Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion to Compel Further Response to Specially Prepared Interrogatories, Set #001

CA Revenue and Taxation Code section 19041:

- (a) Within 60 days after the mailing of each notice of proposed deficiency assessment the taxpayer may file with the Franchise Tax Board a written protest against the proposed deficiency assessment, specifying in the protest the grounds upon which it is based.
- (b) Any protest filed with the Franchise Tax Board on or before the last date specified for filing that protest by the Franchise Tax Board in the notice of proposed deficiency assessment (according to Section 19034) shall be treated as timely filed.
- (c) The amendments made by the act adding this subdivision shall apply to any notice mailed after December 31, 1999.

CA Revenue and Taxation Code section 19044

- (a) If a protest is filed, the Franchise Tax Board shall reconsider the assessment of the deficiency and, if the taxpayer has so requested in his or her protest, shall grant the taxpayer or his or her authorized representatives an oral hearing. Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 11400) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code does not apply to a hearing under this subdivision.
- (b) The Franchise Tax Board may act on the protest in whole or in part. In the event the Franchise Tax Board acts on the protest in part only, the remaining part of the protest shall continue to be under protest until the Franchise Tax Board acts on that part.

CA Revenue & Tax Code § 19087:

(a) If any taxpayer fails to file a return, or files a false or fraudulent return with intent to evade the tax, for any taxable year, the Franchise Tax Board, at any time, may require a return or an amended return under penalties of perjury or may make an estimate of the net income, from any available information, and may propose to assess the amount of tax, interest, and penalties due.

All the provisions of this part relative to delinquent taxes shall be applicable to the tax, interest, and penalties computed hereunder (emphasis added).

CA Revenue & Taxation Code 19133

- (a) In general. Revenue and Taxation Code section 19133 provides that if any taxpayer fails or refuses to file a return upon notice and demand by the Franchise Tax Board (FTB), unless the failure is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, the FTB may add a penalty of 25 percent of the amount of tax assessed pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 19087 or of any deficiency tax assessed by the FTB concerning the assessment for which the return was required (emphasis added).
- (b) Imposition of Penalty. For individuals subject to tax under Part 10 (Personal Income Tax Law), the notice and demand penalty under Revenue and Taxation Code section 19133 will only be imposed by the FTB if:
- (1) the taxpayer fails to timely respond to a current Demand for Tax Return in the manner prescribed, and
- (2) the FTB has proposed an assessment of tax under the authority of Revenue and Taxation Code section 19087, subdivision (a), after the taxpayer failed to timely respond to a Request for Tax Return or a Demand for Tax Return in the manner prescribed, at any time during

the four-taxable-year period preceding the taxable year for which the current Demand for Tax Return is issued (emphasis added).

CA Revenue & Tax Code §19254

- (1)If any person, other than an organization exempt from taxation under Section 23701, fails to pay any amount of tax, penalty, addition to tax, interest, or other liability imposed and delinquent under Part 10 (commencing with Section 17001), Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001), or this part, a collection cost recovery fee shall be imposed if the Franchise Tax Board has mailed notice to that person for payment that advises that continued failure to pay the amount due may result in collection action, including the imposition of a collection cost recovery fee. The collection cost recovery fee shall be in the amount of:
- (A) In the case of an individual, partnership, limited liability company classified as a partnership for California income tax purposes, or fiduciary, eighty-eight dollars (\$88) or an amount as adjusted under subdivision (b).
- (B) In the case of a corporation or limited liability company classified as a corporation for California income tax purposes, one hundred sixty-six dollars (\$166) or an amount as adjusted under subdivision (b).
- (2) If any person, other than an organization exempt from taxation under Section 23701, fails or refuses to make and file a tax return required by Part 10 (commencing with Section 17001), Part 11 (commencing with Section 23001), or this part, within 25 days after formal legal demand to file the tax return is mailed to that person by the Franchise Tax Board, the Franchise Tax Board shall impose a filing enforcement cost recovery fee in the amount of:

