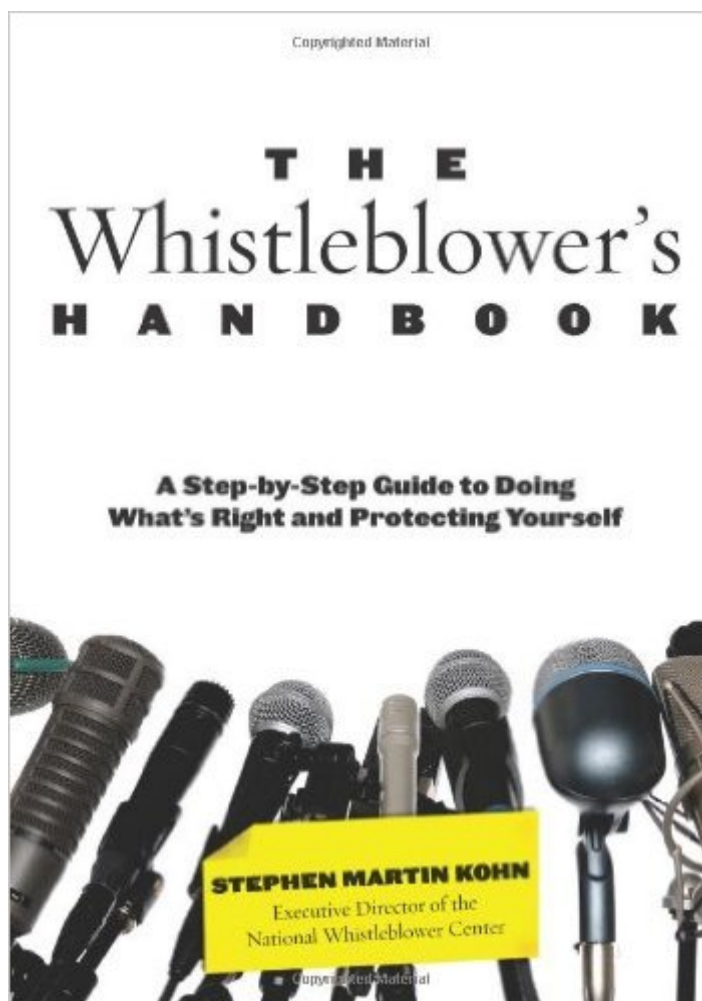


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# Whistleblower's Handbook: A Step-By-Step Guide To Doing What's Right And Protecting Yourself



## Synopsis

From America's leading whistleblower attorney—the third updated edition of his layman's guide to the legal do's and don'ts of exposing workplace wrongdoing—Do you suspect that your employer is skirting safety or environmental rules, cheating on taxes, violating government contracts, committing financial fraud, or breaking the law? That your boss is a crook? Welcome to the ranks of the close to 50 percent of American workers who have witnessed fraud or misconduct at work—about half of whom take initial steps to do the right thing—by reporting it. Few get far. Despite a revolutionary spate of laws in recent years that not only protect whistleblowers but also provide for large monetary rewards, the legislative labyrinth remains daunting. All too often this means silence, lost court cases, damaged careers, and a failure to effect real change. Now, updated in March 2013 to include the historic \$104-million Bradley Birkenfeld whistleblower case and more, comes the third edition of the first-ever consumer guide to whistleblowing by the nation's leading whistleblower attorney. In *The Whistleblower's Handbook*, Stephen Martin Kohn explains nearly all federal and state laws regarding whistleblowing. In the step-by-step bulk of the book, he also presents twenty-one rules for whistleblowers—from finding the best federal and state laws to knowing your way around the far-reaching Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, and from the dangers of blindly trusting internal corporate "hotlines" to obtaining the proof you need to win the case. Also included are six easy-reference checklists on whistleblower reward laws and other legislation.

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In a world where corporate corruption runs rampant, and taxpayers are often left with enormous bills as a result, understanding and protection of ethical corporate whistleblowing should be an ever-more-important education and policy issue. This book goes some way in that direction, and one can only imagine its power once more Americans will understand its import. As the title suggests, the book can serve as a policy manual as well as information necessary for any American who functions in a workplace and wants to both perform his/her civic duty, and PROTECT HIS/HER CAREER, OR MORE LIKELY, THEIR CHANCE TO PREVAIL IN COURT ONCE THEIR CAREER IS PREDICTABLY DAMAGED BY A FRAUDULENT EMPLOYER. There are many good books about "what happens to whistleblowers" (the books by Glazer (older) and Alford (newer) probably lead the pack), highly visible cases (Glazer, as well as Scammell's "Giant Killers"), what drives whistleblowers (Alford), etc). You can glean from some of those what was happening, what was raised by the fraudulent employer as tactics to discredit the whistleblower, and how some whistleblower cases came down. But in all of those such information is peripheral and indirect. "The Whistleblower's Handbook" is the first book that addresses the most important and practical issue: equipping the whistleblowers with critical legal and procedural information to even the playing field against powerful and unscrupulous employers. There is no doubt in my mind that EVERY whistleblower and potential whistleblower out there will get a better outcome for their case by reading this book.

Regardless of your occupation this handy reference is a "must have publication" for your professional development library. I first saw the author on C-SPAN in 2013, and was very interested in what Mr. Kohn had to say on the subject as one of the leading whistleblower Attorneys in the United States. The book definitely is a helpful step-by-step guide to doing "the right thing," and protecting yourself. I love the fact that back in the day James Madison stood before the First Congress of the USA and proposed that the Constitution be amended to include a Bill of Rights. His words were clear and the First Amendment was unmistakable. "The people shall not be deprived or abridged of their right to speak, to write, or to publish their sentiments; and freedom of the press, as one of the great bulwarks of liberty, shall be inviolable. The people shall not be restrained from peaceably assembling and consulting for their common good; nor from applying to the Legislature by petitions, or remonstrances, for redress of their grievances." Read this handbook to learn about: The Dodd-Frank Act The Sarbanes-Oxley Act The False Claims Act Qui Tam Internal Revenue Code This reference is essential reading for anyone considering to blow the whistle so that you Find the Best Federal law. As Mr. Kohn points out "Any whistleblower law worthy of consideration must,

at a minimum, reasonably define protected activity, cover your industry, ensure due process procedures, and permit you to obtain a complete "Make Whole" remedy, including reinstatement to your job, back pay, and reasonable damages. Learn the working definitions of "good faith," and "keeping book."

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