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TAX TIPS

Experts answer your questions about deductions, dependents and filing status

Q We've been married but separated in the same house for many years. I live upstairs and she lives downstairs. She finally moved out last summer. Can I file as single?

Only if you have a divorce decree or a formal decree of legal separation.

— Elliott Lavietes, Sanders Thaler Viola & Katz LLP

Q I worked in Ohio for a month and received an Ohio W-2. Must I pay Ohio and New York taxes?

You must file a nonresident Ohio tax return, but you'll receive a credit on your New York return for taxes you paid on income earned in Ohio.

— Lavietes

Q My 25-year-old son made less than \$4,000 and lived in my house all year. Can I claim him as a dependent?

Not as a dependent child. But if he earned less than \$3,900, you can claim him as a qualifying dependent relative.

— Scott Sanders, Sanders Thaler Viola & Katz LLP