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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 15-1229

LARRY J. AUSTIN,

Petitioner - Appellant,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE,

Respondent - Appellee.

Appeal from the United States Tax Court. (Tax Ct. No. 28393-09)

Submitted: October 30, 2015

Before MOTZ, GREGORY, and THACKER, Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

Decided: January 12, 2016

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PER CURIAM:

Larry J. Austin appeals from the tax court's orders: (1) denying his motion for litigation and administrative costs pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7430 (2012), and (2) denying his motion to reopen discovery. We have reviewed the materials before the court, including the parties' briefs and the tax court's opinions, and we find no reversible error. Accordingly, we affirm for the reasons stated by the tax court. <u>Austin v.</u> <u>Comm'r of Internal Revenue</u>, Tax Ct. No. 28393-09 (U.S. Tax Ct. Dec. 14, 2014; Dec. 17, 2014). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED