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Indiana Court freezes all assets of JK Harris & Company, after JK Harris refuses to obey Court's orders to appear.

[JK Harris & Co.](#), a South Carolina based tax-relief company that claims to be able to settle your debt with the [Internal Revenue Service \(IRS\)](#), has been sued in a Marion County, Indiana court in a state-wide class action lawsuit for deceptive practices. The civil action, initiated in August of 2009 by Indianapolis based attorney, [Chad D. Wuertz](#), was filed in the Marion County Superior Court, Room Six, Case Number: 49D06-0908-CT-038696. Allegations against this company include that television commercials aired in Indiana by JK Harris & Co. were deceptive. For instance, in many cases JK Harris & Co. relied upon the IRS's Offer in Compromise program to attempt to settle tax payer's debts. In reality, the IRS rarely accepts offers in compromise and JK Harris & Co. knew this to be the case. For one class member in this lawsuit, when the IRS denied the [Offer in Compromise](#) prepared by JK Harris & Co., the company refused to refund any of the nearly \$5,000 it had charged for the service.

JK Harris & Co., which has 325 offices in 43 states, did not respond to the initial Marion County suit and the Court entered default judgment against it on November 10, 2009. In the weeks following, JK Harris & Co. ignored repeated orders from the Marion County Court directing the company to appear and to provide a list of the affected class members. In response to JK Harris & Co.'s refusal to cooperate with the proceedings, the Marion County Court issued orders directing the sheriffs of each Indiana county with a JK Harris & Co. office to seize the company's assets and to change the locks on the doors. These orders were carried out on January 26, 2010, shutting down all JK Harris & Co. offices in Indiana. The Marion County Court further fined JK Harris & Co. \$10,000 for failing to appear at the January 25, 2010 contempt hearing.

Shortly after having its Indiana offices shuttered, JK Harris & Co. retained legal counsel and a hearing on the default judgment is now set for February 22, 2010. Attorneys for the class are seeking refunds for each of the affected class members, along with appropriate relief for the class representative.

This is not the first time JK Harris & Co. has been sued for similar deceptive practices. The company agreed to a multi-million dollar [2007 class action](#) settlement involving 5 states after receiving numerous consumer complaints about misleading business and advertising practices.

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