2023 tax return?

2023	1040	US	Miscellaneous Questions
	Yes	No	INCOME  Did you, or your spouse, work for an employer and receive a W-2(s)? Please provide final pay stub along with W-2's. There may be deductible items that can only be found on your final pay stub.
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, receive Unemployment Income in 2023?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse receive income from Jury Duty in 2023?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, receive unreported Tip Income of \$20 or more in any month during 2023?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, cash any Series EE U.S. savings bonds issued after 1989 and pay qualified higher education expenses for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents with these funds?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, receive anySocial Security Benefits,unemployment benefits,disability income, orVA disability benefits during the year?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, have any foreign income or pay any foreign taxes?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, receive anyawards,prizes,hobby income,gambling orlottery winnings?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, have any debts canceled or forgiven? This would be reported to you on a Form 1099-C or Form 1099-A and must be included on your tax return in the year received.
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, have any interest or ownership in apartnership,LLC,Corporation, orS Corporation?
	Yes	No	INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, AND CAPITAL FROM INVESTMENTS (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Did you, or your spouse, receive:interest,dividends,capital gains distributions or did you sellstock ormutual funds in 2023? Please provide ALL pages of the related Form 1099's (These are the Year End Brokerage Statements.)

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2023	1040	US	Miscellaneous Questions
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, inherit any form ofinterest,dividend account(s), stock, or property in 2023?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, buy or sell any stocks, bonds or other investment property in 2023?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, sell or do you plan to sell any dividend generating stocks or mutual funds during the first 60 days of 2024?
	Yes	No	VIRTUAL CURRENCY  At any time during 2023, did you or your spouse receive, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any financial interest in any virtual currency? (Purchasing goods or services with virtual currency is considered a transaction.) If the answer to this question is "yes" there is an additional virtual currency information form that must be completed for us to prepare your 2023 tax return.
	Yes	No	RETIREMENT PLANS  Did you, or your spouse, make a contribution to a retirement plan401(k),403(b),IRA,SEP,SIMPLE,Qualified Plan,other?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, receive a distribution from a retirement plan401(k),403(b),IRA,SEP,SIMPLE,Qualified Plan,disability,Military Retirement? If yes, you will receive a Form 1099-R which is needed to prepare your tax return.
	Yes	No	If this was a distribution before age 59 1/2, was it due todisability,death,divorce,first-time home purchase,education,medical expenses,unemployment,military service,separation from company (after age 55), orIRS levy?
	Yes	No	If you, or your spouse, are age 72 and have an IRA or other retirement plan, have you taken your Required Minimum Distribution?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, transfer or rollover any amount from one retirement plan to another retirement plan?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, convert part or all of yourtraditional,SEP, or

SIMPLE IRA to a Roth IRA in 2023?

2023	1040	US	Miscellaneous Questions
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, inherit any form of retirement or pension account in 2023?
	Yes	No	BUSINESS INCOME-Taxpayer (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Did you, the taxpayer, start or run a business in 2023? Are you asole-proprietor,member,partner, orinvestor in this business(es)?
	Yes	No	Did you, the taxpayer, receive any Forms 1099 or Forms K-1 for your business ventures?
	Yes	No	Do you, the taxpayer, have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) for this business? If yes, please provide FEIN and business name:
			What type of service or product is sold or produced by this business(es)?
	Yes	No	Did you, the taxpayer, purchase or dispose of any business assets (furniture, equipment, vehicles, real estate, etc.), or convert any personal assets to business use?
	Yes	No	Do you, the taxpayer, have ALL records to substantiate the BUSINESS deductions you are claiming on your 2023 tax return?
	Yes	No	Do you, the taxpayer, have or will you need the preparation of income and expense reports (bookkeeping) for this business(es) for tax preparation purposes?
	Yes	No	BUSINESS INCOME-Spouse (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Did your spouse start or run a business in 2023? Are they asole-proprietor,member,partner, orinvestor in this business(es)?
	Yes	No	Did your <u>spouse</u> receive any Forms 1099 or Forms K-1 for their business ventures?
	Yes	No	Does your <u>spouse</u> have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) for this business? If yes, please provide FEIN and business name:
			What type of service or product is sold or produced by this business(es)?

