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TO: Hilda Black

FROM: Maddie Seidel

SUBJECT: IRS Tax Penalties

Dear Mrs. Black:

I am sorry to hear about your troubles with the IRS. Taxes can be quite a beast, so I admire the initiative you took in doing your own taxes this year. Nevertheless, you are still an important client to me, so I am always happy to answer your questions about your finances, taxes or transactions.

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In your recent letter, you mentioned our April phone conversation. I recently reviewed this phone conversation to gain a better understanding of the discussion at hand. As my record of the call indicates, you requested information about the movement of money between two tax-deferred retirement accounts, and I accurately said this movement is nontaxable.

However, your letter indicates that the question you meant to ask was not about the movement of money between tax-deferred retirement accounts, but about the movement of money to bond accounts. Bond accounts are different than retirement accounts because they are not tax-deferred. As a result, the movement of money from a retirement account to a bond account is taxable. This is what you did, and since you did not pay taxes on the movement, you are being penalized by the IRS. Financial statements can be difficult to understand, and your mistake is an easy one to make.

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Unfortunately, the advice you called for in April was not related to your financial situation, and, therefore, you did not get the answers you needed. If I had seen your documents, I would have advised that such a movement to a bond account is taxable. I understand that you are upset with the charges from the IRS, but it would be unfair for me to cover these charges, considering that I gave accurate advice based upon the question you asked. I never saw your financial statements, thus leaving me unable to correct your misconception about the accounts. I hope you can understand why I will not be able pay for these charges.

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Regardless, I want to help you work through your issues with the IRS. If you give me a call, we can set up an appointment to have an in-person conversation about the best way to move forward, including the establishment of a comprehensive payment plan. I am more than willing to advocate on your behalf and see if there is a way to reduce your penalties, though I cannot guarantee that I will be successful. Ultimately, I want to help you mitigate your IRS troubles, and I will go through whatever means necessary to achieve this goal. Please reach out to me so we can meet in person and start this process as soon as possible.

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