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3 Beall Brothers 3, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002755

AG Case #001354026

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 09/15/00 Period: 1993 Amount: \$265,995	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether the franchise tax was applied retroactively to deny Plaintiff a business loss carry forward. Whether the officer and director compensation add-back is unconstitutional.

Status: Answer filed.

American General Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003178

AG Case #001375419

Franchise Tax; Protest Filed: 10/31/00 Period: 1994-1998 Amount: \$2,131,754.78	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Eric Hagenswold Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether intercorporate receipts should be excluded from gross receipts. Whether certain obligations were debts. Whether the Comptroller's application of the debt deduction statute violates equal protection. Whether an indirect tax on post-retirement benefits violates ERISA and the supremacy doctrine. Whether interest should be waived. Whether the assessment violates equal taxation, equal protection, due process, commerce clause, the Tax Code, the Administrative Code, was in excess of statutory authority, was made through unlawful procedure, and was arbitrary and capricious.

Status: Settlement in progress.

Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Home, Inc.; Restland of Dallas, Inc.; Restland Funeral Home; Singing Hills Funeral Homes, Inc.; Laurel Land Funeral Home of Fort Worth, Inc.; Blue Bonnet Hills Funeral Home, Inc.; and Blue Bonnet Hills Memorial Park, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-12183

AG Case #99-1227646

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 10/18/99 Period: 1993-1996 Amount: \$407,212.91 \$107,861.97	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Jan Soifer Locke, Liddell & Sapp Austin
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Issue: Whether income earned on Plaintiff's trust accounts for prepaid funeral services gives rise to Texas gross receipts.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 05/05/03.

Bank of Texas, National Association (Formerly Swiss Avenue State Bank) v. Comptroller of Public Accounts Cause #GN103976

AG Case #01535283

Franchise Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 12/03/01 Period: 2001 Amount: \$218,056.52	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne J. Lawrence Temple Temple & Temple Austin Frederic Dorwart Tulsa, Oklahoma
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Issue: Whether conversion from a state bank to a national bank is a merger for franchise tax purposes. Whether the national bank must file an initial return. Whether treatment of the conversion as a merger is preempted by federal law.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment hearing on hold. Agreed Judgment entered 12/18/02.

CTX Mortgage Co., LLC, as Successor in Interest to CTX Mortgage Co., Inc. v. Strayhorn, et al. Cause #GN300145
AG Case #031738131

Franchise Tax; Protest,
Refund & Declaratory
Judgment
Filed: 01/15/03
Period: 1992-1994
Amount: \$6,482.90

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jana Kinkade

Plaintiff's Counsel:

David Cowling
Robert Lochridge
Jones Day
Dallas

Issue: Whether application of the requirement of documentation that officers do not participate in significant policy-making aspects of the corporation is retroactive and unconstitutional. Whether different treatment of banks and mortgage companies violates equal protection. Whether Plaintiff's vice presidents and others should not be included in the officer add-back provision of the franchise tax. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Central Telephone Co. of Texas and United Telephone Co. of Texas v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100332
AG Case #011409646

Franchise Tax; Protest &
Refund
Filed: 02/01/01
Period: 1988-1994
Amount: \$300,772.95
\$204,616.25

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Blake Hawthorne

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Mark W. Eidman
Ray Langenberg
Scott, Douglass &
McConnico
Austin

Issue: Whether inclusion of access charges in Texas' gross receipts violates Comptroller rules on franchise tax treatment of interstate telephone receipts. Whether inclusion of the charges violates equal protection.

Status: Answer filed.

Delco Electronics Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-12045
AG Case #97-843052

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 10/22/97 Period: 1992-1995 Amount: \$536,478	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo L.G. Skip Smith Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether interest, rental and royalty income earned by Plaintiff should not be included in income because it was derived from discrete business enterprises that served an investment, rather than an operational function, and the activities producing the income were not part of the unitary business conducted by Plaintiff in Texas.

Status: Settled.

First Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200229
AG Case #021556980

Franchise Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 01/24/02 Period: 1996 through 1999 Amount: \$1,919,109	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo James F. Martens Christina A. Mondrik Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Whether the throwback rule is unconstitutional and violates P.L. 86-272. Whether apportionment under the throwback rule, when compared to a separate accounting method, creates such a gross disparity in taxable income as to be unconstitutional. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

**Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Legal & Professional, HBJ Farm Publications,
Psychological Corp., Drake Beam Morin, Inc. and Holt Rinehart & Winston, Inc.
v. Sharp, et al.** Cause #97-03795
AG Case #97-706290

Franchise Tax; Protest
and Declaratory
Judgment
Filed: 03/28/97
Period: 1987-1990
1989-1991
1988-1991
Amount: \$243,469 (total
of all)

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Blake Hawthorne

Jess M. Irwin, III
Steven D. Moore
Jackson & Walker
Austin

Issue: Whether inter-company payable account obligations should have been excluded from debt for purposes of calculating franchise tax. Attorneys fees.

Status: Plaintiffs presented written settlement offer.

Holt Rinehart & Winston, Inc., Drake Beam Morin, Inc., Harcourt Professional Education Group, Inc., The Psychological Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100985
AG Case #011433455

Franchise Tax; Protest &
Declaratory Judgment
Filed: 04/03/01
Period: 1992-1994
Amount: \$512,387.46

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Blake Hawthorne

Steven D. Moore
Jackson Walker LLP
Austin

Issue: Whether intercompany payable account obligations should have been excluded from debt for purposes of calculating franchise tax. Attorneys fees.

Status: Answer filed. Comptroller considering settlement offer.

Inova Diagnostics, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201829
AG Case #021626213

Franchise Tax; Refund &
Declaratory Judgment
Filed: 06/03/02
Period: 1997 & 1998
Amount: \$275
\$347

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Steve Rodriguez

Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.
Christina A. Mondrik
Stahl, Martens & Bernal
Austin

Issue: Whether taxpayer has nexus with Texas. Whether the capital- based franchise tax is measured by net income for purposes of P.L. 86-272. Whether the Comptroller wrongfully forfeited plaintiff's corporate privileges. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 03/24/03.

May Department Stores Co., The v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-06899

AG Case #98-983559

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 06/26/98 Period: 1991-1995 Amount: \$207,375	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo L.G. Skip Smith Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's officer and director compensation should be added to taxable surplus for franchise tax purposes.

Status: Retained on suspense docket. See *Palais Royal & 3 Beall Brothers 3, Inc. v. Comptroller*.

Network Security Acceptance Corp., as Successor in Interest to Network Security Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #95-15698

AG Case #96-437029

Franchise Tax; Protest Filed: 12/21/95 Period: 1986-1987 Amount: \$355,619	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether acquisition debt incurred by an acquiring corporation may be pushed down to the acquired corporation to reduce taxable capital.

Status: Settled.

North Star Steel Texas, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-12019
AG Case #98-1071152

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 10/23/98 Period: 1992-1995 Amount: \$725,830	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo James F. Martens Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Whether Comptroller properly interpreted the throw-back rule for purposes of apportioning gross receipts.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial set 08/25/03.

Palais Royal, Inc. and 3 Beall Brothers 3, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-03719
#03-01-00224-CV
AG Case #96-495867

Franchise Tax; Protest Filed: 04/01/96 Period: 1992-1993 (3 Beall) 1992-1995 (Palais) Amount: \$700,974	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether the 1991 Franchise Tax Statute is unconstitutionally retroactive as applied to the 1992 report year of a fiscal year taxpayer. Whether the officer-director add-back statute is unconstitutional under equal taxation provisions. Whether the implementation of the earned surplus tax component violated due process.

Status: Trial court granted Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment on the due process, retroactivity, and equal tax issues, and granted the State's Motion for Summary Judgment on the officer-director compensation add-back issue. Judgment signed 01/29/01. Appellants' brief filed 06/22/01. Appellees' brief filed 10/05/01. Oral argument held 10/17/01. Appellees' post-submission brief filed 10/29/01. Appellants' post-submission brief filed. Appellees' post-submission letter brief filed. Third Court of Appeals reversed and rendered judgment for Comptroller on all issues. Petition for Review filed 08/13/02. Respondents' brief filed 09/12/02. Petition denied. Motion for Rehearing filed 11/14/02; denied 12/19/02.

Pfizer, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN001781
AG Case #001323641

Franchise Tax; Protest Filed: 06/20/00 Period: 1994-1996 Amount: \$309,078	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether franchise tax is due on gain from sale of an operating division that was capitalized, incorporated and sold. Whether receipts from sales of drugs shipped from outside Texas should be included in Texas' earned surplus gross receipts. Whether the throw-back rule applies to Michigan sales. Whether tax on income earned before the effective date of the earned surplus component is unconstitutional. Whether all penalty and interest should be waived.

Status: Cross-motions for summary judgment denied 02/06/02. Non-jury trial set 06/09/03.

Randall's Food & Drugs, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003174
AG Case #001375450

Franchise Tax; Protest & Refund Filed: 10/31/00 Period: 1994-1997 Amount: \$4,006,942.39	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Jasper G. Taylor, III Jay M. Chadha Fulbright & Jaworski Houston
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller's Rule 3.555(g)(3), which denies a carry forward of business losses of a merged corporation by the surviving corporation, is an unconstitutional retroactive law or a violation of Texas and Delaware statutes on mergers. Whether compensation of officers and directors should have been added back to Plaintiff's income and whether doing so violates constitutional equal taxation requirements. Whether some receipts were incorrectly treated as Texas receipts. Whether surplus calculation by the Comptroller should have excluded increases from push-down accounting. Whether failure to waive penalties and interest was arbitrary. Whether the audit has calculation errors. Whether the Comptroller's determination and decision violate equal protection, due process, and other constitutional provisions.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Reliant Energy Corp. (formerly Houston Industries, Inc.) v. Rylander, et al.

Cause #GN103935

AG Case #011532348

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 11/28/01 Period: 1998 Amount: \$2,581,013.52	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt L.G. Skip Smith David H. Gilliland Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff may use business loss carry-forward from non-surviving corporation in merger to reduce its franchise tax.

Status: Answer filed.

Reliant Energy Gas Transmission Co., fka Noram Gas Transmission Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-08127

AG Case #99-1187675

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 07/15/99 Period: 1996 Amount: \$163,758.10	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt L.G. Skip Smith David H. Gilliland Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether a business loss carry-forward of a merged corporation may be used to reduce the surviving corporation's franchise tax.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Saudi Refining, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-04227

AG Case #99-1155755

Franchise Tax; Refund & Protest Filed: 04/09/99 Period: 1994-1995 Amount: \$502,834.84 & \$190,000.58	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Ira A. Lipstet Therese L. Surprenant Jenkins & Gilchrist Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff may take franchise tax credit as a joint venture partner for equipment sales taxes paid by the joint venture.

Status: Motion to retain granted. Order waiving mediation granted 05/29/01. Discovery in progress. Motion for Summary Judgment hearing held 12/16/02. Judgment granted in favor of Comptroller 01/23/03.

Sergeant Enterprises, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-15475

AG Case #97-652613

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 12/31/96 Period: 1995 Amount: \$42,968	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether a business loss carry-forward can be transferred to another corporation by way of merger and whether Rule 3.555 prohibiting such a transfer is applicable to audit periods before the effective date of the rule.

Status: Cross-motions for summary judgment held 12/11/02. Judgment for the Comptroller signed 12/19/02. Judgment appealed 01/17/03.

Southern Union Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003692

AG Case #011399409

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 12/29/00 Period: 1994 Amount: \$549,983	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Eric Hagenswold Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff was required to use historical cost as the basis of assets of an acquired corporation. Whether post-retirement benefit obligations are debt. Whether disallowing deduction of post-retirement benefits violates equal protection. Whether Plaintiff may use another method to account for depreciation.

Status: Partial settlement.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204559

AG Case #031730666

Franchise Tax; Protest &
Refund

Filed: 12/20/02

Period: 1996-1999

Amount: \$34,880,360.66

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Christine Monzingo

Mark W. Eidman

Ray Langenberg

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether interstate access revenues are Texas receipts for franchise tax purposes. Whether treating the revenues as Texas receipts violates the Comptroller's Rule on interstate calls and the due process, equal protection and commerce clauses of the Constitution. Whether other interstate call revenues in border areas are not Texas receipts.

Status: Answer filed.

Specialty Retailers, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100415

AG Case #011410529

Franchise Tax; Refund

Filed: 02/08/01

Period: 1992-1996

Amount: \$34,167

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Christine Monzingo

Mark W. Eidman

Ray Langenberg

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a refund for a business loss carryforward.

Status: Answer filed.

Specialty Retailers, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102549
AG Case #011479979

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 08/13/01 Period: 1997 Amount: \$99,182	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether the officer add-back provision violates equal and uniform taxation, equal protection, or due process.

Status: Answer filed.

Specialty Retailers, Inc. and 3 Beall Brothers 3, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-01348
AG Case #98-893255

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 02/06/98 Period: 1993 Amount: \$250,488	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether the 1993 franchise tax on earned surplus is a retroactive tax as applied to fiscal year taxpayers.