- (A) In the case of an individual, partnership, limited liability company classified as a partnership for California income tax purposes, or fiduciary, fifty-one dollars (\$51) or an amount as adjusted under subdivision (b).
- (B) In the case of a corporation or limited liability company classified as a corporation for California income tax purposes, one hundred nineteen dollars (\$119) or an amount as adjusted under subdivision (b).
- (b)For fees imposed under this section during the fiscal year 1993–94 and fiscal years thereafter, the amount of those fees shall be set to reflect actual costs and shall be specified in the annual Budget Act.
- (c)Interest shall not accrue with respect to the cost recovery fees provided by this section.
- (d)The amounts provided by this section are obligations imposed by this part and may be collected in any manner provided under this part for the collection of a tax.
- (e)Subdivision (a) is operative with respect to the notices for payment or formal legal demands to file, either of which is mailed on or after September 15, 1992.
- (f)The Franchise Tax Board shall determine the total amount of the cost recovery fees collected or accrued through June 30, 1993, and shall notify the Controller of that amount. The Controller shall transfer that amount to the Franchise Tax Board, and that amount is hereby appropriated to the board for the 1992–93 fiscal year for reimbursement of its collection and filing enforcement efforts.

CA Revenue & Taxation Code 19363

Credits or refunds of overpayments of estimated tax shall be made by the Franchise Tax Board as provided in this article. Any amount paid as estimated tax for any taxable year shall be deemed

to have been paid on the last day prescribed for filing the return for the taxable year (determined without regard to any extension of time for filing the return)

California Rules of Court, Rule 335(c)

(c) Contents of separate statement

A separate statement is a separate document filed and served with the discovery motion that provides all the information necessary to understand each discovery request and all the responses to it that are at issue. The separate statement must be full and complete so that no person is required to review any other document in order to determine the full request and the full response. Material must not be incorporated into the separate statement by reference. The separate statement must include-for each discovery request (e.g., each interrogatory, request for admission, deposition question, or inspection demand) to which a further response, answer, or production is requested-the following:

- (1) The text of the request, interrogatory, question, or inspection demand;
- (2) The text of each response, answer, or objection, and any further responses or answers;
- (3) A statement of the factual and legal reasons for compelling further responses, answers, or production as to each matter in dispute;
- (4) If necessary, the text of all definitions, instructions, and other matters required to understand each discovery request and the responses to it;
- (5) If the response to a particular discovery request is dependent on the response given to another discovery request, or if the reasons a further response to a particular discovery request is deemed necessary are based on the response to some other discovery request, the other request and the response to it must be set forth; and

(6) If the pleadings, other documents in the file, or other items of discovery are relevant to the motion, the party relying on them must summarize each relevant document.(Subd (c) amended effective January 1, 2007; previously repealed and adopted effective July 1, 2001.)

Code Civ. Proc § 2031.310

- (a) On receipt of a response to a demand for inspection, copying, testing, or sampling, the demanding party may move for an order compelling further response to the demand if the demanding party deems that any of the following apply:
- (1) A statement of compliance with the demand is incomplete.
- (2) A representation of inability to comply is inadequate, incomplete, or evasive.
- (3) An objection in the response is without merit or too general.
- (b) A motion under subdivision (a) shall comply with each of the following:
- (1) The motion shall set forth specific facts showing good cause justifying the discovery sought by the demand.
- (2) The motion shall be accompanied by a meet and confer declaration under Section 2016.040.
- (3) In lieu of a separate statement required under the California Rules of Court, the court may allow the moving party to submit a concise outline of the discovery request and each response in dispute.
- (c) Unless notice of this motion is given within 45 days of the service of the verified response, or any supplemental verified response, or on or before any specific later date to which the demanding party and the responding party have agreed in writing, the demanding party waives any right to compel a further response to the demand.

