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It was a pleasant surprise when the House Judiciary Committee on July 18, 2007 approved an amendment that would prohibit the patenting of tax planning methods. For the full text of the amendment see pleasant surprise.

It is important to note that there probably has never been a more relevant time when strong tax practitioners are needed. The IRS certainly has not become a "kindler, gentler IRS". On the contrary, you are taxed unless you are able to prove that you shouldn't be taxed. The desperate need for revenue from tax is highlighted even more so at the state level. Have you tried recently talking compromise or even reasonably with the Illinois Department of Employment Security or the Illinois Department of Revenue?

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