Status: Bankruptcy stay in effect. See *General Dynamics v. Sharp* and *3 Beall Brothers 3, Inc. v. Comptroller, et al.*

Texaco Refining & Marketing (East), Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-14555
AG Case #99-1249228

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 12/15/99 Period: 1994 Amount: \$1,028,616.15	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David H. Gilliland L.G. (Skip) Smith Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a franchise tax credit for sales tax on manufacturing equipment purchased by a joint venture that it co-owned.

Status: Answer filed. On hold pending outcome of *Saudi Refining, Inc. v. Rylander, et al.*

Texas Instruments, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102799
AG Case #011496635

Franchise Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 08/27/01 Period: 1987-1990 Amount: \$6,683,563.48	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo David Cowling Todd Wallace Gregory E. Perry Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether delivering goods to plaintiff's customers in plaintiff's "bond rooms" for eventual shipment out-of-state were sales that generated Texas receipts. Whether Plaintiff's long-term contracts were properly characterized as service contracts. Whether treatment of Plaintiff's cost-plus contracts as service contracts violated equal protection or equal and uniform taxation. Whether all interest should have been waived. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Non-jury trial set 12/08/03.

U.S. Home Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003082
AG Case #001372424

Franchise Tax; Refund Filed: 10/20/00 Period: 1992 and 1993 Amount: \$46,607.88	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson D. Steven Henry Gregory A. Harwell Robert M. Reed, Jr. Gardere & Wynne Dallas
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to write down or write off the value of its investment in bankrupt subsidiaries.

Status: Answer filed.

**Westcott Communications, Inc., Law Enforcement Television Network, Inc.,
Westcott ECI, Inc. and TI-IN Acquisition Corp. v. Sharp, et al.** Cause #98-14049
#03-02-00351-CV
AG Case #99-1093113

Franchise Tax; Protest Filed: 12/17/98 Period: 01/01/92- 12/31/94 Amount: \$1,182,242.67	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Steve Wingard Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether apportionment of satellite service gross receipts to Texas violates the commerce, due process or equal protection clauses of the Constitution or the Tax Code and Comptroller rules apportioning receipts to the state where a service is performed. Alternatively, whether interest should be waived.

Status: Defendants' Cross Motion for Summary Judgment filed 02/27/02. Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment set 03/21/02. Court granted Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment 05/20/02. Clerk's Record filed 07/11/02. Appellants' brief filed 08/23/02. Appellee's brief filed 09/23/02. Appellant's reply brief filed 11/08/02. Submitted on oral argument 11/13/02. Appellee letter brief filed 11/21/02.

Sales Tax

AccuTel of Texas, L.P. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN300091

AG Case #031735236

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 01/10/03 Period: 06/01/97- 11/30/00 Amount: \$45,658.15	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Natalie Foerster Christopher Malish Foster & Malish Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff should have been assessed interest and penalty.

Status: Answer filed.

Advanta Business Services Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103463

AG Case #011514544

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 10/19/01 Period: 11/01/92- 12/31/97 Amount: \$929,964.11	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne W. Stephen Benesh Deanna E. King Bracewell & Patterson Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff's leases were financing leases and not taxable operating leases under Comptroller Rule 3.294(i). Whether the Comptroller's sample was flawed. Alternatively, whether penalty and interest should have been waived.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Alexopolous, Dimitrios P. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-08096

AG Case #99-1187865

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/14/99 Period: 07/01/88- 03/31/95 Amount: \$134,455.65	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Stephen W. Sather Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee Austin
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Issue: Issue is whether the Comptroller incorrectly calculated Plaintiff's gross taxable sales by using too low a factor for Plaintiff's personal consumption, improperly comparing Plaintiff's operations to other fast-food outlets, failing to consider that higher subsequent sales were due to population increases, determining that Plaintiff kept inadequate records when Plaintiff had lost them in a fire, and failing to consider the results of an IRS audit. Whether penalty and interest should be waived.

Status: Bankruptcy stay in effect. Discovery in progress. Trial set 10/15/01. Plaintiff filed bankruptcy petition 09/24/01. Bankruptcy/Collection Division has requested bankruptcy court to abstain. Case to be tried in Bankruptcy Court 11/08/02.

Alpine Industries, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-12998
AG Case #98-1080526

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 11/20/98 Period: 1994-1998 Amount: \$31,128.62	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Stephen D. Good Gregory A. Harwell Gardere & Wynne Dallas
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Issue: Whether Alpine may be regarded as a seller for direct sales made in Texas by independent dealers and whether holding Alpine liable for sales tax violates the commerce clause, due process or equal protection.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 05/19/03.

America Online, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203015
AG Case #021663323

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 08/26/02 Period: 01/01/90- 03/31/97 Amount: \$15,271,936.64	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff was a retailer engaged in business and with a physical presence in Texas during the audit period. Whether tax on Plaintiff violates Tex. Tax Code §151.307(c) and the Texas and United States Constitutions. Alternatively, whether penalty and interest should be waived.

Status: Discovery in progress.

American Oil Change Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-06374

AG Case #99-1175084

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 06/03/99 Period: 1992-1993 Amount: \$467,142.31	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Bill Johnson Baker Botts Houston
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Issue: Whether materials are provided by Plaintiff to its customers in the course of its motor vehicle repairs under lump sum contracts, requiring Plaintiff to pay tax on the cost of materials. If Plaintiff's contracts are lump sum, whether Plaintiff is entitled to credit for tax collected from its customers and remitted to the Comptroller. Whether software services are taxable when the seller of the services contributes rather than sells the software itself. Whether software services are exempt under §151.346 as sales between affiliated entities of previously exempt services. Whether interest should have been waived. Whether any of the above issues result in a denial of equal protection, equal and uniform taxation or due process under the federal and state constitutions.

Status: Discovery in progress. Mediation held 10/15/02. Trial scheduled 06/30/03.

Aramis Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03527

AG Case #98-930349

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 04/03/98 Period: 04/01/90- 03/31/94 Amount: \$291,196	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Answer filed.

Aramis Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #0000384
AG Case #001273051

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 02/11/00 Period: 04/01/94- 12/31/97 Amount: \$281,676.36	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Robert Lochridge Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid and whether the Comptroller has authority to change its long-standing policy. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Answer filed.

Baldry, Ann d/b/a Annie's Housekeeping Services v. Sharp, et al. Cause #95-
02389
AG Case #95-234990

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 2/27/95 Period: 04/01/88- 06/30/92 Amount: \$63,588	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Alvin L. Thomas, II Littler, Mendleson & Fastiff Houston
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Issue: Whether sales tax is due on maid services provided by maids placed by Plaintiff's service but acting as independent contractors. Also, whether Plaintiff relied, to her detriment, on advice from the Comptroller's Office.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Bandas, David v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201236
AG Case #021598024

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 04/16/02 Period: 05/01/96- 04/30/00 Amount: \$24,178.86	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Tom Tourtellotte Hance Scarborough Wright Ginsberg & Brusilow Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff is entitled to a sale for resale exemption on data processing services used in preparing tax returns.

Status: Answer filed.

Bedrock General Contractors v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101432
AG Case #011442035

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 05/10/01 Period: 06/01/92- 01/31/96 Amount: \$64,552.33	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Nicole Galwardi Timothy M. Trickey The Trickey Law Firm Austin
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Issue: Whether successor liability was retroactively imposed. Whether successor liability may be imposed when little or no cash is exchanged in the purchase of the predecessor.

Status: Answer filed.

Bell Bottom Foundation Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-01092
AG Case #99-1112186

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 01/29/99 Period: 01/01/91- 12/31/94 Amount: \$81,571.73	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Timothy M. Trickey The Trickey Law Firm Austin
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Issue: Whether taxpayer's sub-contract was a separated contract since the general contractor's construction contract was separated.

Status: Answer filed. Change of counsel filed.

Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200525

AG Case #021567755

Sales Tax; Refund &
Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 02/15/02

Period: 01/01/90-
06/30/93

07/01/93-06/30/97

Amount: \$7,280,079

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Jim Cloudt

Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.

Kirk R. Lyda

Stahl, Martens & Bernal

Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees and a declaration that the Comptroller disregarded controlling federal law, violated equal protection or imposed tax on the U.S. government.

Status: Answer filed.

Big Tex Air Conditioning, Inc. v. Bullock, et al. Cause #486,321

AG Case #90-322672

Sales Tax; Protest

Filed: 6/26/90

Period: 04/01/85-
07/31/88

Amount: \$181,397

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Steve Rodriguez

John W. Berkel

Houston

Issue: Detrimental reliance and various allegations of unconstitutional enforcement; statute of limitations.

Status: Some discovery done. Inactive.

Boeing North America, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203340
AG Case #021676804

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 09/13/02 Period: 01/01/95- 12/31/96 Amount: \$343,487	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade David H. Gilliland Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Plaintiff claims a sale for resale exemption on items resold to the federal government. Plaintiff also claims a denial of equal protection and an exemption under §151.3111.

Status: Answer filed.

Border Steel Rolling Mills, Inc. and Border Steel, Inc., as Successor in Interest to Border Steel Rollings Mills, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002671
AG Case #001352137

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 09/08/00 Period: 06/01/91- 08/31/95 Amount: \$76,281.34	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood, Fine & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's rail-mounted cranes, related repair parts and labor are exempt from sales and use tax as rolling stock. Whether the Comptroller fully implemented an administrative agreement on taxation of other equipment and parts qualifying for the manufacturing exemption.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Brighton Builders, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-11830
AG Case #97-837489

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 10/15/97 Period: 10/01/92- 09/30/95 Amount: \$195,368	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Ray Langenberg Scott Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether certain real property services, such as landscaping and construction site cleanup, are taxable.

Status: Discovery near completion.

Briscoe, Billy R. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103316

AG Case #011509502

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 10/09/01	Plaintiff's Counsel:	James F. Martens
Period: 1975-1979		Stahl, Martens & Bernal
Amount: \$140,000		Austin

Issue: Whether plaintiff owes motor vehicle sales tax on trailers affixed to real property. Whether plaintiff may recover damages for harm to his credit rating caused by the Comptroller. Plaintiff seeks release of liens, economic damages and attorneys' fees.

Status: Settlement pending.

Broadcast Satellite International, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002895

AG Case #001365014

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 10/02/00	Plaintiff's Counsel:	William E. Bailey
Period: 01/01/91- 12/31/97		Dallas
Amount: \$250,840.25		

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's broadcast services are non-taxable information services under §151.0038(a). Whether Plaintiff's services are not taxable telecommunications services under §151.0103(l) or data processing under §151.0035. Whether the sale or use of Plaintiff's services occurred out-of-state. Whether Plaintiff's experts demonstrated that Plaintiff is exempt under federal law. Plaintiff also asserts limitations as to part of the liability and seeks declaratory and injunctive relief.

Status: Temporary injunction hearing held 11/29/00. Temporary injunction denied 02/08/01.

Broadcast Satellite International, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103568
AG Case #011518479

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment, Refund & Protest Filed: 10/26/01 Period: 01/01/91- 12/31/97 Amount: \$200,000	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson William E. Bailey Dallas
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's broadcast services are non-taxable information services under §151.0038(a). Whether Plaintiff's services are not taxable telecommunications services under §151.0103(l) or data processing under §151.0035. Whether the sale or use of Plaintiff's services occurred out-of-state. Whether Plaintiff's experts demonstrated that Plaintiff is exempt under federal law. Plaintiff asserts limitations as to part of the liability and also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Burgess, Connie, Individually and on Behalf of all Similarly Situated Consumers v. Gallery Model Homes, Inc., dba Gallery Furniture and all Similarly Situated Retailers Cause #01-01-01014-CV
AG Case #021641543

Sales Tax; Refund & Class Action Filed: 06/99 Period: Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Ronald J. Kormanik Michael D. Sydow Sydow, Kormanik, Carrigan & Eckerson Houston Donald Self The Law Offices of Don Self Houston George Y. Nino The Nino Law Firm Houston
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Issue: Whether Plaintiffs may sue their vendors directly in a class action suit for alleged overcharges of sales tax without first getting a determination on the merits from the Comptroller.

Status: Comptroller's amicus brief filed. Oral argument held 11/04/02. Judgment affirmed.

C & T Stone Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002428

AG Case #001344233

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 08/18/00 Period: 04/01/94- 12/31/97 Amount: \$207,454.40	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez William T. Peckham Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes sales tax on its sales of limestone to third parties under §151.311(a). Whether Plaintiff detrimentally relied on advice from the Comptroller's Office. Whether exemption certificates covered some sales that were assessed tax. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to the manufacturing exemption under §151.318(g). Whether penalty and interest should be waived.

Status: Motion to Retain granted.

Cafeteria Operators, L.P. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-14363

#03-01-00447-CV

AG Case #99-1243411

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 12/09/99 Period: 04/01/91- 10/31/94 Amount: \$117,868.69	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's use of gas and electricity is exempt as processing. Whether Plaintiff's food products are prepared or stored for immediate consumption, thus eliminating the exemption. Whether taxation of Plaintiff's purchases of gas and electricity violates equal protection and lacks a rational basis.

