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Davidoff Distinguished as a Top IRS Representation Practitioner

E. Martin Davidoff, CPA, Esq., has been tapped as one of the nation's Top 50 IRS Representation Practitioners by *CPA Magazine* and was characterized as "an unsung hero" by the magazine's publisher.

As the owner of E. Martin Davidoff & Associates in Dayton, NJ, he specializes in tax controversy work which involves representing his clients before tax authorities to resolve disputes. Davidoff's credentials as a certified public accountant and a tax attorney enable him to explore and address the financial and legal aspects of a client's tax situation. Approximately half of his firm's work involves representation, and he employs three tax controversy managers with extensive knowledge of IRS procedures, policies and staff contacts to handle the workload.

According to *CPA Magazine* Publisher T. Allen Rose, Davidoff was "an easy choice" because he is "immersed in this type of practice and can represent clients to the fullest extent." With the advantage of having a solid practitioner/client relationship, Davidoff is entirely familiar with his clients' situations and can represent them from the very beginning of a controversy matter. Because he is dually-licensed as an attorney and a CPA, he provides full service to clients and does not have to stop short of representing them before the IRS or in court.

"I devote a large portion of my practice to controversy work because I believe very strongly that taxpayers should be treated with fairness and dignity in these stressful situations," Davidoff said. "To have my commitment acknowledged nationally by such a highly-respected publication is truly an honor and I thank the staff of *CPA Magazine* for their endorsement."

CPA Magazine annually runs a 'most influential' column and selected IRS Representation this year due to the substantial increase in IRS audits and collection activity over the past two years, according to Rose. Through a national research program, the IRS identified a huge tax gap caused by unreported income and over-reported deductions, triggering an intensive audit and collection initiative. Nominations for the Top 50 list were solicited from national associations, influential people in the profession, and the professionals themselves. The submissions were analyzed and narrowed down to fifty by the magazine's staff.

In addition to representing his clients, Davidoff applies his expertise to the betterment of the tax profession. He founded and chairs the IRS Tax Liaison Committee of the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants and meets regularly with IRS officials to discuss procedural matters. He has testified before Congress on issues

that impact taxpayers and tax practitioners alike. He has spoken at the IRS National Tax Forums, and he teaches seminars on IRS tax matters to share his knowledge with others.

Established in 1981, E. Martin Davidoff & Associates provides expert services in tax controversy work, IRS problems resolution, individual and corporate taxation, income tax research and planning, S corporations, business start-ups, CFO in a box, and business consulting. Davidoff is also managing member of Cope Management Group, LLC, which hosts educational programs for tax professionals. Additional information is available at www.taxattorneycpa.com and www.copeseminars.com.

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