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1	Respectfully submitted this 11 <sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011.
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## I. Model Instructions.

## A. Preliminary Instructions.

The United States requests that the Court give the following standard preliminary instructions from the Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Jury Instructions (2010 revision), as it appeared on March 7, 2011 on the official web site for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (www.ce9.uscourts.gov):

7	ST	§ 1.1	Duty of Jury
8	ST	§ 1.2	The Charge–Presumption of Innocence (as modified, p. 6, <i>infra</i> )
9	ST	§ 1.3	What is Evidence
10	ST	§ 1.4	What is Not Evidence
11	ST	§ 1.5	Direct and Circumstantial Evidence
12	ST	§ 1.6	Ruling on Objections
13	ST	§ 1.7	Credibility of Witnesses
14	ST	§ 1.8	Conduct of the Jury
15	ST	§ 1.9	No Transcript Available to Jury
16	ST	§ 1.10	Taking Notes
17	ST	§ 1.11	Outline of Trial

B. Instructions in the Course of Trial.

The United States requests that the Court give the following standard preliminary instructions from the Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Jury Instructions (2010 revision), as it appeared on March 7, 2011 on the official web site for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (www.ce9.uscourts.gov):

ST	§ 2.1	Cautionary InstructionFirst Recess
ST	§ 2.2	Bench Conferences and Recesses
ST	§ 2.5	Judicial Notice
PL	§ 2.10	Other Crimes, Wrongs or Acts of Defendant

## C. Standard Instructions at End of Case.

The United States requests that the Court give the following standard preliminary instructions from the Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Jury Instructions (2010 revision), as it appeared on March 7, 2011 on the official web site for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (www.ce9.uscourts.gov):

5	(www.ce9.usc	courts.gov):	
6	ST	§ 3.1	Duties of Jury to Find Facts and Follow Law
7	ST	§3.2	The Charge Against Defendant–Presumption of Innocence–Burden of Proof
8	ST	§ 3.3	Defendant's Decision Not to Testify or (if applicable)
9	ST	§ 3.4	Defendant's Decision to Testify (if applicable)
10	ST	§ 3.5	Reasonable Doubt - Defined
11	ST	§ 3.6	What is Evidence
12 13	ST	§ 3.7	What is Not Evidence
	ST	§ 3.8	Direct and Circumstantial Evidence (Updated in March, 2006)
14 15	ST	§ 3.9	Credibility of Witnesses
16	ST	§ 3.10	Activities Not Charged
17	ST	§ 3.11	Separate Consideration of Multiple Counts - Single Defendant
18	PL	§ 3.16	Intent to Defraud - Defined
19	ST	§ 4.1	Statements by Defendant
20	PL	§ 4.3	Other Crimes, Wrongs or Acts of Defendant
21	ST	§ 4.14	Opinion Evidence, Expert Witness
22	ST	§ 4.16	Charts and Summaries in Evidence
23	ST	§ 7.1	Duty to Deliberate
24	ST	§ 7.2	Consideration of Evidence
25	ST	§ 7.3	Use of Notes
26	ST	§ 7.4	Jury Consideration of Punishment
27	ST	§ 7.5	Verdict Form
28	ST	§ 7.6	Communication with Court