Status: Summary judgment granted for defendants 07/05/01. Notice of appeal and request to clerk to prepare clerk's record filed 08/02/01. Docketing statement filed with Court of Appeals 08/15/01. Clerk's Record filed 09/13/01. Appellants' brief filed 10/10/01. Appellants' request for oral argument overruled on 11/27/01. Case set for submission on the briefs only on 01/14/02. Appellees' brief filed 12/18/01. Appellants' motion for oral argument filed 12/27/01; denied 01/09/02. Appellants' reply brief filed 01/11/02. Court of Appeals affirmed Summary Judgment for defendants 07/26/02; withdrawn 10/10/02. Motion for Rehearing filed 08/09/02; granted 10/10/02. Petition for Review filed in Supreme Court 11/22/02. Response to Petition for Review filed 02/03/03.

Central Power & Light Co. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-11455
AG Case #96-602037

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 09/20/96 Period: 07/01/86- 12/31/89 Amount: \$32,788	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade L.G. Skip Smith Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether utility pole replacement services are non-taxable maintenance or taxable repair labor.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Cervantes, Elsa v. Rylander Cause #GN202413
AG Case #021649827

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/25/02 Period: 2002 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Mark N. Osborn Andrew S. Miller Kemp Smith, P.C. El Paso
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Issue: Plaintiff contests the suspension of its Texas Customs Broker License and disagrees with the Comptroller's policy on goods being exported.

Status: Answer filed.

Chapal Zenray, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204506
AG Case #031729197

Sales Tax; Protest & Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jana Kinkade
Filed: 12/16/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark W. Eidman
Period: 01/01/94- 12/31/97		Ray Langenberg
Amount: \$210,943.91		Curtis J. Osterloh
		Scott, Douglass & McConnico
		Austin

Issue: Whether items such as boxes, foam pads and twist ties are not subject to tax pursuant to Tex. Tax Code §151.011 (f)(2) and Rule 3.346 (c)(1)(c) when purchased by a person who uses the items to secure jewelry for shipment out-of-state.

Status: Answer filed.

Church & Dwight Co., Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000525
AG Case #001258201

Sales Tax; Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Blake Hawthorne
Filed: 01/12/00	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Robert C. Alden
Period: 10/01/90- 12/31/93		Phillip L. Sampson, Jr.
Amount: \$64,868.50		Bracewell & Patterson
		Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes use tax on promotional materials shipped from out-of-state. Whether the Comptroller's imposition of use tax is invalid because Plaintiff made no use of the materials in Texas. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid. Whether the tax violates the Commerce and Due Process Clauses of the United States Constitution.

Status: Answer filed.

Clinique Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03533
AG Case #98-930330

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 04/03/98 Period: 04/01/90- 03/31/94 Amount: \$519,192	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Answer filed.

Clinique Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000376
AG Case #001273069

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 02/11/00 Period: 04/01/94- 03/31/98 Amount: \$650,361.82	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Robert Lochridge Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid and whether the Comptroller has authority to change its long-standing policy. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Answer filed.

Coastal Refining & Marketing, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03540
AG Case #98-930321

Sales Tax; Protest
Filed: 04/03/98
Period: 01/01/89-
06/30/89
07/01/89-12/31/91
Amount: \$1,635,965

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Blake Hawthorne

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Jasper G. Taylor, III
Fulbright & Jaworski
Houston

Joe W. Cox
Coastal States
Management Corp.
Houston

Issue: Whether certain work performed by Plaintiff is new construction under a lump sum contract and thus not taxable.

Status: Discovery in progress. Plaintiff has submitted settlement offer.

Colt, Mach V., Trustee of the Harry T. Lloyd Charitable Trust, successor in interest to House of Lloyd, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100740

AG Case #011423951

Sales Tax; Refund &
Declaratory Judgment
Filed: 03/09/01
Period: 01/01/95-
03/31/99
Amount: \$645,193.40

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Steve Rodriguez

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Marilyn A. Wethekam
Horwood Marcus & Berk
Chartered
Chicago, Illinois

David E. Cowling
Charolette Noel
Gregory E. Perry
Jones, Day, Reavis &
Pogue
Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to refund of sales tax on "hostess free goods," because Plaintiff paid use tax on the goods. Whether sales tax collected from its hostesses on hostess free goods can be refunded to them by a credit for merchandise. Whether Rule 3.325(b)(2) is invalid. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Cruz, Eduardo v. Rylander Cause #GN203600
AG Case #021684410

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 10/03/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark N. Osborn
Period: 2002		Andrew S. Miller
Amount: \$		Kemp Smith, P.C.
		El Paso

Issue: Plaintiff contests the suspension of its Texas Custom Broker License and disagrees with the Comptroller's policy on goods being exported. Plaintiff also claims that the rules and statutes relied on by the Comptroller to enforce Plaintiff's suspension are unconstitutional. Plaintiff seeks a declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees along with the appeal of the administrative suspension.

Status: Settlement pending.

Dillard's, Inc., aka Dillard Department Stores, Inc., and Dillard Texas Operating Limited Partnership v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203937
AG Case #021703947

Sales Tax; Protest & Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Scott Simmons
Filed: 10/30/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark W. Eidman
Period: 07/01/93- 01/31/96		Ray Langenberg
02/01/96-11/30/96		Doug Sigel
Amount: \$1,100,000+		Scott, Douglass & McConnico
		Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's sewing machines and other property used to alter clothing qualify for the manufacturing exemption. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to a refund of tax on packaging supplies, non-taxable services, and industrial solid waste disposal. Whether the Comptroller improperly applied a franchise tax credit to the assessed amount.

Status: Answer filed.

E.de la Garza, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003589
AG Case #0011395316

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 12/15/00 Period: 01/01/93- 12/31/96 Amount: \$83,138.14	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Rudy de la Garza Brownsville
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Issue: Whether sales of grocery bags and sacks are not taxable when sold to grocery stores who have provided a blanket sale for resale certificate. Plaintiff also complains of audit calculation errors.

Status: Discovery in progress.

EFW, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200906
AG Case #021579578

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 03/19/02 Period: 04/94-03/31/98 Amount: \$123,440.25	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Doug Sigel Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

ELC Beauty LLC, as Successor-in-Interest to Aramis Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203514
AG Case #

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 09/26/02 Period: 01/01/98- 12/31/00 Amount: \$284,508.69	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David Cowling Robert Lochridge Gregory E. Perry Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed. Whether Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) is invalid and whether the Comptroller has authority to change its long-standing policy. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Answer filed.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103408
AG Case #011509676

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 10/16/01 Period: 01/01/96- 01/31/96 Amount: \$288,750	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Ron Patterson Kliwer, Breen, Garatoni, Patterson & Malone, Inc. San Antonio
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Issue: Whether plaintiff, a common carrier pipeline owner, owes use tax on an aircraft used in its business.

Status: Answer filed. Outcome pending *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. v. Rylander, et al.*

El Paso Natural Gas Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103409
AG Case #011509650

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 10/16/01 Period: 10/01/93- 07/31/96 Amount: \$16,290.85	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Ron Patterson Kliwer, Breen, Garatoni, Patterson & Malone, Inc. San Antonio
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Issue: Plaintiff contends that because it operates a common-carrier pipeline and is a certificated or licensed carrier of property it may avoid sales tax on repair, remodeling, and maintenance services purchased in connection with the maintenance and repair of aircraft Plaintiff owns and uses in operating its common-carrier pipeline.

Status: Answer filed. Outcome pending *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. v. Rylander, et al.*

Estee Lauder Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03525
AG Case #98-930358

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 04/03/98 Period: 01/01/89- 09/30/92 Amount: \$472,225	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Settlement offer pending.

Estee Lauder Services, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03524
AG Case #98-930367

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 04/03/98 Period: 10/01/92- 03/31/96 Amount: \$748,773	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Settlement offer pending.

Estee Lauder Services, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101312

AG Case #011439874

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 05/01/01	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Period: 04/01/96- 06/30/99	Plaintiff's Counsel:	David E. Cowling Robert Lochridge Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
Amount: \$614,814.78		

Issue: Whether written and other promotional materials incurred use tax when delivered into Texas to retailers. Issue of when and where ownership rights existed.

Status: Settlement offer pending.

F M Express Food Mart, Inc., and Fouad Hanna Mekdessi v. Rylander, et al.

Cause #GN002724

AG Case #001353960

Sales Tax; Injunction Filed: 09/15/00	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Blake Hawthorne
Period: 12/01/90- 11/30/97	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Percy L. "Wayne" Isgitt Houston
Amount: \$360,671.05		

Issue: Whether Comptroller's "estimated audit" is invalid. Whether Plaintiffs are entitled to an injunction of collection and of cancellation of their sales tax permits. Whether Tax Code §§ 112.051, 112.052, 112.101 and 112.108 are unconstitutional violations of the open courts provision. Plaintiffs seek a re-audit and a refund of money paid under protest in excess of the re-audited amount.

Status: Discovery in progress. Plaintiffs currently preparing settlement offer.

FXI Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102724
AG Case #011492857

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 08/22/01 Period: 10/01/94- 06/30/98 Amount: \$51,832.31	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Eric Hagenswold Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's boxes and packing materials are exempt as items shipped out-of-state. Whether denial of the exemption violates equal protection.

Status: Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment set for hearing 04/09/03.

Fiesta Texas Theme Park, Ltd. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-02407
AG Case #98-914152

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 03/05/98 Period: 10/01/90- 04/30/93 Amount: \$328,829	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Jasper G. Taylor, III Fulbright & Jaworski Houston
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Issue: Whether prizes awarded by Plaintiff to successful contestants of coin-operated as well as non-coin operated games are purchased for resale. Whether sales tax constitutes double taxation on machines on which occupation tax is paid and on non-coin games, admission to which is taxed. Advertising and sewing services are not taxable.

Status: Discovery in progress.Scheduling order filed. Trial set 04/21/03.

Fiesta Texas Theme Park, Ltd. and San Antonio Theme Park, L.P. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200563
AG Case #021567789

Sales Tax; Refund
Filed: 02/20/02
Period: 05/01/93-
03/01/96
03/01/96-02/28/98
Amount: \$592,759.97
\$349,933.08

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jana Kinkade

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Jasper G. Taylor III
Jay M. Chadha
Fulbright & Jaworski
Houston

Issue: Whether prizes awarded by Plaintiff to successful contestants of coin-operated as well as non-coin operated games are purchased for resale. Whether sales tax constitutes double taxation on machines on which occupation tax is paid and on non-coin games, admission to which is taxed. Advertising and sewing services are not taxable. Whether the assessment against Fiesta was outside limitations.

Status: Consolidated with Cause No. 98-02407.

Garza, Lawrence v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-07607

AG Case #98-1001886

Sales Tax; Protest
Filed: 07/17/98
Period: 01/01/93-
09/30/95
Amount: \$83,910

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jana Kinkade

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Stephen P. Dillon
Lindeman & Dillon
Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller used the proper sampling procedure and whether Plaintiff was correctly notified of the procedure to be used.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial setting passed by agreement.

Gateway Homes, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-14225

AG Case #99-1093188

Sales Tax; Protest
Filed: 12/22/98
Period: 01/01/91-
09/30/95
Amount: \$133,146.26

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Christopher Jackson

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Mark W. Eidman
Ray Langenberg
Paige Arnette
Scott, Douglass &
McConnico
Austin

Issue: Whether various service activities such as landscaping, cleaning and waste removal are taxable real property services. Whether any tax due is owed by independent contractor service providers under a tax-included contract. Whether tax was assessed on non-taxable new construction. Whether the assessment violates equal protection and whether interest should be waived.

Status: Answer filed. Outcome pending *Perry Homes v. Rylander, et al.*

General Dynamics Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201322

AG Case #021598057

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 04/22/02 Period: 09/01/88- 11/30/91 Amount: \$7,000,000	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt Ira A. Lipstet Matthew G. Grimmer Jenkins & Gilchrist Austin
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Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

General Dynamics Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201323

AG Case #021598073

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 04/22/02 Period: 12/01/91- 02/28/93 Amount: \$4,500,000	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt Ira A. Lipstet Matthew G. Grimmer Jenkins & Gilchrist Austin
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Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Gift Box Corp. of America, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102934
AG Case #011492865

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 09/05/01 Period: 10/91-03/97 Amount: \$359,929.22	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Ira A. Lipstet Matthew G. Grimmer Jenkins & Gilchrist Austin
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Issue: Whether additional resale certificates should have been accepted for Plaintiff's sales of boxes and packaging materials.

Status: Answer filed. Plaintiff to make settlement offer.

Graybar Electric Co., Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-01795
AG Case #97-682966

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 02/13/97 Period: 01/01/88- 12/31/91 Amount: \$107,667	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether the sample audit resulted in a correct assessment.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

H.J. Wilson Co., Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-11574
AG Case #98-1063332

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 10/13/98 Period: 07/01/90- 12/31/93 Amount: \$1,076,019	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether the purchase of sales catalogs printed out-of-state and shipped to Plaintiff's customers in Texas (at no charge to the customer) incur sales tax.

