

SHIMONOV LAW Tax-Saving Tips

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Proven Tax Reduction Strategies for Sole Proprietors

If you operate your business as a sole proprietorship, there are many strategies to reduce your taxes.

Let's start with the following 10:

- 1. Use the Section 105 plan to make your health insurance a tax-favored business deduction on your Schedule C.
- 2. Employ your under-age-18 child to make taxable income disappear.
- **3.** Employ your spouse without paying him or her a W-2 wage.
- **4.** Rent your office, even your home office, from your spouse to save self-employment taxes.
- 5. Establish that an office in your home is your principal office to increase (yes, increase!) your vehicle deductions and also turn personal home expenses into business expenses.

- **6.** Give yourself flowers, fruit, and books as tax-deductible fringe benefits.
- 7. Combine the home office and a heavy SUV, crossover vehicle, or pickup truck to grab big deductions this year.
- 8. Design a business trip that includes some personal days—days you treat as 100 percent business even though you don't work on those days.
- 9. Use the seven-day tax deduction travel rule to create a business trip that is 87 percent personal vacation.
- **10.** Deduct your smartphone and provide smartphones to your employees as tax-free fringe benefits.

If one or more of these look good to you, let's talk about how to make them work.

