# 2019 Engagement Letter and Tax Questionnaire prepared for:

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Your 2019 Engagement Letter MUST be signed and the Tax Questionnaire should 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.

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# 2019 Engagement Letter for Tax Return Preparation

#### Dear Tax Client:

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and to assist and advise you regarding your 2019 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:

- We will prepare your federal and state tax return(s) with supporting schedules for the applicable tax year based upon information you provide.
- 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 as long as <u>all pages</u> and <u>both</u> sides of documents are included. We are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen records.
- Our policy is to process all tax returns in the order that they are received. It is imperative that we receive your documents as soon as possible for timely filing.
- If we are unable to complete your tax return by the due date, or if we receive your documents too late in the season, you give us permission to file a tax extension (Form 4868) on your behalf.
- 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 unmet tax liability.
- 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.
- We will provide bookkeeping assistance necessary to complete the tax preparation at an additional charge.
- 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.
- You confirm that the information you provide is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge.
- You are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of the tax return(s) and should review all documents carefully before signing.

### Fees & Payment:

- Tax preparation fees are <u>due at the time the return is complete</u> unless a payment arrangement has been signed and approved prior to tax preparation.
- We reserve the right to ask for a retainer to be paid in advance.
- We accept MasterCard and Visa payments as a courtesy to our clients. If a payment plan is needed, it must be signed and approved prior to tax preparation.
- All preparation fees are invoiced per tax return per tax year.
- 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.
- If you terminate this engagement before completion, you agree to pay the HIGHER of a \$50.00 terminating fee or for actual time and expenses incurred prior to the date of termination, even if the tax return(s) are not completed.
- 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.
- Past due balances of more than 30 days are subject to 18% annual interest.
- 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:

- 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.
- Penalties can be imposed when taxpayers understate their tax liability.
- If an extension to file taxes is required, any estimated taxes owed must 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.
- 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 insure that we receive any notices you might receive thus insuring timely responses as needed.
- 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.
- One printed and one electronic copy of your tax return(s) will be provided to you for your files. Additional copies are available for a fee (\$25 minimum). These fees may apply to additional electronic copies for the time and effort involved in providing this service.
- 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. A postage and/or processing fee (\$25 minimum) may be invoiced.
- 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.

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).

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partner, or \_\_\_\_investor in this business(es)?

Did \_\_\_you, or \_\_\_your spouse, register and pay property taxes on a motor vehicle(s)?

2019 1040 US Miscellaneous Questions

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Please review the Client Information and Dependents (if applicable) sections on the following page. Please complete and/or update any information that is missing or needs updating.

You DO NOT need to fill in any dollar amounts/numbers from your tax documents onto this organizer. We enter data directly from the actual tax documents you provide into your tax return.

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