Status: Answer filed. On hold. Plaintiff filed bankruptcy in Tennessee 03/25/99. Motion to dismiss by court set 05/07/01. Plaintiff filed motion to retain 04/25/01.

Hawa, Hunter Travis on behalf of all others similarly situated v. Red Lobster of Texas, Inc., et al. Cause #A-0166552

AG Case #021621339

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 05/14/02	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Gene Storie
Period: Amount: \$	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Peter Tropoli Houston

Issue: Whether the State is liable to a retailer who is sued in a class action to recover overpaid sales taxes.

Status: Mediation held 01/10/03.

Herndon Marine Products, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-14786

AG Case #91-164788

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 10/18/91	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Period: 01/01/87 - 03/31/90 Amount: \$62,465	Plaintiff's Counsel:	John D. Bell Wood, Boykin & Wolter Corpus Christi

Issue: Whether predominant use of electricity from Plaintiff's meter is exempt. Whether burden of proof in administrative hearing should be clear and convincing evidence or preponderance of the evidence.

Status: Special exceptions and answer filed.

Hines Interests Limited Partnership v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003245
AG Case #001381680

Sales Tax; Protest & Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 11/08/00	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gerard A. Desrochers Houston
Period: 07/01/92- 02/28/94		
Amount: \$129,677.60		

Issue: Whether correction of original construction defects is new construction or real property repair and remodeling. Whether Comptroller Rule 3.357 conflicts with legislative intent. Whether the Comptroller's application of the statute and rule violate due process and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

House of Lloyd, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000111
AG Case #001261478

Sales Tax; Protest & Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Steve Rodriguez
Filed: 01/21/00	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Marilyn A. Wethekam Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered Chicago, Illinois
Period: 06/01/92- 12/31/96		
Amount: \$597,281.67		L.G. (Skip) Smith Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes use tax on direct sales items, hostess free goods and demonstrator kits. Whether Plaintiff owes tax for under-collection of local sales tax. Whether the Comptroller's sample was flawed because it failed to consider over-collections of tax. Whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Dismissed for Want of Prosecution. Motion to Reinstate granted. Trial set 07/14/03.

Interpak Terminals, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #95-15213
AG Case #95-428718

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 12/07/95 Period: 04/01/89- 06/19/95 Amount: \$14,125	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Paul Price Tom Wheat Pearson & Price Corpus Christi
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to the exemption for wrapping and packaging materials it uses to package plastic pellets sent to it by the manufacturer of the pellets.

Status: Discovery in progress.

JBI, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203450
AG Case #

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 09/20/02 Period: 01/01/93- 08/31/99 Amount: \$1,046,033.09	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo W. Stephen Benesh James E. Boice Bracewell & Patterson Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller assessed tax on transactions that were sales for resale or on which use tax had already been paid.

Status: Answer filed.

JHS Enterprises, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201357
AG Case #021613591

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 04/25/02 Period: 01/01/97- 09/30/99 Amount: \$77,774.37	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Arne M. Ray Ray & Associates Houston
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes tax for storage of abandoned vehicles later sold by the City of Houston. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys fees.

Status: Plaintiff granted declaratory judgment action without pre-payment of tax.

Jerman Cookie Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101492

AG Case #011451598

Sales Tax; Refund and
Declaratory Judgment

Filed: 05/16/01

Period: 12/01/92 through
03/31/97

Amount: \$43,121.45

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Scott Simmons

Steve M. Williard
L. Don Knight
Meyer, Knight &
Williams
Houston

Issue: Whether plaintiff's sale of cookies and brownies is taxable under Tax Code §151.314 and Comptroller Rule 3.293. Plaintiff also seeks review under the Administrative Procedures Act and the UDJA, and seeks attorneys fees.

Status: Amended Petition filed. Discovery in progress.

John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., The v. Rylander, et al. Cause

#GN001612

AG Case #001316520

Sales Tax; Refund

Filed: 06/05/00

Period: 01/01/94-
12/31/98

Amount: \$345,377.95

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Blake Hawthorne

James D. Blume
Jennifer S. Stoddard
Blume & Stoddard
Dallas

Issue: Whether an insurance company is exempt from sales taxes on its use of electricity on the grounds that Tex. Ins. Code Art. 4.11, Section 9 prohibits them.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment filed. No hearing date set..

Kennedy, Gary G. dba Kennedy's Korner v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN202992
AG Case #021663539

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Steve Rodriguez
Filed: 08/22/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher J. Tome
Period:		Attorney at Law
Amount: \$		Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff may enjoin fraud audit subpoena and suspension of his sales and mixed beverage permits.

Status: Answer filed. Counter-claim filed.

LTV Aerospace & Defense Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203321
AG Case #021676770

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Filed: 09/13/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Alan E. Sherman, Esq.
Period: 06/01/86-08/31/92		Dallas
Amount: \$8,576,046		

Issue: Plaintiff claims a sale for resale exemption on items resold to the federal government. Plaintiff also claims a denial of equal protection and that the incidence of the tax falls on the federal government. Plaintiff claims that the Comptroller violated the commerce clause by failing to follow title-passing regulations and also seeks a declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

LabOne, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002190
AG Case #001335645

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Blake Hawthorne
Filed: 08/02/00	Plaintiff's Counsel:	James F. Martens
Period: 1991-1997		Kirk R. Lyda
Amount: \$520,983.95		Stahl, Martens & Bernal
		Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff has nexus in Texas for tax on performance of lab tests in Kansas. Whether Plaintiff's activities are taxable insurance services in Texas. Whether Plaintiff's services and sales of supplies are exempt by rule and statute. Whether tax on Plaintiff violates due process and equal taxation. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment hearing held 06/24/02. District Court denied parties' cross-motions for summary judgment. Trial set 04/21/03.

Lake Charles Yamaha, Inc. v. Morales, et al. Cause #95-3802
AG Case #95-325883

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jana Kinkade
Filed: 07/11/95	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Russell J. Stutes, Jr.
Period: 04/01/91-03/31/95		Scofield, Gerard, Veron,
Amount: \$150,214		Singletary & Pohorelsky
		Lake Charles, Louisiana

Issue: Plaintiff asserts that it has no nexus with Texas and cannot be assessed sales tax, although it concedes that it delivers merchandise into Texas in its own trucks. Plaintiff asks for a declaratory judgment and damages/attorneys fees under 42 USC §§1983 and 1988.

Status: Will be dismissed or non-suited pursuant to Lake Charles Music suit, Louisiana Appeals Court.

Laredo Country Club, Inc., A Texas Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-11834
AG Case #98-1064363

Sales Tax; Protest; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Scott Simmons
Filed: 10/20/98	Plaintiff's Counsel:	John Christian
Period: 08/1-30/98		Vinson & Elkins
Amount: \$2,054		Austin

Issue: Whether sales tax is due on the portion of country club membership fees designated as "capital improvement fees" and "gratuities."

Status: Dismissed for Want of Prosecution 07/25/02. Reopened, as plaintiff has filed a Motion for Reinstatement in 10/02.

Lebaron Hotel Corp., dba The Lebaron Hotel v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-17399
AG Case #92-10477

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 12/13/91 Period: 10/01/87 - 06/30/90 Amount: \$22,326	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Robert C. Cox Dallas
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Issue: Whether Comptroller could tax an arbitrary percentage of ingredients in complimentary mixed drinks and whether ingredients are exempt because they are taxed elsewhere. Is tax due on repairs to parking lot. Whether purchase of items from Ramada Inn is exempt as entire operating assets of a business or identifiable segment.

Status: Answer filed.

Lee Construction and Maintenance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-01091
AG Case #99-1112160

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 01/29/99 Period: 01/01/92- 12/31/95 Amount: \$31,830.47	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Timothy M. Trickey The Trickey Law Firm Austin
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Issue: Various issues, including credits for bad debts, tax paid, tax on new construction and tax paid in Louisiana, resale exemptions and waiver of penalty and interest.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

Liaison Resources, L.P., and David S. Claunch v. Rylander, et al. Cause
#GN202795
AG Case #021663307

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 08/14/02 Period: 1991-1999 Amount: \$136,659.08	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons James F. Martens Christina A. Mondrik Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiffs owe tax on computer-related temporary services. Whether the Comptroller improperly assessed tax on items sold out of state or on sales for resale. Plaintiffs also claim a violation of equal protection and seek attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Liu, Anne Lee v. Rylander Cause #GN202414
AG Case #021649835

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 07/25/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark. N. Osborn
Period: 2002		Andrew S. Miller
Amount: \$		Kemp Smith, P.C.
		El Paso

Issue: Plaintiff contests the suspension of its Texas Custom Broker License and disagrees with the Comptroller's policy on goods being exported.

Status: Answer filed.

Local Neon Co., Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-15042
AG Case #001254036

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Blake Hawthorne
Filed: 12/31/99	Plaintiff's Counsel:	James D. Blume
Period:		Jennifer S. Stoddard
Amount: \$34,390.24		Blume & Stoddard
		Dallas
		Judy M. Cunningham
		Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff was doing business in Texas by delivering and installing its signs that were sold under contract negotiated outside of Texas. Whether Plaintiff is entitled to declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Lockheed Martin Corp., as Successor to Lockheed Martin Vought Systems Corp. and Loral Vought Systems Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103525
AG Case #011523446

Sales Tax; Refund &
Declaratory Judgment
Filed: 10/24/01
Period: 09/01/92-
11/30/95
Amount: \$2,680,000

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jim Cloudt

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Mark W. Eidman
Ray Langenberg
Doug Sigel
Curtis J. Osterloh
Scott, Douglass &
McConnico
Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Lockheed Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201000
AG Case #021583745

Sales Tax; Refund
Filed: 03/26/02
Period: 03/01/93-
01/31/96
Amount: \$7,000,000

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jim Cloudt

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Ira A. Lipstet
Matthew G. Grimmer
Jenkins & Gilchrist
Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Lockheed Martin Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200999
AG Case #021583737

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 03/26/02 Period: 01/01/96- 09/30/97 Amount: \$3,500,000	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt Ira A. Lipstet Matthew G. Grimmer Jenkins & Gilchrist Austin
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Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Lockheed Martin Corp., Successor to Lockheed Martin Vought Systems Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201725
AG Case #021620414

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 05/23/02 Period: 12/01/95- 06/30/97 Amount: \$1,857,000	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Doug Sigel Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*.

Status: Answer filed.

Medaphis Physicians Services Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #94-11610
AG Case #94-149390

Sales Tax; Protest and Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Blake Hawthorne
Filed: 09/16/94	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gary Miles
Period: 05/01/94- 06/30/94		Sherri Alexander
Amount: \$17,063		Johnson & Wortley Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's services are taxable (1) insurance services, (2) debt collection services, or (3) data processing services, and whether Rules 3.330, 3.354, and 3.355 exceed the Comptroller's rule making authority.

Status: Inactive.

Melek Corp. v. Rylander Cause #GN100441
AG Case #011410511

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 02/12/01	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark N. Osborn
Period: 2000		Shelly Rivas
Amount: \$		Kemp Smith, P.C. El Paso

Issue: Plaintiff contests the suspension of its Texas Customs Broker License and disagrees with the Comptroller's policy on goods being exported.

Status: Answer filed. Discovery in progress.

Melek Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #2002-5377
AG Case #021709928

Sales Tax; Injunction & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 11/22/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark N. Osborn
Period: 2000		Shelly Rivas
Amount: \$		Kemp Smith, P.C. El Paso

Issue: Plaintiff seeks permanent injunction and declaratory relief from the suspension of its Texas Customs Broker License after its appeal to the district court was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Status: Temporary Injunction granted 12/02/02. Motion to Change Venue and Plea to the Jurisdiction filed. Agreed Order of Transfer signed 01/14/03.

Mitchell, Christia Parr v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201330
AG Case #021604541

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 04/22/02 Period: 01/01/95- 12/31/98 Amount: \$160,870.48	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Christia Parr Mitchell, Pro Se San Antonio
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Issue: Whether plaintiff may recover a sales tax refund for taxes paid by a corporation controlled by her ex-husband when the liability was paid pursuant to orders of the court in which the divorce was granted.

Status: Answer filed. Petition on related appeal in 4th Court of Appeals.

Nachhattar Tejpal Legha Enterprises, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203398
AG Case #021676812

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 09/18/02 Period: 04/01/97- 07/31/99 Amount: \$15,841	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons James F. Martens Jessica Scott Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Plaintiff claims that the Comptroller wrongfully assessed additional sales tax by misstating Plaintiff's gross taxable receipts and wrongfully failed to entertain Plaintiff's refund claim. Plaintiff also seeks a declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

National Business Furniture, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-03927
AG Case #98-932766

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Steve Rodriguez
Filed: 04/15/98	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.
Period: 01/01/93- 07/31/95		Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
Amount: \$68,398		

Issue: Whether promotional materials printed out-of-state and delivered into Texas are subject to use tax.

Status: Answer filed.

