

# THE IRS TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS

On June 10, 2014, the IRS attempted to clarify the numerous taxpayer rights that were scattered throughout the tax code. Similar to our Constitution's Bill of Rights and possibly even comparable to "The Ten Commandments," this new Taxpayer Bill of Rights has been incorporated into a redesigned version and will now be included in all IRS correspondence.

Here is the new version with Addenda by Marlana:

## 1. The Right to **Be Informed**

("be informed" – HA, THAT'S a laugh!  
Try waiting on the phone for an hour-and-a half!  
Or for a good time, just try to FAX.  
And then there's the game called "We're changing your TAX.")

## 2. The Right to **Quality Service**

(Pardon if I sound like I'm pooh-poohing,  
but the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing!  
And those LAWS – they're written like they're MEANT to confuse –  
Just hang up the phone, and bring on the booze!)

## 3. The Right to **Pay No More than the Correct Amount of Tax**

("Correct" depends on who your tax preparer is.  
It's easy to be lazy in this cockamamie biz.  
And the IRS with its outdated software –  
Don't get me started! It's a living nightmare!)

## 4. The Right to **Challenge the IRS's Position and be Heard**

("I am the QUEEN!" I rule the audit scene!  
When they spot me and my documents they all turn green.)

## 5. The Right to **Appeal an IRS Decision in an Independent Forum**

("Right to Appeal?" Here's the REAL deal:  
If you're not a tax attorney, then you're just a schlemiel.)

## 6. The Right to **Finality**

(Final, Shminal--I'm just sayin'  
THIS audit may be over—but NEXT year?  
Start prayin!)

## 7. The Right to **Privacy**

("Privacy" is all the rage.  
Soon they'll post your taxes on your Facebook page.)

## 8. The Right to **Confidentiality**

(When your wages are garnished, and your assets secured  
"Confidentiality" sounds just a little absurd.)

## 9. The Right to **Retain Representation**

(When selecting your rep, you better watch your step.  
The RIGHT one's your messiah  
And the WRONG one's your pariah!)

## 10. The Right to **A Fair and Just Tax System**

(How shall I put it? "Fair and Just?" PULL-EEZ !!  
This one is the irony of ironies. When it comes to income,  
here's what you should know:  
You've gotta be a MENSCH or a total SHMO.)

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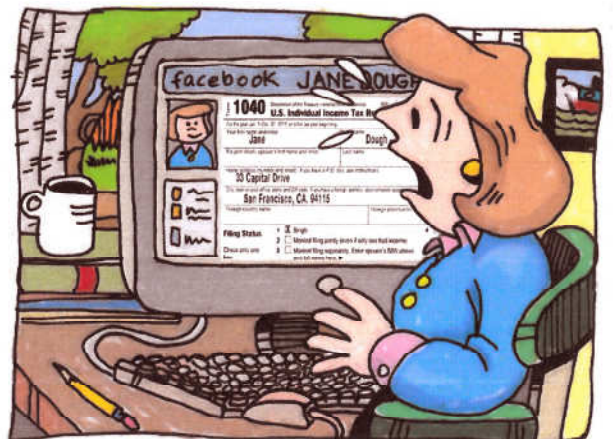
#2 Confusing Tax Laws



#3 Outdated Software



#4 Ruling the Audit Scene



#7 "IRS shared a link on your Timeline."