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THE UNKNOWN TAX COMIC HANDBOOK

- Tax Jokes To Make You Smile -

Did you ever notice that when you put the words “The” and “IRS” together, it spells “THEIRS.”

– Unknown



A good tax return is like a good mystery novel. You follow the clues, make deductions, and arrive at a profitable conclusion.

– [Eva Rosenberg, TaxMama](#)



Public Accounting is the only profession where you have many engagements going on, yet no one is getting married!

– [Peter J. Scalise, Practice Leader, Federal Credits & Incentives, Prager Metis CPAs](#)



Q: Ever wonder why the IRS calls it Form 1040?

A: Because for every \$50 that you earn, you get \$10 and they get \$40.



Paying taxes is painful but reading about it should not be. – [Kelly Phillips, TaxGirl](#)



After reading a nursery rhyme to his child, the tax accountant said “No son, it would not be tax deductible when Little Bo Peep loses her sheep but I like how you think.”



A doctor, a tax lawyer, a little boy, and a rabbi were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot the plane started to go down. The pilot grabbed a parachute and then he yelled to the passengers that they had better bail out and jump. Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining.

The doctor grabbed one parachute and said, “I am a doctor, I save lives so I must live.” The doctor then jumped out of the plane leaving two remaining parachutes for three people left on the plane. The tax lawyer grabbed a parachute and said, “I am the smartest man in the world and I save people money so I deserve to live!” He grabbed a parachute and jumped leaving one remaining parachute for little boy and the rabbi.



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The rabbi looked at the little boy and said, “My son, I have lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace.” The little boy handed the parachute back to the rabbi and said, “Do not worry, rabbi! The smartest man in the world just took off with my backpack.”



Due to my client schedule, my family enrolled me in Workaholics Anonymous for extreme workaholics that work 24/7/365. Workaholics Anonymous cancelled my membership as I kept missing their meetings because I was always at work

– Peter J. Scalise, Practice Leader, Federal Credits & Incentives, Prager Metis CPAs



An estate & trust lawyer was reading the will of a rich man to the people mentioned in the will: “To you, my loving wife Rose, who stood by me in rough times, as well as good, I leave the house and two million dollars.” The lawyer continued, “To my daughter Jessica, who looked after me in sickness and kept the business going, I leave the yacht, the business and one million dollars.” The lawyer concluded, “And to my cousin Dan, who hated me, argued with me, and thought that I would never mention him in my will well you are wrong. “Hi, Dan!”



A CEO was interviewing job applicants for the lead role in a financial division of a large company. He knew he needed to devise a test for choosing the most suitable candidate. He asked each applicant this question, “What is two plus two?” The first interviewee was a government auditor. His answer was “Twenty-two”. He then asked the second interviewee who happened to have an engineering background. He pulled out a slide rule and came up with the answer “Somewhere between 3.999 and 4.001.” The next interviewee was an attorney who stated “In the case of Jenkins vs. IRS, two plus two was proven to be four.” Finally, the businessman interviewed a tax accountant and he asked him for the answer to two plus two. The accountant got up from his chair, walked over to the door, closed it, came back and sat down next to him. The tax accountant leaned across the desk and said, “How much do you want it to be?” He got the job!



A clerk walks into the boss’s office and says, “The auditors have just left sir.” The boss then asks the clerk, “Have they finished checking the books?” “Very thoroughly.” the clerk replied. “Well, what did they say?” said the boss. The clerk replied “They want 15% to keep quiet.”



I just taught my kids about taxes by eating 38% of their ice cream. - Conan O’Brien



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The U.S. Senate is considering a bill that would tax Botox. When Botox users heard this they were horrified. Well, I think they were horrified but it was difficult to tell. – Craig Ferguson



What's the difference between death and taxes? Congress does not meet every year to make death worse.



What is the difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion? Jail!



The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin.
– Mark Twain



“65% of people say that cheating on your income tax is worse than cheating on your spouse. The other 35% were women.”
-Jay Leno



An accountant dies and goes to heaven. St. Peter is there looking through the files and asking a few quick questions. “What sort of accountant were you?” The accountant replies, “I was a tax accountant.” St. Peter then asks, “What is your name?” The accountant gives his name and St. Peter finds his file. “Oh yes, we have been expecting you. You have reached your allotted time span.” The tax accountant said, “I do not understand how that can be? I am only 48 years old.” St. Peter looks again at the file and says, “Well, that is impossible.” The tax accountant then said “Why do you say that?” St. Peter said, “We have been looking over your time sheets and the hours you have charged your clients. By our reckoning, you must be at least 93 years old!”



A mugger stops a guy on the street at gunpoint. “Give me all your money” he says. The mugger is indignant and yells at the mugger “You cannot do this because I am an IRS Agent.” “In that case says the mugger “Give me all MY money.”



