



U.S. Department of Justice

*Office of the United States Trustee
Eastern District of Kentucky*

Memorandum to All Chapter 7 Panel Trustees

March 22, 2017

From: John L. Daugherty, Assistant U.S. Trustee

Re: Tax fraud initiative

As discussed during the Annual Chapter 7 Trustee training on March 7, the Office of the United States Trustee wishes to improve its identification of possible tax fraud by debtors. Until informed otherwise, please forward the following tax returns received from debtors pursuant to their responsibilities under the Bankruptcy Code and local court order:

- All corporate and other entity tax returns.
- All Form 1040 tax returns (**not** 1040A or 1040EZ), unless the return **only** includes Schedules A and/or B.
- All tax returns where the debtor has claimed head of household status.

In connection with head of household status, I ask that you require every debtor who has presented you with head of household tax returns to complete the attached questionnaire at or before the 341 meeting. If a debtor or debtor's counsel resists, please ask the questions yourself during the examination and inform me of any such instances.

Please forward all materials to Carol Ingle at Carol.Ingle@usdoj.gov or you may mail to or drop off at our office.

I intend to report on the results of this effort at our next training.