

Levels of Assurance Commonly Found in Tax Opinions

(Original Unabridged, Politically Incorrect Version)

The following percentages can be used to assist in interpreting, clarifying and understanding levels of assurance in tax opinions.

110% Reserved for use by sportscasters to describe athletic efforts, unsuitable for tax opinions	49% Less likely than not
100% Will	48% Likely might not
99% Will likely	47% Could maybe
98% Will possibly	46% Arguably could
97% Will maybe	45% Could it be that it would work
96% Will probably	44% It could be that it would work
95% Would	43% Would it be that it could work
94% The better view	42% Within the bounds of possibility
93% Should if it would	41% As a taxpayer's lawyer, I would not be ashamed to argue this in court
92% Would if it could	40% Perhaps arguable
91% Would if it should	39% God willing
90% Should	38% Depending on the facts
89% Should likely	37% Misericordia Domini inter pontem et fontem <i>(the Glories of the Possible are Ours)</i>
88% Likely hopeful	36% Could be in the cards
87% Most likely	35% It has been known to
86% Very likely	34% On the dice
85% Remarkably likely	33% As a taxpayer's accountant, I would not be ashamed to argue this in court
84% Good chance	32% With some luck
83% Probably	31% With some good fortune
82% Fair chance	30% Might
80% Reasonable chance	29% Might be argued that
79% Fucking likely	28% Stands a chance
78% Favorable chance	27% Might stand a chance
77% Expectedly	26% Not without some doubt
76% Reasonable prospect	25% Not likely
75% Likely	24% Conceivably but not hopeful
74% Fair prospect	23% Conceivable
73% In all probability	22% Too tough to call
72% In all likelihood	21% Maybe it might be
71% Hopefully	20% Likely not conceivable
70% Possible	19% Not fucking likely
69% Good prospect	18% Maybe
68% Favorable prospect	17% Maybe but not likely
67% Not a bad prospect	16% Not likely enough
66% Likely enough	15% If it is good enough for Enron
65% Could probably	14% Maybe but not possible
64% Could possibly	13% Subject to
63% Not a bad chance	12% Definitely not
62% Be the ball	11% As a CCRA lawyer, I would not be ashamed to argue this in court
61% Odds are	10% Not possible
60% Could	9% Not probable
59% Could likely be	8% Perhaps if nobody finds it
58% There is reason to believe	7% You have got to be joking
57% Well grounded hope	6% You are not serious about this are you
56% There is reason to expect	5% You must not understand the legislation
55% Not beyond reason	4% No not never
54% There is reason to think	3% Read him his rights Danno
53% Had better be	2% Not hopeful
52% Hope	1% Not in a month of Sundays
51% More likely than not	0% Not
50% Neither likely nor not	