

Wrath: Establishing an Alimony Deduction

IRS Audit **Red Flags** - Seven Deadly Tax Sins of Taxology

Declaring an Alimony Deduction



“Alimony paid by cash or check is deductible to the payer and taxable to the recipient, provided certain requirements are met. For instance, the payments must be made under a divorce or separate maintenance decree or written separation agreement. The instrument can’t say the payment isn’t alimony. And the payer’s liability for the payments must end when the former spouse dies. You’d be surprised how many divorce decrees run afoul of this rule.

The rules on deducting alimony are complicated, and the IRS knows that some filers who claim this write-off don’t always satisfy the requirements. It also wants to make sure that both the payer and the recipient properly reported alimony on their respective returns. A mismatch in reporting by ex-spouses will almost certainly trigger an audit. Alimony doesn’t include child support or noncash property settlements.”

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In religion:

Religions, especially in Christianity, divorce and remarriage are widespread realities in the body of Christ today. Marriage was the first institution established by God in the book of Genesis. Divorces can be seen as a form of punishment or vengeance as a manifestation of anger. Perhaps, divine retribution for sin. Divorce, domestic violence, and murder are a very deadly trio in the United States. Dante described our vengeance as "love of justice perverted to revenge and spite".