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### Why You Should Start Next Year's Tax Return Today



When the calendar page turned over to April 16, many taxpayers breathed a sigh of relief that their tax returns had been filed (or at least extended) for another year. Many vowed to do a better job of getting organized for next year, and to start the tax planning process early enough to make a difference.

The best time to start planning for next year's tax return is today. Click here for six tips that can help you get ready.

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The prime home selling season is in full bloom around the country. Depending on your area and situation, it may be a good time to put your home on the market. If you're selling your principal residence and are eligible for the federal home sale tax break, the profit can be free from federal income taxes. Here are the general rules, as well as current mortgage interest rates and tips if you're getting ready to sell.

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### A Difficult COBRA Definition



Employees who are fired for "gross misconduct" aren't eligible for continued health coverage under COBRA. But few employers deny the coverage because the term is vague and the issue has wound up in the courts. Moreover, wrongful denial can be expensive. Here are some of the actions that meet the definition and steps your company can take to help avoid litigation.

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## Benefit Tax Issues

### Don't Panic If You Receive a Benefit Audit Notice

The word "audit" strikes fear in the hearts of many company executives. But if your ducks are in a row, don't sweat it. It's in everyone's interest to make the process go smoothly, which is why the IRS provides tips for an efficient benefit plan audit.





Read on to find out what the IRS recommends.  
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### Retirement Plans Need TLC From an Objective Source



Once your retirement plan is in place, it can be a large benefit to you and your employees. But plans need to be carefully monitored to ensure that the best interests of the participants are served. Compliance is not just good business, it's required by law. Keep reading for more about your company's responsibilities, as well as a checklist to help ensure your 401(k) plan fees are reasonable.

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