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**2016 TAX ORGANIZER
(FOR USE IN FILING 2015 TAX RETURNS)**

Dear Valued Client:

It is fast approaching that time of year again, and we want to help you be prepared for the upcoming tax season. The deadlines for 2015 tax returns are as follows. Please note the following deadlines are final, and we will not guarantee completion of your return if you send us the information past these dates. Of course, it is always beneficial to send us your information *before* these deadlines to ensure faster completion:

<u>Tax Form</u>	<u>Organizer Due Date</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Final Extension Date</u>
1040	3/1/16 or 09/1/16*	4/18/16	10/17/16
1120/1120S	2/1/16 or 08/1/16*	3/15/16**	9/15/16
1065	3/1/16 or 08/1/16*	4/18/16**	9/15/16

(*due date for returns on extension to be completed by final deadline)

(**unless C-Corporation has a fiscal year end, then the return is due 2 ½ months after the fiscal year end)

Attached please find a tax organizer that will assist you in organizing your 2015 tax information. Please complete sections that pertain only to you. We ask that all information relating to the preparation of your tax return be sent to us in an organized manner (i.e. no shoe boxes full of receipts!). **Please retain your original documents. Original documents to be returned will be photocopied and mailed at client cost (postage and 5 cents per photocopied sheet).**

Please note that our firm generally has a six week turnaround time on tax returns. **If we receive your information past the above deadline, we will either not be able to complete your return on time, or if we are able to complete your return by the deadline there will be an additional tax preparation charge, at our discretion, for returns we receive after the organizer due date.**

Also, please note that we no longer automatically file extensions for those clients who do not send their information by the organizer due date. Requested extensions will be billed at \$25.00 each. You can now request and pay for your extension via our website at www.shop/estillandlong.com/main.sc. You can also obtain our 2015 price sheet via our website at www.etillandlong.com/tax-organizer-2015.com.

**Please send all documents electronically or to the following address:
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETING TAX ORGANIZER

1. Please follow the instructions on the next two pages for personal returns or business returns (or both), whichever is applicable.
2. You can email or mail us the completed organizer.
3. Please **do not send fax copies** as these are usually illegible or missing pages. Additional charges for printing may apply.
4. Please send only copies of tax documents. **Do not send originals.** Originals that need to be returned to the client will be photocopied and mailed at client expense.
5. Our firm's policy is to require payment in advance before your tax returns can be released or e-filed.
6. Please sign and return the 2015 Engagement Letter included with these instructions. The signed engagement letter is required by the Colorado Supreme Court Board of Ethics to be on file before we can release or e-file your tax returns.
7. Please note that we are required to e-file all *federal* tax returns. However, for state tax returns, some states do not have e-filing that is compatible with our tax software program. If this applies to you, we will mail you the state tax return, which you will need to sign and mail to the appropriate state agency. Instructions for mailing will be included in the package.
8. Please complete only those sections that pertain to you. **Please also ignore the prior year's column if we have completed your taxes for the prior year as we already possess this information.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONAL RETURNS

Please forward the following via email or mail:

Personal Tax Returns Only:

- Completed Tax Organizer
- Last year's tax return (if we did not prepare 2014 taxes)
- Form(s) W-2
- Schedule(s) K-1 from partnerships, S-corporations, estates or trusts if applicable
- Information about contributions to a pension or other retirement plan if this is the first year you received income from the plan
- Form(s) 1099 or statements reporting dividend, interest, retirement or other income
- Broker statements providing details of the capital gains transactions. **Please include cost basis information including date purchased and purchase price as well as the sale price and sale date for all stock transactions**
- Form(s) 1098 and copies of real estate tax bills, etc
- Legal documents pertaining to the sale or purchase of real property

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES (Corporations, Multi-Member LLCs and Partnerships only. If you have a Single Member LLC or a Sole-Proprietorship, please fill out the self-employed Schedule C worksheet in our Tax Organizer):

Business Entity Tax Returns:

- Profit and Loss Statement
 - This is a listing of income and expenses of the company. You can handwrite this if you do not use a program like QuickBooks.
- Balance Sheet
- Prior year tax return (if not in our possession)
- If your business entity owns rental properties, each property needs its own income and expense sheet. Please do **NOT** group this information in with the general P&L.
 - Each property should be separately stated. If this is the first year you placed your rental property in service, please provide us with the closing statement on the purchase, the date the rental was first rented or **ready** to be rented, as well as any improvements made to the property and the cost of those improvements.
- If your business entity purchased and sold real estate, please provide us with the closing statements on both the purchase **and** the sale. Please also list any additional improvements/costs made to the property prior to the sale.

Newly Formed Business Entities:

- Profit and Loss Statement
- Balance Sheet
- SS-4 Application (submitted to the IRS to obtain your business EIN)
- Articles of Organization/Articles of Incorporation
- Approval of S-election (for corporations electing “S” status), if applicable
- Owner information including:
 - Percentage of Ownership
 - Owner’s Name
 - Owner’s Address
 - Owner’s SSN