

Creating Tax and IRS Rep Workflows to Manage Your Practice:

Save Thousands of Dollars and Build a More Scalable
and Saleable Practice

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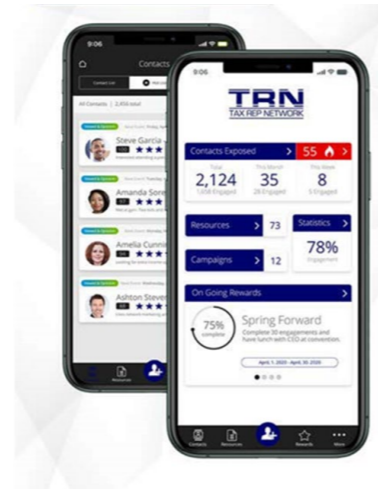
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TAX REP NETWORK

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- Eric is the host of the weekly Tax Rep Network Podcast
- Eric is the founder of Tax Rep Network, an online community designed to help tax professionals build their IRS Representation Practice
- He is the author of the Accountant's Guides in IRS Representation
- Partnered with UConn and creator of the IRS Representation Certificate Program
- Creator of the Tax Rep App

Before we get started....



- ▶ 4 Attendance pop-up attendance checks
- ▶ Please do the checks
- ▶ Look for a link for your certificate
- ▶ Issues? Email us at team@taxrepllc.com

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Join us Tuesday 12/5 – Tax Season Update

Everything a Tax Pro Needs to Know This Tax Season

- ▶ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm EST
- ▶ Ce/cpe: 7 hours of Tax, 1 hour of ethics
- ▶ Early Bird \$199 until 11/30, then \$299 afterward
- ▶ New Developments, Individual Taxpayer Issues, Small Business Issues, IRS Update, Divorce, Planning for the Sunset of the TCJA, 2024 Rulings and Cases, and Ethics
- ▶ <https://taxrepllc.com/20241205-update/>

Meet Dave



We want the practice

- ▶ Our chance to get out of our firms
- ▶ 300 clients
- ▶ Pearse knows most of them
- ▶ We offer 1.2 x revenue

Response?

Deal!



What do we want?

- ▶ Practice that is automated
- ▶ We want high quality work product
- ▶ We want to be able to scale our practice
- ▶ We want to be able to sell our practice



Eric's IRS Rep Practice



- ▶ Volume is a problem
- ▶ Missed steps (like the \$\$\$)
- ▶ Bidding against ourselves
- ▶ Working myself to death

How it works:



Yesterday's call



- ▶ I was referred by _____
- ▶ I haven't filed for a bit
- ▶ IRS is levying me
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Translation

- ▶ I was referred by _____ (didn't leave his name)
- ▶ I haven't filed for a bit (14 years it turns out)
- ▶ IRS is levying me (they created SFRs)
- ▶ Now the state is garnishing my wages (they got the bad assessment from the IRS which shares information)

Financial Cents Templates

- ▶ Makes sure steps are laid out
- ▶ Everything is assigned
- ▶ Everyone on the team is following the same game plan
- ▶ I can track every case for items due this week, and where each case stands

Non-Filer Cases Template

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List Files

Team Tasks	Automations
Client Consultation	Admin ▾
Send pay link for consult fee	Admin ▾
Send link to SmartVault to upload any documents	Admin ▾
Obtain signed 2848 from client	Admin ▾
Submit 2848 to IRS CAF Unit	Admin ▾
Pull Account Transcripts and Wage & Income Reports from the IRS	Admin ▾
Identify Unfiled Tax Returns within last 6 years	Preparer ▾
Identify Any Substitute for returns Filed by the IRS	Preparer ▾
Confirm if Client has Criminal Exposure and should consider Voluntary Disclosure with the IRS (If Yes Open an IRS Voluntary Disclosure Matter)	Reviewer ▾
Identify Returns Needed for Voluntary Disclosure for the State	Reviewer ▾
Obtain Client Documents for Tax Return Preparation	Preparer ▾
Prepare Missing Tax Returns	Preparer ▾
Request Voluntary Disclosure for State	Preparer ▾

First Step

- ▶ Get retained (Ignition)
- ▶ Get paid (Ignition)
- ▶ Get the IRS and State of CT notices (SmartVault)
- ▶ Set-Up case and assign (Financial Cents)
- ▶ Call Accountant (Dawn Brolin)

Non-Filers need to into compliance

- ▶ All Returns due are filed
 - ~ IRS limits it to the last 6 years: IRM 1.2.1.6.18
 - ~ States don't have the same rule, so look at their voluntary disclosure rules
- ▶ Current tax payments are being made
 - ~ Employees have enough withholding done
 - ~ Business has made this current quarter's payroll tax deposits
 - ~ Self-Employed have made this year's estimated tax payments

But..

- ▶ What if there are SFRs on prior years?
- ▶ What if my client has losses in the prior years?
- ▶ Should I pursue penalty abatement?
- ▶ MFS or MFJ?

- ▶ We don't need to file, but do we want to?
- ▶ Depends, what resolution are we pursuing, and can we reduce the liability?
 - ~ If we are going to be in a full-pay situation, we want to reduce the liability as much as possible
 - ~ If we are compromising, why waste time doing prior returns, correcting SFRs, and seeking penalty abatement
- ▶ We don't want to reduce the liability from an OIC into a full-pay situation!

MFS v MFJ

- ▶ If it's a full-pay situation, which way reduces the liability most?
- ▶ If not a full-pay, need to do the RCP analysis
- ▶ NOTE: If it's a divorce situation, be wary of recommending a joint return that could create a joint liability



Our Templates in Financial Cents

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List Client Tasks Files

▼ Team Tasks

⚡ Automations

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Request Voluntary Disclosure for State	Preparer	▼
File State Returns/Information	Preparer	▼
File Federal Returns	Preparer	▼
When Balance Due Notices arrive, start IRS /State Collection Matter	Preparer	▼

Pricing

- ▶ 8 years of accounting/bookkeeping:
 $\$200/\text{month} \times 48 \text{ months} = \$9,600$
- ▶ 8 years of 1040s: $\$750 \times 8 \text{ years} = \$6,000$
- ▶ Balance Due Resolution: $\$3,500$ retainer
for collection analysis
- ▶ $\$2,500$ state issue



Would you – knowing you can get the Tax Rep templates - like a personalized demo of Financial Cents?

Questions?

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