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CASE STUDY |

COMPREHENSIVE TAX PLANNING

A $148,000 Tax Projection. A Coordinated Strategy. Zero Federal Income Tax.

How years of proactive planning and coordinated tax strategies helped a business owner eliminate her projected federal income tax liability.

1. The Decision

A successful business owner had built a portfolio of operating businesses, commercial real estate, and investments.

Over several years, ClearSky helped coordinate the ownership structures, tax planning, and financial decisions across these activities.

Despite the strategies already in place, the latest tax projection showed approximately **$148,000 in federal income tax liability**.

The question was whether additional planning opportunities could improve that outcome while supporting the owner's broader business objectives.

2. What Was at Stake

With multiple businesses and investments, tax planning was more complex than identifying deductions within a single company.

Some opportunities involved real estate depreciation. Others related to business expenditures, ownership arrangements, and the timing of financial decisions.

Each strategy had different requirements and limitations. A deduction that worked for one business might not produce the same benefit elsewhere.

The opportunity wasn't simply finding more deductions. It was understanding how the available strategies could work together.

3. The ClearSky Approach

ClearSky reviewed the owner's overall tax position, building on the planning and business structures developed throughout the advisory relationship.

We evaluated additional opportunities across the operating businesses and real estate holdings, including applicable depreciation strategies, qualifying expenditures, and the timing of deductions.

We then modeled the combined tax impact, reviewed the applicable limitations, and refined the plan throughout the year.

Rather than treating each opportunity as a separate strategy, we evaluated how the decisions would affect the owner's complete tax picture.

The goal was to make the right financial decisions and coordinate the available tax benefits, not pursue deductions simply to reduce taxes.

4. The Outcome

The additional planning delivered the expected result.

The approximately $148,000 projected federal income tax liability was reduced to zero.

This was not the result of one extraordinary deduction or a last-minute strategy.

It reflected years of proactive planning, thoughtful ownership structures, and coordinated decisions across multiple businesses and real estate investments.

The implemented strategies produced the anticipated tax outcome.

What began as a projection became a measurable result.

5. The Bigger Lesson

Effective tax planning isn't about collecting individual strategies. It's about knowing how they fit together.

For owners with multiple businesses, real estate, and investments, the opportunities and limitations of one activity often affect decisions involving another.

At ClearSky CPA, we help business owners evaluate those connections through proactive, year-round tax planning.

Because the real value of strategic tax planning isn't just identifying opportunities. It's turning coordinated decisions into meaningful results.



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