1	II. Stipulated Non-Model Instructions.
2	STIPULATED INSTRUCTION NO. 1
3	The Charge - Presumption of Innocence
4	This is a criminal case brought by the United States government. The governmen
5	charges defendant with four counts of Tax Evasion in violation of Title 26, United States Code
6	Section 7201 and four counts of Willful Failure to File Tax Return, in violation of Title 26
7	United States Code, Section 7203. The charges against the defendant are contained in the
8	Indictment. The Indictment is simply the description of the charges made by the governmen
9	against the defendant; it is not evidence of anything.
10	The defendant has pled not guilty to the charges and is presumed innocent unless and
11	until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendant has the right to remain silent and
12	never has to prove innocence or present any evidence.
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17	<u>AUTHORITY</u> :
18	Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Criminal Jury Instructions (2010 revision) 1.2 (as modified), and as it appeared on March 7, 2011 on the official web site for
19	the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (www.ce9.uscourts.gov).
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1	STIPULATED INSTRUCTION NO. 2
2	"On or About" - Explained
3	The Indictment charges that the offenses were committed "on or about" certain dates
4	Although it is necessary for the United States to prove beyond a reasonable doubt tha
5	the offenses were committed on dates reasonably near the dates alleged in the Indictment, it is
6	not necessary for the United States to prove that the offenses were committed precisely on the
7	dates charged.
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9	<u>AUTHORITY</u> :
10	Kevin F. O'Malley et al., 1A Federal Jury Practice and Instructions § 13.05 (5th ed. 2002) (as modified)
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1	STIPULATED INSTRUCTION NO. 3
2	Knowingly Defined
3	An act is done knowingly if the defendant is aware of the act and does not act through
4	ignorance, mistake, or accident. You may consider evidence of a defendant's words, acts, or
5	omissions, along with all the other evidence, in deciding whether a defendant acted knowingly.
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7	<u>AUTHORITY</u> :
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9	Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Criminal Jury Instructions, § 5.6
10	Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Criminal Jury Instructions, § 5.6 (2010 revision) (as modified), and as compared on March 7, 2011 to the latest version from the official web site for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (www.ce9.uscourts.gov)
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1	STIPULATED INSTRUCTION NO. 4
2	Willful Failure to File Tax Return
3	The defendant is charged in Counts 5-8 of the indictment with willful failure to file an
4	income tax return in violation of Section 7203 of Title 26 of the United States Code. In order
5	for the defendant to be found guilty of that charge, the government must prove each of the
6	following elements beyond a reasonable doubt:
7	First, the defendant was required to file a return for the calendar years 2003 through
8	2006;
9	Second, the defendant failed to file an income tax return by on or about April 15 of the
10	charged calendar year, as required by Title 26 of the United States Code; and
11	Third, in failing to do so, the defendant acted willfully.
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13	<u>AUTHORITY</u> :
14	Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Criminal Jury Instructions, § 9.38 (2010 revision) (as modified), and as compared on March 7, 2011 to
15	the latest version from the official web site for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (www.ce9.uscourts.gov)
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1	III. Non-Model Instructions Requested By Plaintiff
2	GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 1
3	Tax Evasion – Statute
4	Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201 provides in part, that:
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6	Any person who willfully attempts in any manner to
7	evade or defeat any income tax [shall be guilty of an offense against the United States].
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11	<u>AUTHORITY</u> :
12	26 U.S.C. § 7201
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14	<u>DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:</u>
15	The instruction is unnecessary because it is covered by Ninth Circuit Model
16	Instruction 9.37.
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28	GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 2
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1	Attempt to Evade and Defeat Assessment of Tax
2	The defendant is charged in Counts One through Four of the Indictment with attempting
3	to evade and defeat the assessment of tax for calendar years 2003-2006, in violation of Section
4	7201 of Title 26 of the United States Code. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of these
5	charges, the government must prove each of the following elements beyond a reasonable doub
6	with respect to each count:
7	First, the defendant owed more federal income tax for the calendar year charged in that
8	count than was declared due on her income tax return for each respective year;
9	Second, the defendant knew that more federal income tax was owed than was declared
10	due on any tax returns defendant filed for each respective year;
11	Third, the defendant made an affirmative attempt or did an affirmative act to evade or
12	defeat the assessment of income tax for each respective year; and
13	Fourth, in attempting to evade or defeat the assessment of the additional tax for each
14	respective year, the defendant acted willfully.
15	<u>AUTHORITY</u> :
16	United States v. Carlson, 235 F.3d 466, 470-71 (9th Cir. 2000).
17 18	Ninth Circuit Manual of Model Criminal Jury Instructions (2010 revision) 9.37 (as modified), and as compared on March 7, 2011 to the latest version from the official web site for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (www.ce9.uscourts.gov)
19	DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:
20	Defendant requests that the third element read as follows:
21	Third, the defendant made an affirmative attempt to evade or defeat the
22	assessment of income tax for each respective year; and
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28	GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 3
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1		Existence of a Tax Deficiency
2	A tax	due and owing may be ascertained in three ways: by the taxpayer reporting the
3	amount of tax	due and owing; by the IRS examining the taxpayer and assessing the tax; or if the
4	taxpayer fails	to file a return, and the government can prove a tax deficiency, the deficiency
5	arises on the d	ate the return was due.
6	If the	IRS did a tax examination of the defendant taxpayer, and assessed additional tax
7	a certificate of	assessment and payment is "adequate evidence" of a tax liability.
8	The g	overnment need not prove the specific amount of tax due for each calendar year
9	alleged in the	Indictment. The government need only prove that the defendant willfully
10	attempted to e	vade any tax during the years in question.
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12		<u>AUTHORITY</u> :
13		United States v. Marashi, 913 F.2d 724, 735-36 (9th Cir. 1990); United States v Voorhies, 658 F.2d 710, 715 (9th Cir. 1981); United States v. Buckner, 610 F.2d 570, 573-74 (9th Cir. 1979).
15		DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:
16		Defendant objects to this instruction as unnecessary and not part of the model
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## **GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 4**

#### Affirmative Act – Defined

A failure to act is not an attempt to evade one's assessment or payment of taxes. But any affirmative act, "the likely effect of which would be to mislead or to conceal" one's tax liability or assets, is an attempt to evade taxes.

