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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

In re: ANTHONY S. GOULD,
Debtor,

ANTHONY S. GOULD,
Appellant,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Appellee,

and

DEVIN DERHAM-BURK, Chapter 13;
UNITED STATES TRUSTEE,
Trustees.

No. 09-60008
BAP No.
NC-08-1100-JuMkD
ORDER

Appeal from the Ninth Circuit
Bankruptcy Appellate Panel
Markell, Dunn, and Jury, Bankruptcy Judges, Presiding

Argued and Submitted
February 9, 2010—San Francisco, California

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Before: Diarmuid F. O’Scannlain, Stephen S. Trott and
Richard A. Paez, Circuit Judges.

COUNSEL

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ORDER

The central issue in this case is whether or not the Bankruptcy Court erred in denying the government's motion to lift the automatic stay to allow the Internal Revenue Service "IRS" to offset the debtor's income tax overpayment against his outstanding federal income tax liabilities pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 553 and 26 U.S.C. § 6402(a). For the reasons given by our Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in *In re Gould*, 401 B.R. 415 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2009), we reverse the decision of the Bankruptcy Court, *In re Gould*, 389 B.R. 105 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2008), and remand for further proceedings. We note that for cases filed after October 17, 2005, 11 U.S.C. § 362(b)(26) permits the IRS to setoff a pre-petition income tax overpayment against a pre-petition income tax liability without seeking relief from the automatic stay.

REVERSED and REMANDED.