- (d) In a motion under subdivision (a) relating to the production of electronically stored information, the party or affected person objecting to or opposing the production, inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of electronically stored information on the basis that the information is from a source that is not reasonably accessible because of the undue burden or expense shall bear the burden of demonstrating that the information is from a source that is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or expense.
- (e) If the party or affected person from whom discovery of electronically stored information is sought establishes that the information is from a source that is not reasonably accessible because of the undue burden or expense, the court may nonetheless order discovery if the demanding party shows good cause, subject to any limitations imposed under subdivision (g).
- (f) If the court finds good cause for the production of electronically stored information from a source that is not reasonably accessible, the court may set conditions for the discovery of the electronically stored information, including allocation of the expense of discovery.
- (g) The court shall limit the frequency or extent of discovery of electronically stored information, even from a source that is reasonably accessible, if the court determines that any of the following conditions exists:
- (1) It is possible to obtain the information from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive.
- (2) The discovery sought is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative.
- (3) The party seeking discovery has had ample opportunity by discovery in the action to obtain the information sought.

- (4) The likely burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs the likely benefit, taking into account the amount in controversy, the resources of the parties, the importance of the issues in the litigation, and the importance of the requested discovery in resolving the issues.
- (h) Except as provided in subdivision (j), the court shall impose a monetary sanction under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 2023.010) against any party, person, or attorney who unsuccessfully makes or opposes a motion to compel further response to a demand, unless it finds that the one subject to the sanction acted with substantial justification or that other circumstances make the imposition of the sanction unjust.
- (i) Except as provided in subdivision (j), if a party fails to obey an order compelling further response, the court may make those orders that are just, including the imposition of an issue sanction, an evidence sanction, or a terminating sanction under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 2023.010). In lieu of, or in addition to, that sanction, the court may impose a monetary sanction under Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 2023.010).
- (j)(1) Notwithstanding subdivisions (h) and (i), absent exceptional circumstances, the court shall not impose sanctions on a party or any attorney of a party for failure to provide electronically stored information that has been lost, damaged, altered, or overwritten as the result of the routine, good faith operation of an electronic information system.
- (2) This subdivision shall not be construed to alter any obligation to preserve discoverable information.

Federal Equal Protections Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

[&]quot;...nor shall any State ... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

At the 9th Congress, 1st Session, 1033 (1866), page 2766, Congress clarified the meaning: The last two clauses of the first section of the amendment disable a State from depriving not merely a citizen of the United States, but *any person, whoever he may be*, of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, or from denying to him the equal protection of the laws of the State. This abolishes all class legislation in the States and does away with the injustice of subjecting one caste of persons to a code not applicable to another. ... It will, if adopted by the States, forever disable every one of them from passing laws trenching upon those fundamental rights and privileges which pertain to citizens of the United States, *and to all person who may happen to be within their jurisdiction*. [emphasis added by the U.S. Supreme Court]^[122]

Racketeer Influenced and Corruption Organizations Act (RICO), (18 U.S.C.A. § 1961 et seq. [1970]).

Racketeering is defined as a pattern of illegal activity carried out as part of an enterprise that is owned or controlled by those who are engaged in the illegal activity.

U.S. Supreme Court, in Sedima S.P.R.L. v. Imrex Co., 473 U.S. 479, 105 S. Ct. 3275, 87 L. Ed. 2d 346 (1985), upheld the constitutionality of the RICO Act and made clear that, unless amended by Congress, the RICO statutes must be interpreted broadly.

18 U.S. Code § 654. Officer or employee of United States converting property of another Whoever, being an officer or employee of the United States or of any department or agency thereof, embezzles or wrongfully converts to his own use the money or property of another which comes into his possession or under his control in the execution of such office or

employment, or under color or claim of authority as such officer or employee, shall be fined under this title or not more than the value of the money and property thus embezzled or converted, whichever is greater, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the sum embezzled is \$1,000 or less, he shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.