Neiman Marcus Group, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #93-10279-A
AG Case #93-340549

Sales Tax; Protest, Refund & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Christopher Jackson
Filed: 08/26/93	Plaintiff's Counsel:	David E. Cowling Gregg Perry
Period: 01/01/87- 03/31/90		Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
Amount: \$1,046,465		

Issue: Plaintiff's customers buy gifts from Plaintiff outside Texas and have the gifts delivered by common carrier to Texas "donees." Should the Comptroller have assessed use tax on these "gift sends." Second Issue: whether tax is due on certain remodeling services. Plaintiff asks for attorneys fees under 42 USC §§1983 and 1988.

Status: Agreed judgment signed 03/11/96 on the gift send issue. An agreed order for severance was signed on 03/11/96 on the remodeling issues and the attorneys' fees. Cause renumbered 93-10279-A. State filed a plea to jurisdiction on attorneys' fees on 10/06/93.

Neiman Marcus Group, Inc., The v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102403
AG Case #011478294

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 08/01/01 Period: 04/01/90- 12/31/93 Amount: \$1,908,969.01	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether printing charges for catalogs are not subject to use tax because: (a) the printing services were not used in Texas, (b) the printed catalogs were gifts for which title transferred outside Texas, (c) plaintiff did not have sufficient control to be a Texas user, (d) the statute does not include distribution in the definition of use, (e) no use tax is due under the doctrine of *Morton Bldgs.*, (f) Rule 3.346(b)(3)(A) does not apply or is invalid, and/or (g) Tax Code 151.3111(a) exempts the printing service. Whether photograph retouching is (a) a sale of tangible personal property, or (b) repair, remodeling, maintenance or restoration of tangible personal property, or (c) exempt under Tax Code 151.330(e). Also, whether remodeling contracts were tax included and whether sampling was improper. Plaintiff seeks attorneys fees.

Status: Answer filed.

North American Intelecom, Inc., et al. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-05318
AG Case #97-733563

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 05/02/97 Period: 04/01/91- 05/31/95 Amount: \$2,029,180	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Jasper G. Taylor, III Fulbright & Jaworski Houston
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Issue: Whether care, custody, and control of Plaintiff's public telephone equipment passed to their customers, so that Plaintiff could buy the equipment tax free for resale.

Status: Inactive.

North Texas Asset Management, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #94-08603
AG Case #94-113766

Sales Tax; Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	James Parsons
Filed: 7/14/94	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Judy M. Cunningham
Period: 05/02/91-12/31/91		Attorney at Law
Amount: \$24,307		Austin

Issue: Whether a sale of a business approved by the SBA (which held a lien and received the proceeds) is tantamount to a foreclosure sale so that no successor liability should attach.

Status: Answer filed; inactive. Parties are involved in informal discussions to resolve or eliminate issues currently in controversy.

Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. (Successor to Northrop Grumman Corp. and Vought Aircraft Co.) v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201344
AG Case #021607155

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Filed: 05/01/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr.
Period: 09/01/92-11/30/95		Kirk R. Lyda
Amount: \$1,600,000		Stahl, Martens & Bernal
		Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff claims that collection of the tax violates the supremacy clause as a tax on the U.S. government and that the Comptroller violated the constitutional requirements of equal protection and equal taxation by denying the refund claim. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Norwood Homes, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-05637
AG Case #98-970135

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 05/28/98 Period: 10/01/92- 06/30/96 Amount: \$77,887.44	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne John W. Mahoney Williams, Birnberg & Andersen Houston
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Issue: Whether certain cleaning services are taxable as real property services or are part of new construction of real property.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Perry Homes, A Joint Venture v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-14226
#03-02-00476-CV
AG Case #99-1093170

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 12/22/98 Period: 10/01/91- 09/30/93 Amount: \$550,978.17	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Paige Arnette Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether various service activities such as landscaping, cleaning and waste removal are taxable real property services. Whether any tax due is owed by independent contractor service providers under a tax- included contract. Whether tax was assessed on non-taxable new construction. Whether the assessment violates equal protection and whether interest should be waived.

Status: Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment filed. Summary Judgment Hearing held 06/13/02. Judgment granted in Comptroller's favor 07/15/02. Plaintiff filed Notice of Appeal 07/24/02. Clerk's Record filed 09/06/02. Supplemental Clerk's Record filed 09/17/02. Plaintiff's brief filed 10/07/02. Appellant filed appeal 07/24/02. Appellees' brief filed 10/25/02. Appellant filed Motion 11/15/02 to postpone oral argument. Oral argument completed 01/08/03.

Petrolite Corp. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-13885
AG Case #91-149840

Sales Tax; Protest and Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Blake Hawthorne
Filed: 09/27/91	Plaintiff's Counsel:	David H. Gilliland
Period: 04/01/84 - 03/31/88		Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
Amount: \$432,105		

Issue: Resale certificates; taxable maintenance services; taxability of various chemicals and other tangible personal property used in oil well services.

Status: Inactive.

Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-03919 (consolidated with Cause No. 95-00690, *Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al.*)
AG Case #97-706272

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jana Kinkade
Filed: 04/01/97	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gerard A. Desrochers
Period: 01/01/90-12/31/90		Houston
Amount: \$57,815		

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erroneously denied Plaintiff's claim for refund of tax paid on manufacturing equipment, alleging that Plaintiff was not engaged in actual manufacturing.

Status: See Cause No. 95-00690, *Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al.*

Praxair, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #95-00690
AG Case #95-214921

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jana Kinkade
Filed: 01/18/95	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gerard A. Desrochers
Period: 1990		Houston
Amount: \$74,608		

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erroneously denied Plaintiff's claim for refund of tax paid on manufacturing equipment, alleging that Plaintiff was not engaged in actual manufacturing.

Status: Discovery in progress. Stipulation of facts in progress.

R Communications, Inc. f/k/a RN Communications, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause

#91-4893

#03-91-00390CV

AG Case #91-62355

Sales Tax; Declaratory
Judgment

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Gene Storie

Filed: 04/08/91

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Mark How

Period: 10/01/80 -

Short, How, Frels &

11/02/84

Tredoux

Amount: \$None

Dallas

(Plaintiff was assessed
\$67,836 tax but did not
pay)

Issue: Whether a taxpayer can be required to pay the disputed tax before filing suit in district court. Constitutionality of §112.108 under Texas Constitution Open Courts provision.

Status: District Court granted State's plea to the jurisdiction. State won appeal. Supreme Court reversed and remanded on 04/27/94. State's motion for rehearing denied. Inactive.

RAI Credit Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003556

AG Case #011395266

Sales Tax; Refund &
Declaratory Judgment

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jim Cloudt

Filed: 12/12/00

Plaintiff's Counsel:

David Cowling

Period: 01/01/89-

Gregory E. Perry

12/31/93

Jones, Day, Reavis &

Amount: \$297,616.32

Pogue

Dallas

Issue: Whether Plaintiff lacks nexus for collection of use tax on accounts receivable that were factored to it. Whether Plaintiff is a “seller” or “retailer” engaged in business in Texas. Whether Plaintiff is liable under §111.016 as a person who received tax. Whether imposition of tax denies equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys’ fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Raytheon E-Systems, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101511

#03-02-00346-CV

AG Case #011451606

Sales Tax; Declaratory
Judgment and Refund

Filed: 05/17/01

Period: 06/01/89 -
12/31/96

Amount: \$6,000,000

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff’s Counsel:

Jim Cloudt

Mark W. Eidman
Ray Langenberg
Doug Sigel
Curtis J. Osterloh
Scott, Douglass &
McConnico
Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff’s contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys’ fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Summary Judgment hearing held 03/05/02. Partial summary judgment for plaintiff signed 03/29/02. Trial scheduled for 05/16/02. Judgment for Raytheon granted 05/15/02. Defendants’ notice of appeal filed 06/04/02. Plaintiff’s notice of appeal filed 06/14/02. Appellants’ brief filed 09/20/02. Brief on cross-appeal filed 09/30/02. Appellants’ brief filed 10/18/02. Appellants’ reply brief filed 11/07/02. Oral argument completed 12/04/02. Appellee’s post-submission brief filed 12/10/02. Comptroller’s post-submission brief filed 12/15/02. Trial court affirmed, in part, remanded, in part, 01/30/03.

Raytheon Co., as Successor in Interest to Raytheon Training, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201022
AG Case #021588694

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Filed: 03/28/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark W. Eidman
Period: 08/01/88 - 05/31/97		Scott, Douglass & McConnico
Amount: \$2,500,000.00		Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Roadway Express, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002831
AG Case #001357631

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Filed: 09/25/00	Plaintiff's Counsel:	David Cowling
Period: 04/01/88- 05/31/92		Robert Lochridge
Amount: \$713,686.05 \$206,053.87		Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas

Issue: Whether various equipment used by the Plaintiff with its trucks is exempt from use tax as tangible personal property sold to a common carrier for use outside the state. Alternatively, whether the equipment had been taxed as vehicle components under the interstate motor carrier tax and could not be taxed as "accessories." Alternatively, whether taxing 100% of the value of the equipment violates the Commerce Clause because of a lack of substantial nexus and of fair apportionment. Whether all tax was paid on Plaintiff's repair and remodeling contracts and capital assets. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Rockwell Collins, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203339
AG Case #021676788

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 09/13/02 Period: 01/01/97- 12/31/98 Amount: \$591,028.39	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade David H. Gilliland Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Plaintiff claims a sale for resale exemption on items resold to the federal government. Plaintiff also claims a denial of equal protection and an exemption under §151.3111.

Status: Answer filed.

Rollins & Rollins Enterprises, Inc. , dba Country Kwik Stop v. Rylander, et al.
Cause #GN202097
AG Case #021640651

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 06/28/02 Period: 08/01/97- 07/31/00 Amount: \$45,059.74	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons William T. Peckham Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff is liable for tax on food sold from its convenience store area. Whether the Comptroller applied proper percentages for loss and waste.

Status: Answer filed.

Sanchez, Hector and Sidney Fernald, et al. v. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.
Cause #M-00-146
AG Case #011527892

Sales Tax; Class Action Filed: 11/13/01 Period: Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie William J. Tinning Portland
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Issue: Whether SWBT is liable to class action plaintiffs for over-collection of tax.
Comptroller to provide testimony on tax.

Status: Comptroller to provide testimony on tax.

Schoenborn & Doll Enterprises, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-07605
AG Case #99-1187592

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/01/99 Period: 07/01/95- 05/31/97 Amount: \$140,936.92	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Kevin W. Morse Blazier, Christensen & Bigelow Austin
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Issue: Whether the portion of Plaintiff's gym membership fee allocated to aerobic training is included in Plaintiff's taxable amusement services. Whether the Comptroller improperly disregarded the rule addressing non-taxable aerobic and tanning services under the amusement services tax. Whether the Comptroller should have applied its detrimental reliance policy.

Status: Inactive. Plaintiff paying tax under pay-out agreement.

Sears Roebuck & Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-04138
AG Case #99-1152398

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 04/08/99 Period: 10/01/88- 12/31/91 Amount: \$1,792,421.59	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether use tax is owed on catalogs printed and shipped from out-of-state. Whether any taxable use was made or any consideration received by plaintiff. Whether "distribution" is a taxable use and whether the Comptroller's rule identifying it as such is valid. Whether imposition of the tax violates the due process, commerce, or equal protection clauses. Alternatively, whether calculation of the tax as on the correct cost basis, whether tax should not be collected because the catalogs are "books," and whether penalty should be waived.

Status: Answer filed.

Service Merchandise Co., Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-11572
AG Case #98-1063308

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 10/13/98 Period: 01/01/92- 12/31/93 Amount: \$413,569	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson David E. Cowling Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether the purchase of sales catalogs printed out-of-state and shipped to Plaintiff's customers in Texas (at no charge to the customer) incur sales tax.

Status: Answer filed. On hold. Plaintiff filed bankruptcy in Tennessee on 03/25/99. Motion to dismiss set 05/07/01. Plaintiff filed motion to retain 04/25/01.

Sharper Image Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203645
AG Case #021686779

Sales Tax; Protest, Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/09/02 Period: 07/01/94- 11/30/97 Amount: \$264,355.46	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin Martin I. Eisenstein Kevin J. Beal Brann & Isaacson Lewiston, ME
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Issue: Whether use tax imposed on catalogs shipped from out-of-state is unlawful because: (1) plaintiff never used the catalogs in Texas; (2) the tax violates the Commerce Clause; and, (3) Rule 3.346 is unconstitutional. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Sharper Image Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203821
AG Case #021696851

Sales Tax; Protest, Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/22/02 Period: 12/01/97- 03/31/01 Amount: \$258,205.20	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin Martin I. Eisenstein Kevin J. Beal Brann & Isaacson Lewiston, ME
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Issue: Whether use tax imposed on catalogs shipped from out-of-state is unlawful because: (1) plaintiff never used the catalogs in Texas; (2) the tax violates the Commerce Clause; and, (3) Rule 3.346 is unconstitutional. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Southern Sandblasting and Coatings, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103910
AG Case #011532355

Sales Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 11/27/01 Period: 01/01/95- 12/31/98 Amount: \$219,219.35 \$47.15	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Kirk R. Lyda Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff's grit, used in sandblasting vessels, and materials such as paint-gun parts, are exempt as materials used in repairing vessels. Whether denial of the exemption violates equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Trial set 05/05/03.

