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Kushner LaGraize's News

January 2017

The Partners & Staff at Kushner LaGraize hope the 2017 year is off to a great start for all our clients and friends!

[New Filing Deadline for W-2s & Form 1099-MISC](#)

Please be aware that the filing deadline for all Federal W-2s has been changed to January 31, 2017. This deadline stands whether filing paper or electronic returns. The new deadline also applies to certain Form 1099-Misc's being filed. If you are filing the form with amounts in box 7, *Nonemployee Compensation*, then you are required to comply with the new filing deadline of January 31st. If you are filing Form 1099-Misc with amounts reported in all other boxes, then the deadline remains February 28th.

[KL Managing Partner appointed to CPAmerica Board of Directors](#)

Kushner LaGraize's managing partner, Ernie Gelpi, CPA, CGFM has been elected to serve on the CPAmerica International Board of Directors for 2017. CPAmerica International is an accounting association of independent certified public accounting firms. Congratulations Ernie!



[KL Presents at the LCPA - NOLA Tax Day Event](#)

Tax managers, Christy Brox, CPA, Julie DiColo, CPA, and Kyle Youngberg, CPA, presented at the New Orleans Chapter of the LCPA Tax Day Event held at the University of New Orleans. They did a great job speaking on the proposed Trump Tax plan. Tax manager, Shari Sigur, CPA, was also part of this event in organizing it with the LCPA board. The firm appreciates all the efforts in being a part of NOLA Tax Day.



KL Tax Senior Manager has been selected by CityBusiness as "One to Watch-Accounting"




Congratulations Dean Martin, Jr., CPA for being selected as "One to Watch – Accounting" for the 2017 year.



Firm Promotions

Please join us in congratulating the following employees on being promoted effective January 1, 2017. Shari Sigur, CPA was promoted to Tax Manager 1 and Matt Fabacher, CPA was promoted to Tax Senior.



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Timely Opportunities

Tax Fraud Awareness: How to Protect Your Identity and Assets



Do you know the warning signs that you may be a victim of tax-related identity theft? Here we explain those signs along with ways thieves can turn your personal information into quick cash. Tax season starts on January 23. There's no time like the present to take simple steps to safeguard your data online and at home from identity thieves.

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Management

Surprising Challenges Employers May Face



Today's employers face a growing list of liability dangers. They begin as soon as a business starts looking for job applicants and can continue even after employees leave the company. Here are three cases involving a medical practice, a manufacturer and a restaurant that highlight some of the surprising dangers all employers might encounter.

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Operations

Sports: The Language of Business



Sports are big business and using sports phrases is a big practice in the business world. Do you urge colleagues to "go for the gold," tell managers to coach employees like a team or compare sales contracts to home runs, slam dunks or touchdowns? Here are some of the benefits and drawbacks of equating business to sports, along with some of most commonly uttered catch phrases you hear around the workplace.

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