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# **Beware of Deductions Claimed for Certain Business Expenses**



Corporations that make payments to shareholders beware: The IRS may challenge deductions claimed for certain business expenses and other related-party transactions. An inquiry could lead to reclassification of certain payments as constructive dividends, which could have unfavorable tax consequences for the company and its shareholders. Here's a recent Tax Court case that highlights this contentious issue.

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**Unfortunately**, the individual alternative minimum tax (AMT) is still in place after the passage of the latest tax reform law. However, current law makes the AMT rules more taxpayer-friendly and reduces the odds that you will be hit with the complex tax. This article explains who still owes the AMT and how you can still benefit by making moves to avoid or minimize it.

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