Southwest Food Processing & Refrigerated Services, aka Southwest Refrigerated Warehousing Services v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103390
AG Case #011509668

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 10/15/01 Period: 01/01/96- 12/31/99 Amount: \$188,477.57	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne H. Christopher Mott Krafsur Gordon Mott El Paso
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Issue: Whether plaintiff owes tax on electricity used to freeze food items.

Status: Answer filed.

Sprint International Communications, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-14298
AG Case #96-637296

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 11/22/96 Period: 02/01/86- 01/31/90 Amount: \$1,269,474	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Wallace M. Smith Donald L. Stuart R. Kemp Kasling Drenner & Stuart Austin
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Issue: Whether networking services are taxable as telecommunications services.

Status: Discussions in progress.

Steamatic of Austin, Inc., et al. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200631
AG Case #021567771

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 02/25/02 Period: 04/01/91- 04/30/94 Amount: \$103,335.27	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff is entitled to a tax refund for repairs to tangible personal property on the grounds that such repairs were for casualty losses exempt under the Comptroller's Rule 3.357 and 3.310. Whether the claim is barred by limitations. Whether the Comptroller improperly changed the rule on casualty losses.

Status: Answer filed.

Summit Photographix, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN001808

AG Case #001323633

Sales Tax; Declaratory
Judgment
Filed: 06/23/00
Period: 01/01/94-
12/31/96
Amount: \$6,532,000

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Blake Hawthorne

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Mark D. Hopkins
Fields & Hopkins
Austin

Hilary Thomas
Kondos & Kondos Law
Offices
Richardson

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is a direct sales company and may be regarded as a retailer for sales made by independent retailers of business start-up kits. Whether the Comptroller's rule defining direct sales organizations violates due process. Whether §151.024 was applied retroactively. Whether the items at issue are not taxable tangible personal property. Whether the Comptroller erred in basing the assessment on the suggested retail price of all issued items. Whether penalty and interest should be waived. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Sysco Food Services of Houston, L.P. (f/k/a Sysco Food Service of Houston, Inc.) v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100633

AG Case #011420734

Sales Tax; Refund &
Declaratory Judgment
Filed: 03/01/01
Period: 01/01/94-
12/31/96
Amount: \$196,492.74

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Nicole Galwardi

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Judy M. Cunningham
Austin

Issue: Whether electricity used to lower the temperature of food products is exempt as electricity used in processing. Whether equipment is exempt for the same reason.

Status: Discovery in progress.

TCCT Real Estate, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-11647

AG Case #991219239

Sales Tax; Protest Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/06/99 Period: 10/01/91- 03/31/93 Amount: \$146,484.05	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne David Cowling Robert Lochridge Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff sold electricity for commercial use when it obtained electrical service under a management agreement for another company which used the electricity in manufacturing or processing. Whether the exemption for electricity used in manufacturing requires the purchaser of electricity to be the user. Whether Plaintiff can be held as a seller of electricity in violation of the TPURA. Whether Plaintiff's right to equal and uniform taxation has been violated. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

TCCT Real Estate, Inc. as Successor to TCC Austin Industrial Overhead v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-11648

AG Case #99-1219221

Sales Tax; Protest Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/05/99 Period: 07/01/89- 12/31/91 Amount: \$479,719.44	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne David Cowling Robert Lochridge Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue Dallas
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff sold electricity for commercial use when it obtained electrical service under a management agreement for another company which used the electricity in manufacturing or processing. Whether the exemption for electricity used in manufacturing requires the purchaser of electricity to be the user. Whether Plaintiff can be held as a seller of electricity in violation of the TPURA. Whether Plaintiff's right to equal and uniform taxation has been violated. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress.

TDI-Halter, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100339
AG Case #011409653

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 02/01/01 Period: 01/01/93- 06/30/96 Amount: \$475,000	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Eric Hagenswold Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether conversion of drilling rigs to self-propelled, deep water rigs is manufacturing under the statute and Comptroller rules. Whether dredging is non-taxable maintenance of real property. Alternatively, whether interest should be waived.

Status: Answer filed.

Telecable Associates, Inc.; Teleservice Corp. of America; Texas Telecable, Inc.; TCA Cable of Amarillo, Inc.; and Texas Community Antennas, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100705
AG Case #011422482

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 03/07/01 Period: 03/01/93- 12/31/96 Amount: \$400,000	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether cable equipment on the customer's premises qualifies for the sale for resale exemption for property used to provide a taxable service.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-09521

#03-02-00029-CV

AG Case #98-1022296

Sales Tax; Refund

Filed: 08/25/98

Period: 01/01/94-

04/03/96

Amount: \$85,430

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Christopher Jackson

Ron Patterson

Kliewer, Breen, Garaton,

Patterson & Malone, Inc.

San Antonio

Issue: Plaintiff contends that because it operates a common-carrier pipeline and is a certificated or licensed carrier of property it may avoid sales tax on repair, remodeling, and maintenance services purchased in connection with the maintenance and repair of aircraft Plaintiff owns and uses in operating its common-carrier pipeline.

Status: Summary Judgment granted in Comptroller's favor 10/04/01. Plaintiff filed Motion for New Trial 11/05/01. Plaintiff appealed. Third Court of Appeals affirmed District Court's decision on 06/13/02. Appellant filed Motion for Rehearing 06/28/02. Motion for Rehearing denied 07/26/02. Tennessee Gas Petition for Review to Tex. Supreme Court filed 09/10/02. Response filed 12/11/02.

Texaco, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201543

AG Case #021613625

Sales Tax; Refund

Filed: 05/10/02

Period: 05/01/87-

12/31/90

Amount: \$157,090.20

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Scott Simmons

Mark W. Eidman

Ray Langenberg

Doug Sigel

Scott, Douglass &

McConnico

Austin

Issue: Plaintiff claims that interest should be offset or waived for a period before a refund was made to a subsidiary.

Status: Answer filed.

Texas Gulf, Inc. v. Bullock, et al. Cause #485,228
AG Case #90-311185

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 06/05/90	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jana Kinkade
Period: 01/01/85 - 06/30/88	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Ira A. Lipstet Jenkins & Gilchrist Austin
Amount: \$294,000		

Issue: Are pipes exempt as manufacturing equipment or taxable as intra plant transportation.

Status: State's plea to the jurisdiction denied. Nothing pending.

Texas Instruments, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103526
AG Case #011523420

Sales Tax; Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/24/01	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Period: 07/01/87- 12/31/90	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Doug Sigel Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
Amount: \$27,000,000		

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Texas Instruments, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103527
AG Case #011523438

Sales Tax; Refund &
Declaratory Judgment
Filed: 10/24/01
Period: 01/01/91-
07/31/97
Amount: \$102,000,000

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jim Cloudt

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Mark W. Eidman
Ray Langenberg
Doug Sigel
Curtis J. Osterloh
Scott, Douglass &
McConnico
Austin

Issue: Whether title passed to the federal government according to Plaintiff's contracts at the time Plaintiff took possession of the items, thus establishing the sale for resale exemption recognized in *Day & Zimmerman v. Calvert*. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-06997
AG Case #99-1178526

Sales Tax; Protest
Filed: 06/17/99
Period: 03/93-05/95
Amount: \$112,684.43

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Jana Kinkade

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Ron Patterson
Kliwer, Breen, Garatoni,
Patterson & Malone
Austin

Michael R. Garatoni
Kliwer, Breen, Garatoni,
Patterson & Malone
San Antonio

Issue: Whether Plaintiff, a common carrier gas pipeline operator, may claim a sales and use tax exemption on its purchase of an airplane. Whether airplane repair and replacement parts are exempt.

Status: Answer filed.

USA Waste Services of Houston, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN003453
AG Case #001388065

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 12/01/00 Period: 01/01/94- 03/31/97 Amount: \$14,016.28	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Eric Hagenswold Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether steam cleaning done for Plaintiff's customers by a third party is a sale for resale as an integral part of Plaintiff's taxable waste removal services.

Status: Motion for Summary Judgment filed.

Union Carbide Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000580
AG Case #001261452

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 01/13/00 Period: 01/01/89- 12/31/92 Amount: \$575,857.40	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Curtis Osterloh Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to an exemption on labor charges for installing floating roofs on tanks at its chemical plant because: (1) the roofs are exempt pollution control equipment, (2) the labor was for non-taxable new construction, or (3) the labor was for remodeling of tangible personal property.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

United Services Automobile Association & USAA Life Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN103414
#03-02-00747-CV
AG Case #011509643

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 10/16/01 Period: 02/01/91- 12/31/99 Amount: \$200,000,000+	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiffs are exempt from sales taxes because of Tex. Ins. Code arts. 4.10 and 4.11.

Status: Defendants' plea to the jurisdiction set 05/01/02. Summary Judgment for Defendants granted 05/13/02. Plaintiffs filed motion for new trial to extend deadline for appeal. Notice of Appeal filed. USAA's brief due 03/07/03.

Val-Pak Franchise Operations, Inc. dba Valpak of Houston v. Strayhorn, et al.
Cause #GN300267
AG Case #031746142

Sales Tax; Protest & Refund Filed: 01/28/03 Period: 04/01/95- 12/31/98 Amount: \$734,112.10	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade R. James George, Jr. James A. Hemphill George & Donaldson, LLP Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff sells non-taxable advertising services. Whether Plaintiff purchases non-taxable proprietary information services. Whether marketing fees are non-taxable membership dues.

Status: Answer filed.

West Texas Pizza, Limited Partnership v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-11751
AG Case #96-611633

Sales Tax; Protest Filed: 09/27/96 Period: 06/01/88- 06/30/92 Amount: \$35,247	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Richard L. Rothfelder Milissa M. Magee Kirkendall, Isgur & Rothfelder Houston
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Issue: Whether prizes obtained by collecting tickets from amusement machines in a restaurant are "purchased" by the customer as part of the price of the food.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Westar Hotels, Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #97-06182
AG Case #97-743945

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 05/23/97 Period: 11/01/90- 07/31/94 Amount: \$73,827	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Christopher J. Tome Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff owes tax on electricity used in its hotels.

Status: Discovery in progress.

World Fitness Centers, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN201795
AG Case #021626239

Sales Tax; Refund Filed: 05/30/02 Period: 09/01/94- 05/31/98 Amount: \$273,005.56	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff owes sales tax on the discount and reserve amounts of its factored contracts when plaintiff is a cash-basis taxpayer.

Status: Answer filed.

Zale Delaware, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN202030
AG Case #021640669

Sales Tax; Refund
Filed: 06/24/02
Period: 08/01/92-
02/28/97
Amount: \$

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Blake Hawthorne

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Mark W. Eidman
Ray Langenberg
Scott, Douglass &
McConnico
Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is liable for tax on items temporarily stored in Texas. Whether tax on services purchased by Plaintiff should be reduced to reflect the out-of-state benefit of those services. Whether Plaintiff should get a refund or credit for tax paid on inventory. Whether the Comptroller should be barred from off-setting debts in the period between the filing of Plaintiff's bankruptcy petition and the confirmation of its reorganization plan.

Status: Answer filed.

Insurance Tax

Allianz Underwriters Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000663

AG Case #001280114

Insurance Premium Tax; Protest, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 03/02/00 Period: 01/01/90- 12/31/95 Amount: \$365,506.54	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Stephen L. Phillips Brian C. Newby Julie K. Lane Cantey & Hanger, Roan & Autrey Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff, an eligible surplus lines insurer, owes tax for unauthorized insurance. Whether tax should have been collected from the surplus lines agent or from the insured. Whether the Comptroller's assessment is contrary to the McCarran-Ferguson Act and constitutional due process. Whether the Comptroller has authority to assess taxes due before 09/01/93. Whether the Comptroller's rule on penalty and interest is arbitrary and capricious. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Settlement negotiations pending. Motion to Retain filed pursuant to Dismissal for Want of Prosecution.

American Bankers Insurance Co. of Florida, et al. v. Ann Richards, et al. Cause

#396,975

AG Case #86-1483

Gross Premium Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 05/08/86 Period: 1985-1988 Amount: \$1,745,569	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Fred B. Werkenthin Jackson & Walker Austin
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Issue: Whether Tex. Ins. Code art. 4.10 unconstitutionally discriminates against foreign property and casualty companies by basing the premium tax rate on their percentage of Texas investments (equal protection). (Pleadings refer to art. 4.10, but protest letters refer to arts. 4.11 and 21.46.) Also seeks recovery and attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983.

Status: Inactive.

American International Specialty Lines Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause

#GN002666

AG Case #001351998

Insurance Premium Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 09/08/00 Period: 1995 Amount: \$362,975.97	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Anthony Icenogle Joseph C. Boggins DeLeon & Boggins Austin
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Issue: Whether an authorized surplus lines insurer is required to pay unauthorized insurance tax when the Comptroller is unable to verify payment of tax by the agent. Whether the Comptroller wrongfully relied on another hearings decision as precedent. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Consolidated with *Lexington Insurance Co. and Landmark Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al.* Summary Judgment motions set 08/01/02. Awaiting judgment.

Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. of Ohio v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101899

AG Case #011464476

Insurance Premium Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 06/20/01 Period: 1992-1998 Amount: \$439,074.12	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Stephen L. Phillips Brian C. Newby Julie K. Lane Cantey & Hanger, Roan & Autry Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff, an authorized surplus lines insurer, is liable for unauthorized insurance premiums tax. Whether the Comptroller lacks authority to determine that Plaintiff is an unauthorized insurer, and whether the Texas Department of Insurance is required to make that determination. Whether the Comptroller engaged in selective and improper enforcement. Whether the assessment violates Due Process and the McCarran-Ferguson Act. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed.

Lexington Insurance Co., Landmark Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN100569
AG Case #011417896

Insurance Premium Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 02/22/01 Period: 1992-1995 Amount: \$1,596,196.63 \$36,174.92	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Anthony Icenogle Joseph C. Boggins De Leon & Boggins Austin
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Issue: Whether an authorized surplus lines insurer is required to pay unauthorized insurance tax when the Comptroller is unable to verify payment of tax by the agent. Whether the Comptroller wrongfully relied on another hearings decision as precedent. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive and declaratory relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Summary Judgment motions held 08/01/02. Awaiting judgment.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., et al. v. A.W. Pogue, et al. Cause #484,745
AG Case #90-304512

Gross Premium Tax; Protest Filed: 05/24/90 Period: 1985-1986 1989-1992 Amount: \$1,848,606	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Fred B. Werkenthin Steve Moore Jackson & Walker Austin
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Issue: Whether insurance taxes are owed by insurance companies on dividends applied to paid-up additions and renewal premiums.

Status: 9th Amended Petition filed. Settlement discussed, and partial settlement agreed to. Final judgment signed on paid-up additions issue. Renewal premium issue severed and retained on docket. Plaintiffs have made settlement offer on remainder of case.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., et al. v. A.W. Pogue, et al. Cause #484,796
AG Case #90-304503

Maintenance Tax; Protest Filed: 05-23-90 Period: 1989-1991 Amount: \$1,616,497	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Fred B. Werkenthin Jackson & Walker Austin
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Issue: Whether Tex. Ins. Code art. 21.07-6 is preempted by ERISA.

Status: One Plaintiff has submitted documentation supporting a refund. Case will be concluded in accordance with *NGS v. Barnes*, 998 F.2d 296 (5th Cir. 1993). Severance and final judgment entered for Metropolitan. Awaiting documentation for other Plaintiffs.

Philadelphia Life Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN101330
AG Case #011439866

Insurance Premium & Gross Premium Tax; Protest Filed: 05/02/01 Period: 1992-1996 Amount: \$466,381.65	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Kevin F. Lee Michael W. Jones Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons Austin
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Issue: Whether certain transactions called "internal rollover" by Plaintiffs, consisting of substituting one insurance policy for a prior policy and transferring funds, result in gross premiums subject to tax.

Status: Answer filed.

Security National Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN001503
AG Case #001310820

Insurance Premium Tax; Protest Filed: 05/23/00 Period: 1995-1998 Amount: \$1,226,220.50	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Natalie Foerster Jay A. Thompson Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons Austin Barry K. Bishop Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether daily negative bank account balances should be adjusted to \$0 to compute the proper percentage of Texas investments for gross premiums tax.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Southwestern Life Insurance Co. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #98-11945
AG Case #98-1065840

Gross Premium Maintenance Tax; Protest Filed: 10/22/98 Period: 01/01/92- 12/31/95 Amount: \$392,737	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie L.G. Skip Smith Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether certain transactions called "internal rollover" by Plaintiffs, consisting of substituting one insurance policy for a prior policy and transferring funds, result in gross premiums subject to tax.

Status: Answer filed. Will be determined as for *All American Life Insurance Co, et al. v. Sharp, et al.*

Southwestern Life Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN000875
AG Case #001288869

Gross Premium Maintenance Tax; Protest & Refund Filed: 03/24/00 Period: 01/01/96- 12/31/98 Amount: \$384,446.75	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne L.G. Skip Smith David H. Gilliland Clark, Thomas & Winters Austin
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Issue: Whether certain transactions called "internal rollover" by Plaintiffs, consisting of substituting one insurance policy for a prior policy and transferring funds, result in gross premiums subject to tax.

Status: On hold pending outcome of *All American Life Insurance v. Rylander, et al.*

St. Paul Surplus Lines Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN102788
AG Case #011490877

Insurance Premium Tax; Refund, Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 08/24/01 Period: 01/01/95- 12/31/98 Amount: \$163,021.27	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Michael W. Jones Kevin F. Lee Austin Richard S. Geiger Dallas Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff, an eligible surplus lines insurer, is liable for unauthorized insurance tax. Plaintiff also seeks declaratory relief and attorney's fees.

Status: Answer filed.

State Farm Life Insurance Co. v. Cornyn, et al. Cause #99-07980
AG Case #99-1187642

Gross Premium Tax; Protest, Refund & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/13/99 Period: 1990 1992 1994 Amount: \$1,027,067.59 \$395,949.71 \$294,607.28	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Michael W. Jones Thompson, Coe, Cousins & Irons Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's debt instruments are mortgage loans or corporate bonds or other obligations for purposes of its Texas investments allocation. Whether Plaintiff's interests in limited partnerships qualified as real estate investments. Whether allocation of quarterly U.S. bond holdings was proper. Whether calculation of bank balances was proper. Alternatively, whether penalty should be waived. Plaintiff seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Settled.

United American Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-06836
AG Case #99-1176355

Gross Premium Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 06/15/99 Period: 1990-1996 Amount: \$1,262,878.98 \$7,487.00	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christine Monzingo Sam R. Perry Sneed, Vine & Perry Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's investment in a limited partnership which held Texas mineral interests qualifies as a Texas investment for purposes of reducing Plaintiff's gross premiums tax rate. Whether investments in limited partnerships should be treated the same as investments in corporations. Whether Plaintiff was denied equal protection under the federal or state constitutions. Plaintiff also asks for attorneys' fees.

Status: District court granted Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and denied Plaintiff's judgment 10/09/02. Appellant's brief filed 01/22/03. Appellees' brief due 02/19/03.

Universe Life Insurance Co. v. State of Texas Cause #97-05106
AG Case #97-727302

Insurance Tax; Protest Filed: 04/29/97 Period: 1993 Amount: \$56,958	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Larry Parks Long, Burner, Parks & Sealey Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff should be given credit against tax due for examination fees paid to the state in connection with a market conduct examination report ordered by the Texas Department of Insurance. Plaintiff also asks for penalty and interest waiver.

Status: Cross-motions for summary judgment heard 11/12/97. Summary judgment granted for Plaintiff. State has appealed. Case submitted without oral argument 07/06/98. Affirmed in part, reversed and remanded in part 03/11/99. State's motion for rehearing denied. Petition for review filed 06/01/99. Briefs on merits requested by Court. State's brief filed 10/18/99. Petition denied. Case remanded to trial court.

Universe Life Insurance Co., The v. Cornyn, et al. Cause #GN002605
AG Case #001348580

Insurance Premium Tax; Refund Filed: 09/01/00 Period: 1993 1994 Amount: \$87,288.51 \$426,620.38	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Larry Parks Long, Burner, Parks, McClellan & Delargy Austin
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Issue: Whether plaintiff should be given credit against tax due for examination fees paid to the state in connection with a market conduct examination report ordered by the Texas Department of Insurance. Plaintiff also asks for penalty and interest waiver.

Status: Comptroller to make partial refund awarded in administrative hearing.

Warranty Underwriters Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-12271
AG Case #99-1226739

Insurance Tax; Protest &
Declaratory Judgment
Filed: 10/20/99
Period: 1993-1997
1993-1997
Amount: \$416,462.73
\$214,893.74

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Blake Hawthorne

Plaintiff's Counsel:

Brewster McCracken
Raymond E. White
Daniel Micciche
Akin, Gump, Strauss,
Hauer & Feld
Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller improperly included amounts not received by Plaintiff in Plaintiff's gross premiums tax base. Whether any maintenance tax is payable on Plaintiff's business of home warranty insurance. Whether the Comptroller is bound by the prior actions and determinations of the Texas Department of Insurance. Whether the assessments of tax violate due process and equal taxation. Whether penalty and interest should have been waived.

Status: Discovery in progress. Case will go to mediation. On dismissal docket. Plaintiff filed Motion to Retain. Jury trial scheduled 03/31/03.

Other Taxes

Academy ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202340

AG Case #021647615

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Settled.

Alvarado ISD v. Rylander Cause #GN202439

AG Case #021647623

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Ray Bonilla Randall B. Wood Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly valuing sample properties that involved creative financing.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Arnold, Jessamine J., Estate of, Deceased, and Jim Arnold, Jr., Independent Executor v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203255
AG Case #021670484

Inheritance Tax; Protest Filed: 09/09/02 Period: Amount: \$161,956	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez James F. Martens Christina A. Mondrik Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Whether the IRS erred in increasing the value of the estate's assets and disallowing expenses and gifts.

Status: Answer filed.

Bailiff, Michael W. and Sylvia S. Bailiff v. Bexar County Appraisal District, et al.
Cause #2002-CI-147689
AG Case #021691704

Property Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/10/02 Period: 2002 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Christopher J. Weber Christopher J. Weber, L.L.C. San Antonio
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Issue: Plaintiff claims that defendants overvalued and unequally appraised his various properties in Bexar County. Plaintiff claims that Defendants failed to meet their burden of proof and also seeks declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed. Plaintiff will dismiss.

Belton ISD v. Comptroller of Public Accounts Cause #GV202349
AG Case #021651898

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade R. Lawrence Macon Donna K. Schneider Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld San Antonio
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller failed to consider local modifiers, sales and market information. Whether utility property appraisal includes intangible value. Whether Belton ISD should be treated like McLennan County districts.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Buffalo ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202348
AG Case #021647854

Property Tax; Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties.

Status: Settled.

Caldwell, Marcie v. Rylander Cause #99-13088
AG Case #99-1234329

Declaratory Judgment Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 11/08/99 Period: 1992-Present Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Joe K. Crews Diane S. Jacobs Ivy, Crews & Elliott Austin
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Issue: Whether county court fees collected from persons who are convicted of any criminal offense are constitutional. Plaintiff seeks class action declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent Comptroller from collecting fees. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Plea to Jurisdiction denied 01/06/00. Trial court decision on jurisdiction affirmed by Third Court of Appeals. Plaintiff waived all rights to refund of court costs. Summary Judgment filed.

Campbell ISD, et al. v. Comptroller Cause #GV2-02447
AG Case #021657903

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/31/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Robert Mott Joseph Longoria Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott Houston
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly selecting and valuing sample properties by following the same methodology.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Castleberry ISD; Ennis ISD; Canyon ISD; La Porte ISD v. Comptroller Cause
#96-08010
AG Case #96-599817

Property Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/11/96 Period: 1994 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Robert Mott Joseph Longoria Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott Houston
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Issue: Various issues concerning the validity of the Comptroller's property value study.

Status: Answer and Special Exception filed. Inactive. Settlement reached with Canyon ISD. Only La Porte ISD is now pending. LaPorte ISD has made a settlement offer. Discovery in progress.

Chrysler Financial Co., L.L.C. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #99-13243
AG Case #99-1238189

Motor Vehicle Tax; Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Filed: 11/12/99 Period: 10/01/90- 11/30/96 Amount: \$3,405,494.49	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark W. Eidman Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin David E .Otero Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson Florida

Issue: Whether Plaintiff, as assignee of installment contracts with Chrysler dealers, is entitled to a refund under the bad debt credit provision in the sales tax for taxes on motor vehicles that were not paid by defaulting vehicle purchasers. Whether there is any rational basis to distinguish between vehicle sales and other sales or between vehicle rental receipts and vehicle sales receipts for purposes of bad debt relief.

Status: Motion to Retain filed by Plaintiff. Trial scheduled for 07/20/03.

Cisco ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202346
AG Case #021647870

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jana Kinkade
Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Cleburne ISD v. Rylander Cause #GN202440
AG Case #021647672

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Ray Bonilla Randall B. Wood Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly valuing sample properties that involved creative financing.

Status: Settled.

Cockrill, Charles T. v. Comptroller of Public Accounts, et al. Cause #CJ-00-308
AG Case #001368513

Property Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/12/00 Period: Amount: \$99,425.50	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Douglas L. Jackson Vance T. Nye Gungoll, Jackson, Collins, Box & Devoll Enid, Oklahoma
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller asserts any interest in art works that were sold by a taxpayer subject to a tax lien.

Status: Comptroller disclaims interest.

