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Lack of Tax Planning Can Put Your Business in Peril

Hi, Here are your Articles for August 20, 2016.

Kushner LaGraize's News

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Flooding

Our thoughts and prayers are with those friends and family that were impacted by the recent flooding. We remember all too well the challenges they are now facing and our team stands ready to assist. Please note the following:

- The IRS has extended tax deadlines to 1/17/17 for certain individual and business tax returns.
- We can assist with the following:
 - Business interruption casualty losses.
 - Personal casualty losses.
 - SBA loan applications.

Extension Deadlines



With the tax extension deadlines approaching, we are asking all clients to send in their 2015 tax information as soon as possible. The deadline for corporations, S corporations, and partnership tax returns is September 15, while the deadline for individual tax returns is October 17, 2016. In addition, if you are required to make estimated tax payments, the third quarter estimated tax payments will be due September 15, 2016.

Many Back-to-school Expenses are Tax Deductible

School supplies, school uniforms, tuition, and education equipment required by schools may be eligible for the Louisiana school tuition & expense deductions. The tax deductions can be claimed for elementary and secondary school tuition, fees and other educational expenses ,

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including educational expenses for home-schooled children. In order to claim the deductions, the student must be a dependent on the taxpayer's state individual income tax return. For more information on claiming the tax deductions, visit www.revenue.louisiana.gov/schooldeduction.

AICPA Conference

Two of our firm partners, David Kushner, CPA & Craig Fabacher, CPA, attended the AICPA Conference on Tax Strategies for the High-Income Individual in Las Vegas, NV on May 24 & 25, 2016. David presented highlights from the conference to other partners and managers of our firm. Some of the main topics that were covered include:

- Managing Risks of Business Succession Planning
- A look at Presidential candidates' Tax Plans
- Life Insurance Buyer Guide: What type , How Much, and Who Will Benefit
- Giving to Charity Through Real Estate
- Other Tax Topics included Savings for College, Cost segregation Estate Planning Strategy, & Understanding the Tangible Property Repair Regulations.

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Timely Opportunities

Back-to-School Tips for Grownups



From a business perspective, back-to-school time is about more than selling school supplies and clothing. It provides many creative marketing opportunities for owners of all types of businesses who can think outside the pencil box. On a personal level, remember to save your receipts. Whether you're a teacher or parent, this article provides a refresher course on education-related federal tax breaks for individuals, too.

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Human Resources

Workplace Dress Code: A Delicate Balance



Employees should reasonably be expected to conform to certain standards when they set foot in your workplace. When it comes to a dress code, knowing where to draw the line can be tricky. It requires balancing the needs of the business and employees' expectations not to be micromanaged on matters of personal taste. Here are some guidelines.

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Business Finance

Consider an Alternate Metric to Value Your Small Business



Valuing a small business or professional practice can be tricky. Often traditional appraisal methods — such as discounted cash flow techniques and public stock price-to-earnings multiples — don't make sense. Instead, seller's discretionary cash flow (SDCF) may be a more meaningful metric. This article discusses when the SDCF method is appropriate and how it works.

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