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A tax accountant and a lawyer were laying on a beach in Hawaii sipping Mai Tai's. The lawyer started telling the tax accountant how he came to be in Hawaii. The lawyer said, "I had this downtown property in Memphis that caught fire and after the insurance paid off I moved here. The tax accountant said, "I had a downtown property in Miami that got flooded and I moved here with the insurance proceeds. "The lawyer took another sip of his Mai Tai and then asked in a low voice, "How do you start a flood?"



Excellence is a good habit but do not strive for perfection – it will prevent you from ever finishing anything. – [Eva Rosenberg, Tax Mama](#)



Where do homeless tax accountants live? They live in a tax shelter.



A tax accountant applies for the position of Chief Financial Officer. There are a several applicants and he is called in for an interview. They ask him a number of questions when one of the interviewers suddenly says "What is nine multiplied by four?" He thinks quickly and says "Thirty- five." When the interview is over he goes outside, takes out his calculator and finds the correct answer is not thirty- five. He thinks "Well, I blew that" and goes home very disappointed. Next day, he is contacted and told he is hired for the job. "Wonderful," the tax accountant said, "What about nine multiplied by four? My answer was not even right!" The CFO replied, "We know that but of all the candidates you came the closest."



What happens when you lock a wild hyena and an accountant in a room?
The hyena stops laughing.



Did you hear about the fraudulent tax accountant? He burnt his office down trying to cook the books.



Did you know that 10 out of 9 accountants cannot count?



Regis Philbin is back in primetime, hosting 11 new episodes of 'Who Wants To Be a Millionaire.' But because of the Presidents tax plan, it has been re-titled to 'Who Wants To Win Just Under \$250,000.'
– Jimmy Fallon



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I want to find out who this FICA guy is and how come he's taking so much of my money. – Professional Hockey Player



Children may be deductible, but they are still taxing.



Income tax forms should be printed on Kleenex because so many of us have to pay through the nose. “Today the IRS gave some guidelines on how to avoid getting audited. Number one, do not list deductions that will raise a red flag. Number two, make sure you file on time. Number three, do not make any stupid anti-war speech at the Academy Awards.” – Jay Leno



A penny saved is a government oversight.



After one pays their income tax, one knows how a cow feels after she's been milked.



“Two years ago it was impossible to get through on the phone to the IRS. Now it is just hard to get through. That is what we call progress.” – Charles Rossotti, former IRS Commissioner



“When it comes to taxes, there are two types of people. There are those that get it done early, also known as psychopaths, and then the rest of us.” –Jimmy Kimmel



“The healthcare reform bill now includes a tanning booth tax of 10 percent. You know what this means? This whole thing could be funded by the cast of ‘Jersey Shore.’” – Jay Leno



Did you hear about the cannibal tax accountant? She charges an arm and a leg.



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There are only three predators that strike fear into the average man: a man-eating shark, a pack of wolves, and the IRS.



Some people think that the IRS are thieves. This is nonsense. The IRS does not steal; it simply threatens you with dire consequences if you do not give them the money they want. This is not theft. It is called extortion.



Two junior doctors were involved in a fight in the hospital. A nurse had to pull them apart. "What is this all about?" asked the nurse angrily. "It is the Revenue Agent in C ward," said one. "He has only 2 days to live." "He had to be told." said the second doctor. "I know," said the first, "but I wanted to be the one to tell him!"



NASA astronomers, using the Hubble space telescope, have discovered a giant black hole in the United States with a tremendous sucking force that makes matter disappear. They have termed it the IRS.



A man was floating along in a balloon and had lost his bearings. Finally he spots a man standing on a hilltop and shouted out: "Where am I?" The man on the hilltop responded: "You are in a balloon about 75 feet up." The man in the balloon responded: "You must be a tax accountant because the numbers you are giving me are totally useless." The tax accountant responded: "You must be a tax lawyer because you do not know where you are going and now you are blaming the tax accountant."



It is easy to find out who is going to become a tax collector. In the nursery, give all the kids lemons. The one who squeezes it dry is going to work for the IRS.



What is the difference between the IRS and the mafia? Mafia is organized. - Kurt Leetzow.



And God said: "Let there be Satan, so people do not blame everything on me. And let there be tax lawyers, so people do not blame everything on Satan." — George Burns



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In 1952, Joseph Nunan, IRS commissioner from 1944-47 was busted for evading taxes. It turned out that Nunan had won a \$1,800 bet that Harry Truman would win the presidential election but failed to report his winnings to the IRS. Source: Chicago Tribune



A dog who thinks he is man's best friend is a dog who obviously has never met a tax lawyer.
-Fran Lebowitz Social Studies, 1981



What's the difference between a Revenue Agent and a soldier? The soldier jumps to orders and the Revenue Agent jumps to conclusions.



