

IRS hits Clark, wife with \$1.6M in tax liens

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The Internal Revenue Service filed \$1.6 million in tax liens against Leflore County judge candidate Clark but Clark said some of that amount is consolidated from previous liens on his law firm.

From 2003 to 2008, Clark Law Offices had eight federal tax liens set against it equaling \$952,000.

Clark said Thursday that “some” of those business liens were converted to him personally last month but he did not say exactly how much. He said he’s taking care of the liens.

Clark will face incumbent Kevin Adams on Nov. 2 for the Leflore County Court judgeship. Duties include running the county’s youth court and hearing civil and criminal cases.

When asked if he felt the tax liens should be an issue in the election, Clark said no.

“It’s just a common occurrence in business,” Clark said.

The Mississippi Judicial Performance Commission said previously that tax liens would not prevent Adams from running for office.

Adams said Thursday he had no comment on Clark’s tax problems.

An IRS spokesperson said federal privacy laws prevent the agency from discussing an individual’s tax problems.

Between Sept. 7 and Sept. 13, the IRS took out four tax liens against Fred Clark for a combined \$ file at the Leflore County Courthouse. The largest of those topped \$1 million.

Another was filed against Clark and his wife, Margaret, for \$220,878. One lien was against Marg

The IRS has a long history of filing and ultimately resolving tax liens on the Clarks. They have se 1984.

Fred Clark joined with a team of lawyers to successfully sue the tobacco industry on behalf of Mi split \$1.4 billion in legal fees to be paid over time. According to a recent book, "Kings of Tort," C decade, though, Clark's finances faltered. He filed for bankruptcy in 2005.

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