An affirmative "willful attempt" or act to evade or defeat income tax may be inferred from conduct such as keeping a double set of books, making false entries or alterations, or false invoices or documents, destruction of books or records, concealment of assets or covering up sources of income, handling of one's affairs to avoid making the records usual in transactions of the kind, and any other conduct the likely effect of which would be to mislead or to conceal.

Other examples of affirmative acts of evasion of assessment or payment of tax include placing assets in the name of others, causing debts to be paid through and in the name of others, using bank accounts in the names of others, transacting business in cash or cashier's checks, and paying other creditors instead of the government.

#### **AUTHORITY:**

Spies v. United States, 317 U.S. 492, 499 (1943); United States v. Pollen, 978 F.2d 78, 88 (3d Cir. 1992); United States v. Daniel, 956 F.2d 540, 543 (6th Cir. 1992); United States v. McGill, 964 F.2d 222, 233 (3d Cir. 1992); United States v. Masat, 896 F.2d 88, 97 (5th Cir 1990); United States v. Conley, 826 F.2d 551, 553 (7th Cir. 1987); United States v. Hook, 781 F.2d 1166, 1169 (6th Cir. 1986); United States v. Shorter, 809 F.2d 54, 57 (D.C. Cir. 1987); Cohen v. United States, 297 F.2d 760, 762 (9th Cir. 1962).

## **DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:**

Defendant objects to this instruction as unnecessary and not part of the model instructions..

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## **GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 5**

#### Substance over Form

Where an individual exercises complete dominion and control over income and its sources, the tax law generally attributes the income to the individual rather than to a nominal owner. The Tax Code taxes legal entities such as trusts and corporations separately from their owners. But if the entities lack economic substance or serve as the alter ego of an individual taxpayer who uses them to evade taxes, the tax burden falls on the individual taxpayer. This is a basic principle of federal income-tax law. Tax consequences flow from the substance rather than the form of a transaction, and defendant's actual control of the property, rather than what the records reflect, is what controls for federal tax purposes.

Therefore, a trust or corporation that lacks economic substance and has no purpose other than tax avoidance is not recognized for Federal tax purposes. Generally, the law will not recognize a trust for Federal tax purposes if the creator keeps substantially unfettered powers of disposition or beneficial enjoyment of trust property. Federal tax law will disregard such an entity for Federal tax purposes, even if it is valid under State law.

#### **AUTHORITY**:

Neely v. United States, 775 F.2d 1092, 1094 (9th Cir.1985); Zmuda v. Commissioner, 731 F.2d 1417, 1421 (9th Cir.1984); Hanson v. Commissioner, 696 F.2d 1232 (9th Cir.1983); United States v. Schmidt, 935 F.2d 1440, 1447-49 (4th Cir.1991); United States v. Noske, 117 F.3d 1053, 1059 (8th Cir.1997); United States v. Buttorff, 761 F.2d 1056, 1061 (5th Cir.1985).

#### **DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:**

Defendant objects to this instruction as unnecessary and not part of the model

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## GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 6

### Income Defined

The term "income" is a broad concept that includes any economic gain from whatever source. The essence of income is the accrual of some gain, profit, or benefit to the taxpayer.

Federal income taxes are levied upon income derived from compensation for personal services of every kind and in whatever form paid, whether as wages, commissions, or money earned for performing services, or dealings in property. The tax is also levied upon profits earned from any business, regardless of its nature -- legal or illegal - and from interest, dividends, rents and the like. In short, the term "gross income" means all income from whatever source unless it is specifically excluded by law.

## **AUTHORITY**:

26 U.S.C. § 61; Commissioner v. Wilcox, 327 U.S. 404 (1946).

## **DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:**

Defendant objects to this instruction as unnecessary and not part of the model instructions..

