

# Dealing with Sticky Situations: Overbroad IDRs, Requests for Client Interviews, and Other Tricky Audit Situations

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- Tricky IDRs and Issues
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- Summons Enforcement

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# Opening Conference

- Initial meeting to discuss administrative matters of the audit
- Discuss audit plan and taxpayer is provided a copy
- Discuss issues, audit steps, timeline, and IDR practices
  - Establish communication strategy.
  - Select a single point of contact with the IRS
- What if auditor asks substantive questions during the opening conference?

# IDR Basics

- The IRS has the authority to examine any books, papers, records, or other data that may be relevant or material to determining tax liability
- IDRs are issued to gather information
- Does not include things that do not exist; IRS can't force taxpayer to create materials



# Issuance of IDRs

- Issue focused
  - One issue per IDR
  - Exception: IDR issued at beginning of examination that requests basic books and records and general information about a taxpayer's business
- Discussed with taxpayer before issuance
- Mutually agreed upon response date
- Date by which Exam must advise taxpayer as to whether the response is satisfactory

See [Publication 5125, the LB&I Examination Process](#)

# Issuance of IDRs

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