You know, gentlemen, that I do not owe any personal income tax. But nevertheless, I send a small check, now and then, to the IRS out of the kindness of my heart. - David Rockefeller



Satan comes up from Hades to the office of a rich, powerful tax lawyer. Satan says, "Look, Bub, I can guarantee you a win against the IRS in any case, any time, for any price. What do you say?" The tax lawyer looks at Satan and asks, "What is it going to cost me?" Satan says, "Your immortal soul." The tax lawyer ponders this for a second and says, "I do not get it. What is the catch?"



Unquestionably, there is progress. The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes as he formerly got in wages. — H. L. Mencken



The difference between tax avoidance and tax evasion is the thickness of a prison wall. — Denis Healey



I think that I shall never see a tax form plain enough for me; a form that I can understand without a lawyer near at hand to guide this poor benighted me so I will not owe a penalty; a form that I will not detest or take as more than awful jest; a form with pages I can read and fill out easily with speed; such forms were not made for fools like me nor even God, who made a tree.



George Washington never told a lie, but then he never had to file a Form 1040.



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In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a congress. — John Adams



Excessive taxation will carry reason and reflection to every man's door, and particularly in the hour of election. — Thomas Jefferson to John Taylor



Mark tossed me several pounds worth of IRS instructions which apparently were written in Swahili. Then he left for work, hoping to earn enough money to pay our tax bill. - Madeleine Begun Kane.



"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." — Abraham Lincoln



I would suggest the taxation of all property equally whether church or corporation, exempting only the last resting place of the dead and possibly, with proper restrictions, church edifices. – Ulysses S. Grant



A CPA goes into a pet shop to buy a parrot. The shopkeeper shows him three identical parrots on a perch and says, "The parrot on the left costs \$500." "Why does that parrot cost so much?", asks the CPA. "Well", replies the owner, "it knows how to do complex audits." "How much does the middle parrot cost?, asks the CPA. "That one costs \$1,000 because it can do everything the first one can do plus it knows how to prepare financial forecasts." The startled CPA asks about the third parrot, to be told it costs \$4,000. Needless to say, this begs the question, "What can this \$4000 parrot do? To which the owner replies, "To be honest, I have never seen him do a darn thing, but the other two call him Senior Partner."



Tax law is a funny thing. I think it fair to say that most CPAs know something about the federal income tax; and many if not most lawyers do not. – Bernard Wolfman



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I recently heard a CPA remark that the only accounting principle which the Internal Revenue Service regards as “generally accepted” is “A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.” Although my friend overstates his case a bit — quite a bit — I cannot dismiss the thrust of his comment without some soul searching. —Sheldon S. Cohen



I’m continually amazed at the attitude people have toward their tax refund. There seems to be in most people’s minds — and I’m talking about intelligent, educated people who understand the tax system — there is a disconnect between the refund they get and the amount of taxes they pay. It’s like a lottery. People want that check! —Verenda Smith



A tax accountant, a tax lawyer and an actuary were dining together at a fashionable restaurant. “With income tax being so complicated, we tax accountants are all doing quite well these days,” the tax accountant commented. In order to prove it, he pulled out a \$5 bill, applied a match to it and used it to light his cigar.

“With so many people engaging in tax avoidance, the IRS pursuing offshore accounts and the IRS auditing more wealthy taxpayers, we tax lawyers are also doing very well these days,” the lawyer mused. To prove his point, he got out a \$100 bill, applied a match to it and used it to light his cigar. “With the new Affordable Care Act, we actuaries are doing even better,” the actuary said. To prove it, he wrote out a check for \$1 million, applied a match to it and used it to light his cigar.



A tax attorney defended a case of tax evasion for an affluent client. He devoted over a year to the case, familiarizing himself with every loophole and angle of current legislation, and made a brilliant argument before the court. His client was called out of town when the jury returned with its verdict, a sweeping victory for his client on every count. Flushed with victory, the lawyer exuberantly sent an email to his client, “Justice has triumphed!” The client immediately emailed back, “Appeal at once!”



“Today is April 1, April Fools’ Day, a day that people try to fool their friends and relatives. Don’t confuse that with April 15, when people try to fool the IRS.” — Jay Leno



April is always a difficult month for Americans — even if your ship comes in, the IRS is right there to help you unload it.



