Dealing with the IRS is nothing less than intimidating and stressful. By hiring a tax professional, many issues can be resolved for you and without you ever contacting the IRS. The same goes for any state taxing authority.

There are many companies that offer tax resolution services. Resolving past issues with the IRS and the State taxing authorities can be a lengthy and expensive process. Don't be misled, **stopping collections**, **garnishments and levies are not "Immediate" as soon as you call.** For more information on regarding tax relief companies and what to be aware of click <u>FTC Tax Relief Companies f</u>or advice from the Federal Trade Commission. It is possible to suspend collections, garnishments, and levies for a period of me. To do so requires the tax professional to obtain and submit documents allowing them to represent you before the IRS. Obtaining representation for state tax issues varies by state.

As an "Enrolled Agent" authorized to practice before the IRS at all levels, I can assist with resolving past tax issues. Enrolled Agents are experts in the field of taxation and hold the highest designation offered by the IRS.

Below are some useful Tips:

- **NEVER** ignore an IRS notice or any notice from any state taxing authority. Doing so can seriously jeopardize your rights in tax court should the need arise. Simply put, they will not just go away.
- Initial consultations are free. If you receive any letter from the IRS or state taxing authority, call our office immediately at (919) 304-6981.
- File all past due tax returns. If you have any unfiled tax returns, gather the documents to have them filed as quickly as possible. Your case cannot move forward un I all filing requirements are current.
- Statute of Limitations. The IRS has required statute of limitations and processes. It is important to respond timely in all matters before the IRS. Be aware, the IRS will also notify the state taxing authorities of changes they propose.

Transparency – It is my desire for each of my clients to be well informed and understand the processes prior to entering an engagement to resolve their past tax issues, including costs to have their issue resolved. You can check my status as an Enrolled Agent on the IRS website. I am a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents and the South Carolina Association, as well as the North Carolina Society of Enrolled Agents in good standing.

Pricing – Fees are discussed at the initial consultation. A retainer fee may be required before any work can begin. Contingency fees or no upfront fees are based on the circumstances of each case. Retainer fees are based on the severity of the past tax issue. Hourly fees will be charged after the retainer fee has been exhausted. Fees for out-of-pocket expenses may arise as well. An example are expenses incurred for travel to a field office to sit at an audit on your behalf.

Guarantees - It is important to note that **NO ONE** can make any guarantees as to the final outcome of your case or the disposition the IRS, or any state taxing authority will take. While I will do everything I can to obtain the best outcome, no guarantees are made or implied.