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Balancing a PPP Loan and Employee Retention Tax Credits

The original CARES Act in March 2020 provided much needed relief for small businesses in the form of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. But a lesser known component was the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC), which allowed eligible employers – of any size – to earn a refundable tax credit against certain federal employment taxes. The problem for small businesses was that if they accepted a PPP loan, they could not also apply for the ERTC. Most took the PPP route, as it provided immediate funds at a critical time.

The rules have changed. The Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) signed into law in late December included provisions that funded a second round of PPP loans and significant changes to the ERTC that increased the tax credit amount for 2021, relaxed eligibility requirements, and made certain PPP loan recipients eligible retroactively for 2020.



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Family Business

The Fine Points of a Buy-Sell Agreement



Family business owners must take precautions to ensure their interests are protected. One way to achieve this goal is with a buy-sell agreement. But what is the best way to finance the buyouts required under these agreements? And how should business owners handle buy-sell deals to get the best estate planning results? This article explains.

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Business Tax

Protect Your Company Retirement Plan from an IRS Attack



If your business sponsors a retirement plan, you must invest prudently and stay in compliance with numerous complex federal requirements. If you don't follow the rules, the IRS could disqualify your plan. Here are some steps to help keep your business from falling into a costly noncompliance trap.

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Personal Tax

Hobby-Related Loss Deductions Are Disallowed, but Don't Give Up Hope

Hobbies are typically fun and they may be expensive. In some cases, hobbies (including those involving horses) lead to net losses.



Before the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act became law, you could claim itemized deductions for hobby-related expenses up to the amount of income — if your primary motivation was profit, not fun. Now, however, itemized deductions are no longer available.

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