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2023	1040	US	Miscellaneous Questions
	Yes	No	Did your <u>spouse</u> purchase or dispose of any business assets (furniture, equipment, vehicles, real estate, etc.), or convert any personal assets to business use?
	Yes	No	Does your <u>spouse</u> have ALL records to substantiate the BUSINESS deductions they are claiming on your 2023 tax return?
	Yes	No	Does your <u>spouse</u> have or will they need the preparation of income and expense reports (bookkeeping) for this business(es) for tax preparation purposes?
	Yes	No	Business Use of Home (Business owners only.)  Was your home rented out or used for business in 2023? If yes, what is the total square footage of your home? What is the total square footage of the space used for business purposes? (This space must be used used "regularly and exclusively" to be considered a business expense.)
	Yes	No	RENTAL INCOME (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Did you, or your spouse, own any rental property in 2023?  Please list Address of Property:
	Yes	No	Did you use a rental management company for this property? If yes, you should have received a Form 1099-Rent or Income Statement along with a Cash Flow Statement showing all income and expenses. You will need to provide rental income and expense details for each rental property that will be claimed.
	Yes Yes	No No	EDUCATION (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Did you, your spouse, or a dependent receive a reimbursement in 2023 for student loan interst paid?  Did you, or your spouse, pay any student loan interest during 2023? If yes, you should receive a Form 1098-E for each student loan account. This form(s) will be needed to prepare your tax return.
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, make any contributions to an Education Savings or 529 Plan Account?

Did you, or your spouse, make any out-of-state purchases (by telephone, Internet, mail, or

in person) for which the seller did not collect sales and use tax?

2023	1040	US	Miscellaneous Questions
	Yes	No	HEALTH CARE COVERAGE (Check here if this section does not apply.)  Did you, your spouse, and your dependents (that is anyone you claim on your tax return) have healthcare coverage, such as employer-sponsored coverage or government-sponsored coverage (i.e. Medicare/Medicaid/VA Benefits/Tri-Care) for the full-year?
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, receive any of the following IRS Documents?Form 1095-A (Health Insurance Marketplace Statement),1095-B (Health Coverage) orForm 1095-C (Employer Provided Health Insurance Offer and Coverage)
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, make any contributions to a Health Savings Account (HSA) or Archer MSA? If you did, you should receive a Form 5498-SA which is needed to prepare your tax return.
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, receive any distributions from a Health Savings Account (HSA) or Archer MSA? If you did, you should receive a Form 1099-SA which is needed to prepare your tax return.
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, pay long-term care premiums for yourself or your family? (This is normally thought of as nursing care insurance.)
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, make estimated Federal or State income tax payments? Please provide proof of all amounts paid and dates paid.  Paid to/Amount Paid/Date Paid:
	Yes	No	Did you, or your spouse, apply an overpayment of 2022 taxes to your 2023 estimated tax (instead of receiving a refund for the previouse tax year)?
	Yes	No	If you have an overpayment of 2023 taxes, do you and your spouse want the excess applied to your 2024 estimated tax (instead of being refunded)?

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US	Miscellaneous Questions
No	MISCELLANEOUS  Do you, and your spouse, want to electronically file your tax return?
No	May the IRS discuss your tax return with your tax preparer?
No	Were you, or your spouse, notified or audited by either the Internal Revenue Service or a State taxing agency?
No	Doyou, oryour spouse, want to allocate \$3 to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund? If yes, the funds are budgeted from the National Budget and do not come out of your tax refund. Funds are divided equally between political parties.
No	How did you learn about Bottom Line Accouting?Internet SearchFriend or Family (Please tell us who:)
No	FINANCIAL INSTITUTION  Do you want to have any 2023 Federal refund deposited directly into your financial account?
No	account?  Do you want to use the same financial information for any 2023 State refunds?  Please supply financial information:  Type of financial account:Savings Account orChecking Account:  Name of financial institution:  Routing Number:  Account Number:  ******************************
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US/NC 2023 1040 Direct Deposit & Estimates (Form 1040 ES) 3, 6 Please enter all pertinent 2023 information. **DIRECT DEPOSIT / ELECTRONIC PAYMENT (3)** 1=direct deposit of federal tax refund into bank account ..... 1=state direct deposit..... BANK INFORMATION Percent to Type of Account Type of Deposit Invest. (Table 2) Name of Bank **Routing Number Account Number** (Table 1) 2023 ESTIMATED TAX / 1040-ES (6) 2023 Federal **Amount Paid Date Paid** TS Voucher Amount Overpayment applied from 2022 1st quarter payment..... 333 2nd quarter payment..... 333 3rd quarter payment..... 333 4th quarter payment ...... 333 Additional Estimated Tax Payments Paid with extension..... Former spouse SSN if joint estimates 2023 State **Amount Paid Date Paid Voucher Amount** Overpayment applied from 2022 1st quarter payment ..... 2nd quarter payment ..... 3rd quarter payment ..... 4th quarter payment .... Additional Estimated Tax Payments Paid with extension .....

Type of Account

1 = Savings 2 = Checking

Type of Investment

1 = Checking or savings (default) 2 = Taxpayer's IRA (next year limits) 3 = Spouse's IRA (next year limits) 4 = Health savings account (HSA) 5 = Archer MSA

6 = Coverdell savings account (ESA) 7 = Other 8 = Taxpayer's IRA (current year limits) 9 = Spouse's IRA (current year limits)

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