

Criminal Tax Evasion Charges Dropped By Crown

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In early 2016, Jeff Pniowsky of Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP was approached to represent a large oil services company in Alberta, along with its principal officers, in connection with several charges of criminal tax evasion. These charges threatened to command significant monetary penalties and imprisonment for the taxpayers. On the advice of Mr. Pniowsky, the taxpayers plead not guilty and the matter proceeded to trial. In July of 2018, after a successful preliminary motion brought forth by Mr. Pniowsky, the Crown stayed all charges and eliminated all criminal sanctions. Mr. Pniowsky is now working with the taxpayers to eliminate their civil tax assessment.



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