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## **GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 7**

## Willfully Defined

An act is done willfully if done voluntarily and intentionally and with the specific intent to do something the law forbids; that is to say with a purpose either to disobey or disregard the law. Conduct is not willful if it is based upon accident, mistake, inadvertence or due to a good faith misunderstanding as to the requirements of the law. While good faith has no precise meaning, it encompasses, among other things, an honest belief, an absence of malice and an honest intention to abstain from taking any unconscientious advantage of another. As a general rule, ignorance of the law is no defense to a criminal prosecution.

In order to convict the defendant of tax evasion, you must find that the government has proven that the law imposed a duty on the defendant, that the defendant knew of this duty, and that she voluntarily and intentionally violated that duty.

If the government proves actual knowledge of the pertinent legal duty, the prosecution, without more, has satisfied the knowledge component of the willfulness requirement.

The purpose of the willfulness component is to avoid penalizing taxpayers who make innocent mistakes caused by the complexity of the tax code. A defendant does not act willfully if she believes in good faith that she is acting within the law or that her actions comply with the law. This is so even if the defendant's belief was not objectively reasonable as long as she had the belief in good faith. Nevertheless, you may consider whether the defendant's belief about the tax statutes was actually reasonable as a factor in deciding whether she held that belief in good faith.

The reasonableness of a belief is a factor for the jury to consider in determining whether a defendant actually held a belief and acted upon it. The more farfetched a belief is, the less likely it is that a person actually held or would act upon that belief.

A defendant who knows what the law is and who disagrees with it does not have a bona fide misunderstanding defense. A persistent refusal to acknowledge the law does not constitute a good faith misunderstanding of the law. One is not immune from criminal prosecution if she knows what the law is but believes it should be otherwise, and therefore violates it.

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1	In determining the issue of willfulness, you are entitled to consider anything done or		
2	omitted to be done by the defendant and all facts and circumstances in evidence which may aid		
3	in the determination of her state of mind. It is obviously impossible to ascertain or prove directly		
4	the operations of the defendant's mind; but a careful and intelligent consideration of the facts		
5	and circumstances shown by evidence in any case enables one to infer what another's intentions		
6	were in doing or not doing things. With the knowledge of definite acts, we may draw definite		
7	logical conclusions.		
8	Knowledge and belief are characteristically questions for the fact finder, in this case you		
9	the jury.		
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11	<u> </u>	AUTHORITY:	
12	Į.	United States v. Hilgeford, 7 F.3d 1340, 1342 (7th Cir. 1993); Cheek v. United States, 498 U.S. 192, 201 (1991).	
	,	DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:	
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		Defendant objects to this instruction and proposes that the Court give Ninth	
16		Circuit Model Instruction 9.42 in its entirety.	
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28		GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 8	

#### Good Faith - Defined

The good faith of the defendant is a complete defense to the charges of tax evasion because good faith is simply inconsistent with the intent required to commit that violation.

If a person acts without reasonable grounds for belief that her conduct is lawful, it is for you to decide whether that person has acted in good faith in order to comply with the law or whether that person has willfully violated the law. In determining whether or not the government has proven that the defendant committed tax evasion or assessment or payment, or whether the defendant acted in good faith, you must consider all of the evidence received in the case bearing

The burden of proving good faith does not rest with the defendant because the defendant has no obligation to prove anything to you. The government has the burden of proving to you beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant acted willfully. If the evidence in the case leaves you with a reasonable doubt as to whether the defendant acted in good faith or acted willfully in committing tax evasion, you must find the defendant not guilty of that violation.

> Devitt, Blackmar and O'Malley, Federal Practice and Instructions, (4th Ed. 1990) §56.26 [The Good Faith Defense] (Modified); Cheek v. United States, 498

#### **DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:**

Defendant objects to this instruction and proposes that the Court give Ninth Circuit Model Instruction 9.42 in its entirety.

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1	GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTED INSTRUCTION NO. 9	
2	Willful Failure to File Tax Return–Statute	
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4	Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 provides in part, that:	
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6	"Any person required under this title or by regulations made under authority thereo	
7	to make a returnwho willfully fails tomake such returnat the time or times required by law	
8	or regulations, shallbe guilty (of an offense)."	
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11	<u>AUTHORITY</u> :	
12	26 U.S.C. § 7203	
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14	<u>DEFENDANT'S OBJECTION:</u>	
15	Defendant objects to this instruction as it is covered by Ninth Circuit Model	
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