Cooper ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV202460
AG Case #021652045

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 08/01/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Randall B. Wood Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly valuing sample properties that involved creative financing.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

DeSoto ISD v. Comptroller of Public Accounts Cause #GV102073

AG Case #011474624

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/27/01 Period: 2000 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood, Fine & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and inspecting sample properties.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

Deweyville ISD v. Rylander Cause #GV001637

AG Case #001335355

Property Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/14/00 Period: 1999 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade John H. Wofford Law Office of John H. Wofford Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and inspecting sample properties. Whether the Comptroller failed to acknowledge local economic conditions, to timely provide a "clerical errors" report, and to accept additional information.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

Dorinco Insurance Co. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203924
AG Case #021700380

Gross Premium Insurance and Maintenance Tax Tax; Protest Filed: 10/29/02 Period: 1991-1997 Amount: \$1,411,505.77	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin
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Issue: Whether tax was improperly assessed because Texas has no nexus with plaintiff or with the transactions in issue. Whether tax was also improperly assessed on premiums that did not cover Texas risks.

Status: Discovery in progress.

Eastland ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202347
AG Case #021647888

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Settled.

El Paso Natural Gas Co. v. Sharp Cause #91-6309
AG Case #91-78237

Gas Production Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 05/06/91 Period: 01/01/87 - 12/31/87 Amount: \$3,054,480.60	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Steve Rodriguez Alfred H. Ebert, Jr. Andrews & Kurth Houston
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Issue: Whether Comptroller should have granted Plaintiff a hearing on penalty waiver and related issues.

Status: State's Plea in Abatement granted pending outcome of administrative hearing on audit liability. Negotiations pending.

Fort Davis ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV001764
AG Case #001339852

Property Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/28/00 Period: 1999 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade James R. Evans, Jr. Linebarger Heard Goggan Blair Graham Pena & Sampson Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and inspecting sample properties. Whether the Comptroller failed to acknowledge local economic conditions, to timely provide a "clerical errors" report, and to accept additional information.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Fort Worth PR's, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN200711
AG Case #021573480

Mixed Beverage Gross Receipts Tax; Protest & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 03/04/02 Period: 03/01/99- 06/30/99 Amount: \$36,177.36	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade John L. Gamboa Acuff, Gamboa & White Fort Worth
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller used a non-representative sample to determine plaintiff's tax liability. Whether depletion and error rates were calculated correctly.

Status: Answer filed.

Gainesville ISD v. Comptroller of Public Accounts Cause #GV102071
AG Case #011474574

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/27/01 Period: 2000 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood, Fine & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties that involved creative financing.

Status: Settled.

Gainesville ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV202463
AG Case #021652003

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 08/01/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Randall B. Wood Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties that involved creative financing.

Status: Settlement negotiations pending.

Gard, L.V. v. Bandera County Appraisal District; Bandera County Chief Appraiser, R. Elaine Chaney; Bandera County Appraisal Review Board, Paul Goodnight, Chairman; Rylander; and Bandera County Assessor-Collector, Mae Vion Meyer Cause #8494-02
AG Case #021684444

Property Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 08/29/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Christopher J. Weber Christopher J. Weber, L.L.C. San Antonio
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Issue: Plaintiff claims that defendants overvalued and unequally appraised his various properties in Bandera County. Plaintiff claims that Defendants failed to meet their burden of proof and also seeks declaratory judgment and attorneys' fees.

Status: Answer filed. Plaintiff will dismiss.

Lake Austin Spa Investors, Ltd. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN203899
AG Case #021703913

Hotel Occupancy Tax; Protest, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 10/28/02 Period: 03/01/97- 11/30/00 12/01/00-03/31/02 Amount: \$193,629.45 \$59,232.72	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Scott Simmons Kirk R. Manning Stephen L. Phillips Julie K. Lane Cantey & Hanger Austin
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Issue: Whether Plaintiff's service charges are subject to the hotel tax. Whether the charges are gratuities under the Comptroller's rule. Plaintiff also seeks injunctive relief and attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress.

MFC Finance Co. of Texas v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002653
AG Case #001352632

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax; Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Filed: 09/07/00 Period: 01/01/96- 12/31/98 Amount: \$5,533,079.80	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico Austin

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to tax credit and refund as provided under the sales tax bad debt statute for motor vehicle taxes on installment sales where the purchaser defaulted. Whether the refusal to allow a refund violates equal taxation because there is no rational basis to treat installment sellers of vehicles differently than vehicle renters and other retailers.

Status: Answer filed.

MFN Financial Corp. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002650
AG Case #001352129

Motor Vehicle Sales Tax; Refund	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jim Cloudt
Filed: 09/07/00 Period: 01/01/96- 12/31/98 Amount: \$5,533,079.80	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Scott, Douglass & McConnico

Issue: Whether Plaintiff is entitled to tax credit and refund as provided under the sales tax bad debt statute for motor vehicle taxes on installment sales where the purchaser defaulted. Whether the refusal to allow a refund violates equal taxation because there is no rational basis to treat installment sellers of vehicles differently than vehicle renters and other retailers.

Status: Answer filed.

McLane Co., Inc. and McLane Foodservice-Lubbock, Inc. v. Rylander, et al.

Cause #GN104253

AG Case #021547393

Protest Tax; Protest, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: Period: Amount: \$1,173.83 & \$3,690.00	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie Gilbert J. Bernal, Jr. Kirk R. Lyda David J. Sewell Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller must accept a letter of credit as security for Plaintiff's participation in the cigarette tax trust fund.

Status: Discovery in progress. Settlement discussions in progress. Trial set 08/18/03.

Mineola ISD v. Comptroller of Public Accounts Cause #GV102070

AG Case #011474616

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/27/01 Period: 2000 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood, Fine & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly valuing commercial personal properties.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Mirage Real Estate, Inc., et al. v. Richard Durbin, et al. Cause #92-16485

AG Case #92-190294

Alcoholic Beverage Gross Receipts Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 12/03/92 Period: Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Jim Mattox Lowell Lasley Michael D. Mosher
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Issue: Whether the TABC and Comptroller were allowed to use inventory depletions analysis to determine amount of gross receipts tax owed. Plaintiffs seek class certification.

Status: Answer filed. Inactive.

Moody ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202342

AG Case #021647912

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

New Crew Quarters 2, Inc. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN002606

AG Case #001352111

Mixed Beverage Gross Receipts Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 09/01/00 Period: 09/01/93- 02/28/97 Amount: \$216,325.07	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Mark W. Eidman Ray Langenberg Curtis J. Osterloh Scott, Douglass & McConnico
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Issue: Whether audit incorrectly assessed mixed beverage tax by failing to consider changes in inventory and periods of business closures. Whether 50% fraud penalty was incorrectly assessed where some of the Plaintiff's books and records were destroyed by fire. Plaintiff also seeks attorneys' fees.

Status: Discovery in progress. Plaintiff has submitted several settlement offers. Collection action to be taken by Comptroller. Plaintiff filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Bankruptcy stay in effect.

Northside ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202341
AG Case #021647920

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Onalaska ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV202464
AG Case #021652029

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 08/01/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller misapplied a local modifier in its valuation techniques of local property.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

P.W. Jones Oil Co., Inc. v. Sharp, et al. Cause #96-02941
AG Case #96-485280

Diesel Fuel Tax; Injunction	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Steve Rodriguez
Filed: 03/12/96	Plaintiff's Counsel:	John A. Leonard
Period: 1989-1993		Russell & Leonard
Amount: \$176,959		Wichita Falls

Issue: Whether Plaintiff can rebut the presumption that the sale of diesel fuel is taxable.
Plaintiff also asks for an injunction to stop collection action.

Status: Inactive.

Petro Express Management, L.L.C. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204123
AG Case #021705918

Fuels Tax; Injunction and Declaratory Judgment	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Blake Hawthorne
Filed: 11/14/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Percy L. "Wayne" Isgitt
Period: 2002		C. Zan Turcotte
Amount: \$450,000		Law Offices of Perry L. "Wayne" Isgitt, P.C. Houston

Issue: Whether the Comptroller's collection actions are arbitrary, contrary to statute, and unconstitutional. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief and a return of seized property.

Status: Temporary Restraining Order denied.

Presidio ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV202465
AG Case #021652011

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal	Asst. AAG Assigned:	Jana Kinkade
Filed: 08/01/02	Plaintiff's Counsel:	Ray Bonilla
Period: 2001		Ray, Wood & Bonilla
Amount: \$		Austin

Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly valuing commercial personal properties.

Status: Settled.

Preston Motors by George L. Preston, Owner v. Sharp, et al. Cause #91-11987
AG Case #91-133170

Motor Vehicle Tax; Protest Filed: 08/26/91 Period: 12/01/86 - 09/30/89 Amount: \$21,796	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jim Cloudt George L. Preston Paris
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Issue: Whether motor vehicle tax should fall on dealer/seller rather than the purchaser under §152.044. Related constitutional issues.

Status: Inactive.

Ranger Fuels & Maintenance , L.L.C. v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN204124
AG Case #021705900

Fuels Tax; Declaratory Judgment & Injunction Filed: 11/14/02 Period: Amount: \$115,000.00	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Blake Hawthorne Percy L. "Wayne" Isgitt C. Zan Turcotte Law Offices of Perry L. "Wayne" Isgitt, P.C. Houston
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Issue: Whether fuels tax is actually owed by an unrelated company. Whether the Comptroller abused its discretion and violated Plaintiff's constitutional rights. Plaintiff seeks injunctive and declaratory relief.

Status: Temporary Restraining Order denied.

Rosebud-Lott ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV202462
AG Case #021651997

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 08/01/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly valuing sample properties.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

**Shelton, James M., Estate of, Deceased, and Carroll A. Maxon, Independent Co-
Executor v. Rylander, et al.** Cause #GN104094
AG Case #021542261

Inheritance Tax; Protest & Refund Filed: 12/14/01 Period: Amount: \$1,616,018	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade James F. Martens Jessica Scott Stahl, Martens & Bernal Austin
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Issue: Whether the IRS and Comptroller failed to give proper credit against the estate value for a pending lawsuit and administrative expenses.

Status: Answer filed.

Southside ISD v. Comptroller of Public Accounts Cause #GV202350
AG Case #021651906

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade R. Lawrence Macon Donna K. Schneider Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld San Antonio
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller failed to consider local modifiers, sales and market information. Whether utility property appraisal includes intangible value. Whether Southside ISD should be treated like McLennan County districts.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Troy ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202345

AG Case #021648480

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Settled.

Uvalde ISD v. Comptroller of Public Accounts Cause #GV102072

AG Case #011474582

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/27/01 Period: 2000 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood, Fine & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties that involved creative financing.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

Valentine ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV001763
AG Case #001339860

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/28/00 Period: 1999 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Jana Kinkade James R. Evans, Jr. Linebarger Heard Goggan Blair Graham Pena & Sampson Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller failed to consider local modifiers, sales, and market information.

Status: Settlement negotiations in progress.

West Orange-Cove CISD, Coppell ISD, La Porte ISD, Port Neches-Groves ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV-100528
AG Case #011433026

Property Tax; Declaratory Judgment Filed: 04/09/01 Period: Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Gene Storie George W. Bramblett, Jr. Carrie L. Huff Haynes and Boone Dallas W. Wade Porter Haynes and Boone Austin
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Issue: Whether the \$1.50 cap on the school districts' maintenance and operations taxes creates an unconstitutional state property tax. Plaintiffs also seek attorneys' fees.

Status: Plea to the jurisdiction set 06/28/01. Plea granted. Case dismissed. Court of Appeals affirmed dismissal. Plaintiff filed Petition for Review to Texas Supreme Court. Response filed 08/21/02. Briefs on Merits requested by Court. Petitioner's brief filed 11/04/02. Respondent's brief filed 11/25/02.

Closed Cases

Gorman ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202344

AG Case #021647896

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 01/23/03.

Mineral Wells ISD v. Comptroller Cause #GV202461

AG Case #021652052

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 08/01/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Ray Bonilla Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and inspecting sample properties. Whether the Comptroller considered the effect of personal property in sales transactions.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 01/27/03.

Nacogdoches ISD v. Rylander Cause #GN202442
AG Case #021647664

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Ray Bonilla Randall B. Wood Ray, Wood & Bonilla Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by misapplying burden of proof and not properly valuing sample properties that involved creative financing.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 01/27/03.

Ranger ISD v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GV202343
AG Case #021647938

Property Tax; Administrative Appeal, Injunction & Declaratory Judgment Filed: 07/26/02 Period: 2001 Amount: \$	Asst. AAG Assigned: Plaintiff's Counsel:	Christopher Jackson Kirk Swinney Harvey M. Allen Javier B. Gutierrez McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen Austin
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Issue: Whether the Comptroller erred by not properly selecting and valuing sample properties. Whether the Comptroller's certification of inaccurate values for some districts violates constitutional guarantees of efficient education and equal protection. Plaintiff also seeks attorney's fees.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 01/29/03.

Unit 82 Joint Venture v. Rylander, et al. Cause #GN001888
AG Case #001327964

Sales Tax; Protest
Filed: 07/03/00
Period: 07/01/93-
12/31/96
Amount: \$44,519.03

Asst. AAG Assigned:

Scott Simmons

Plaintiff's Counsel:

H. Christopher Mott
Krafsur Gordon Mott
Davis & Woody
El Paso

Issue: Whether Plaintiff's initial finish-out work is non-taxable new construction.

Status: Agreed Judgment signed 01/16/03.

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