

Annual ENGAGEMENT LETTER & PRIVACY POLICY NOTICE

From:

Print or type full name & spouse name, if applicable

TO: CLIFFORD & ASSOCIATES, LLC

I/WE have engaged you to prepare my/our income tax returns, including federal, state, local and school districts as applicable for the year ended December 31, _____, except as marked. In that respect, I/WE state that, to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- I/WE understand that it is my responsibility to provide all the information necessary to complete the returns. I/WE will retain for five years all the documents, receipts, cancelled checks and other records required to substantiate the items of income and expense claimed on my returns.
- I/WE understand that you will not audit or otherwise verify any information, and that you may require clarification or additional information.
- I/WE have provided true, correct, and complete information regarding my income as listed on the attached Forms W-2, 1099 and/or attached written summaries. I/WE have included all income received during the year, including unemployment compensation, sales of property, withdrawals from investments, jury duty pay, lottery winnings, etc.
- I/WE have provided true, correct, and complete information regarding amounts I/WE have provided to you to claim as tax deductions, and have maintained written documentation supporting all amounts, including logbooks and receipts. I/WE have fully documented all business travel and entertainment deductions and have maintained logbooks to support the business use percentage of automobiles, cellular phones, and other business assets.
- I/WE have no foreign financial accounts, trusts, or businesses, except as indicated in the information I/WE have provided to you.
- I/WE have not employed any household help that would be subject to payroll taxes except as reported.
- I/WE do not wish to designate a portion of my taxes to support the Presidential Election Campaign Fund or the Ohio Political Party Fund, or other optional donations, unless I/WE have specifically stated so in the attached documents.
- I/WE have provided you with an accurate total of out-of-state purchases made during the year(s) on which I/WE paid no sales tax, including purchases from catalogs, by telephone, and via the internet.
- I/WE will contact you as soon as practical if I/WE receive any letters from the IRS or other taxing authorities concerning these tax returns.
- I/WE understand penalties and interest may be imposed on late, underpaid, or incorrect returns.
- I/WE will contact you as soon as practical if I/WE discover additional information that will change my tax returns. I/WE understand additional charges may apply.
- I/WE understand if a question arises regarding the interpretation of tax law, and a conflict exists between the tax authorities' interpretation of the law and other supportable positions, you will use your professional judgment in resolving the issues. I/WE understand that you are not responsible for disallowed deductions, or the inclusion of additional unreported income or any resulting taxes, penalties or interest.
- I/WE understand your invoice will be due and payable upon completion of these returns, and that additional services will not be performed until the invoice for these services is paid in full.
- I/WE understand invoice will be based upon your standard billing rates. A deposit may be requested.
- I/WE understand I/WE will be charged an additional fee to respond to any letters or requests from the IRS or other taxing authorities. I/WE understand that, in the event of preparer error, I/WE am/are responsible for any additional tax that may be due. Clifford & Associate's liability is limited at most to interest and penalties up to the date of discovery.

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It is the policy of Clifford & Associates 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 collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

- Information we receive from you on tax preparation organizer, worksheets, Federal and State tax reporting forms, and from other documents we use in tax preparation or other financial and related services.
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, and others.
- Information we may receive from outside agencies such as banks and brokerage houses.

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, when applicable.
- Information that you authorize us to disclose by signing this engagement letter, which discloses that you are our client, without disclosure of financial or other personal information.

I/WE have read the above engagement letter and privacy policy and understand my responsibilities with regard to income tax preparation. If there are other tax returns that I/WE expect you to prepare, such as tax returns for my children, or other services, such as financial planning or insurance review, I/WE will note them at the end of this letter.

IF married, signing this form grants each spouse the power to sign Form 8879 IRS E-file Signature Authorization on behalf of the other. If do you do not wish to grant this power, both signatures will be required which may delay processing.

Accepted by:

Taxpayer Signature _____ **Date** _____
Name (Print or type) _____

Spouse Signature _____ **Date** _____
Name (Print or type) _____

Both spouses may initial, if applicable:

_____ **Include returns of dependents, children's or taxpayer's parents**

_____ **Allow either spouse to authorize E-filing of federal and state returns.**