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“Ignore them and they’ll go away” is great advice for some of life’s annoyances. Unfortunately, it doesn’t apply to taxes. - Martha C. White



Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt. — Herbert Hoover



April 15 is lurking around the corner, so if you have yet to file your federal tax return, it is time to set aside a few hours, gather together your financial records, and flee the country. - Dave Barry



Two things in life are inevitable: death and taxes. We cannot say for certain when death will come. Tax day, however, is usually April 15, unless it falls on a weekend or holiday. - Tracy Bunner, Standard-Examiner



Taxes are paid in the sweat of every man who labors. - Franklin D. Roosevelt



The end of March brings up the beginning of April – Tax time. America has the highest standard of living in the world. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford it. - Cindy Adams, NY Post, 3-29-09



Tax avoidance means that you hire a \$250,000-fee lawyer, and he changes the word ‘evasion’ into the word ‘avoidance.’ - Franklin D. Roosevelt



To the extent that some people are dishonest or careless in their dealings with the government, the majority is forced to carry a heavier tax burden. – John F. Kennedy



Each year on tax day I like to remember a Charles Schultz quote from the Peanuts comic strip: “No problem is so big or so complicated it cannot be run away from.”



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When it comes to finances, remember that there are no withholding taxes on the wages of sin.

- Mae West



Every year around April 15 Americans have a rendezvous with debt.



The client went to the tax preparer and said, I filed my taxes electronically to speed things up, and it worked. I got an audit letter in half the normal time.



On April 15th you count your blessings . . . and then send them to Washington.



There was a time when you saved up for your old age; now you save up for April 15th.



It has been said that shorter the time to April 15, the longer the face of the taxpayer.



A tax preparer, uncertain as to whether a client's wife was entitled to an additional exemption for being sixty five years of age, sent the husband an email requesting the information. The next day he got an answer back: My wife says she is not 65, nor will she ever be!



A taxpayer is someone who works for the federal government, but who doesn't have to take a civil service examination. - Ronald Reagan



"The current tax code is a daily mugging" - Ronald Reagan



I have no intention of raising taxes. – Bill Clinton



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“President Obama has announced a task force to review the tax codes. He’s concerned there are too many loopholes and too many people manipulating the system to avoid paying taxes. And that’s just in his administration.” – Jay Leno



I can make a firm pledge, under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes.



Once — just once — I would like to be fixed up with a guy who earns in a year what I pay in taxes. — Anonymous Female Lawyer



“As we approach Tax Day over here”, wrote Jim Tang from Hawaii, “certain core truths still apply, one of which is that lawyers must never speak in absolutes.” He was referring to a quote from a tax attorney in a feature in the San Francisco Chronicle on 29 March 2011: “People who work for the IRS in most cases are human.”



The problem with practicing tax law is that the general rule never seems to apply to anything. - ---- Anonymous Tax Lawyer



“It is fitting that April 14 is National Pecan Day because today, we recognize nuts. And tomorrow, on April 15, we pay our taxes to support them.” - Craig Ferguson



A tax return is an attested document. It is signed by the taxpayer and the preparer under penalties of perjury. It is not an opening offer. – Lee A. Sheppard



It’s that wonderful time of year when the flowers bloom, the weather warms, and the taxman cometh. - Sam Bari, Jamestown Press



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Two guys walked into a bar late one afternoon and noticed that, among the few customers, was one guy sitting quietly in the shadows at the end of the bar. The two ordered some beers. The bartender brought them and said, "That will be 50 cents please." They started a tab and a short time later ordered two more beers and again they were charged 25 cents each. The two could not believe the good deal and after having a third beer for the same price, they decided to ask the bartender what the catch was. The bartender replied, "There is no catch, gentlemen. I have just started brewing this beer on site and I am selling it below cost to introduce it to my customers. I am happy to see that you enjoy the beer." Indeed, they noticed that almost everyone was enjoying the beer and the remarkable price except for the one man at the end of the bar. He had not ordered anything since the two came in. Becoming very curious about the guy at the end of the bar, the two asked the bartender, "Does he ever order anything?" "Oh yes," said the bartender. "That is Sam Smith our local tax preparer. He is just waiting for happy hour."



People are getting smarter nowadays; they are letting lawyers, instead of their conscience, be their guide. Will Rogers (1879–1935)



"Tomorrow is the day to mail in your tax return which means tonight is the night to start making fake receipts." - Jimmy Kimmel



"I'm not going to pay taxes. When they say I'm going to prison, I'll say no, prisons cost taxpayers a lot of money. You keep what it would have cost to incarcerate me, and we'll call it even." —Jimmy Kimmel



"Yesterday the IRS announced that obese Americans are entitled to certain tax breaks. Apparently, under the new rules, you're allowed to claim two or more chins as dependents." —Conan O'Brien



"I hate to be the one to remind you, but just pretty soon it is going to be April 15th, it is going to be tax time. You know what I am saying? Are you ready? Well you know when something like this happens New Yorkers always try to put the best face they can on a situation. For example the hookers in Times Square, for an extra \$50 they will handle your extension." —David Letterman



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