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Dean Zerbe has long been involved with assisting and working with whistleblowers beginning with his time as a staff investigator for Congressmen Denny Smith (R-OR) and Richard Baker (R-LA) and later Senator Grassley (R-IA). Dean was at the forefront of the creation of the IRS tax whistleblower program – starting in 2006 when serving as Senior Counsel and Tax Counsel for the Senate Finance Committee for then-Chairman Grassley he was the staffer responsible for the legislation that created the modern IRS whistleblower program. Mr. Zerbe left government service in 2008 to practice law at Zerbe, Miller, Fingeret, Frank & Jadav law firm -- and in 2010 he was asked to serve as cocounsel with Steve Kohn for Mr. Brad Birkenfeld's whistleblower award claim. Mr. Birkenfeld received an award of \$104 million dollars for blowing the whistle on UBS and illegal offshore accounts. Since then, Mr. Zerbe has successfully represented a number of tax whistleblowers – who have received to date awards totaling approximately \$600 million dollars and returns to the Treasury of over \$2 billion dollars.

Mr. Zerbe also serves as Senior Policy Advisor for the National Whistleblower Center (NWC) – a leading nonpartisan organization created to assist and champion whistleblowers. Mr. Zerbe has published widely in a number of publications regarding whistleblower law and has consulted with state governments as well as foreign nations about tax whistleblower laws.

Mr. Zerbe also is the National Managing Director of alliantgroup – a Houston-based tax consultancy firm founded in 2001 that assists CPA firms and small and medium businesses nationwide.

Mr. Zerbe has a J.D. from George Mason University and an LL.M. (Tax) from New York University – and more importantly is the only NYU LLM (Tax) graduate who also has a BFA (film production) from NYU as well.