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Those odds must be changed -- for the good of public safety, of law enforcement resources, of national security -- and of your career. Criminals have more resources, obey no rules, pay no taxes, corrupt the willing and weak, and respect no boundaries.

Hundreds of crimes produce hundreds of billions of dollars worldwide

That's just the beginning. Billions more are taken through many other criminal activities, including mortgage fraud, extortion, embezzlement, credit card scams, illegal gambling, public corruption, human trafficking, identity theft, securities violations, insurance fraud, intellectual property piracy and bankruptcy fraud. A complete listing would fill several pages of this brochure. The same -- or worse -- is true in all other countries.

Huge sums of dirty money sit in criminal hands

The dirty money sits in criminals' hands even when they're behind bars. It gathers interest in their banks, insurance policies and safety deposit boxes. It's tied up in real estate, businesses, cars, airplanes, yachts, art, jewelry, thoroughbred horses and countless other assets. Criminals are sitting on hundreds of billions of dollars in wealth they have amassed that belongs to the taxpayers and its law enforcement or prosecutorial agencies.

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The very tough times in which the 750,000 sworn officers at these agencies, and their federal counterparts, work, while their budgets are being slashed and ranks reduced, create an advantage for criminals. Never has there been a better time to use asset forfeiture. No budget to attend our conference? No problem, make the bad guys pay! See Page 15 to learn how.

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Conference at a Glance

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The year 2009 marks the 25th anniversary of the federal law that gave the US Department of Justice and law enforcement agencies powerful new asset forfeiture tools. The Department’s Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS), led by Rich Weber, in recent years, has given forfeiture a more dominant role, resulting in big increases in asset forfeitures. Much remains to be done. Criminals now run a miniscule risk of losing their assets. Annually, forfeitures by all agencies at all levels for all crimes are about \$4 billion, but criminals make some \$500 billion. The Justice Department, home of the FBI, DEA and US Marshals Service, wants to change that. Its five-year strategy seeks to make forfeiture a part of every case. That affects all law enforcement and prosecutors. In this panel, Rich Weber, Chief of the AFMLS, Kim Beal, and Cameron Holmes dissect the landmark strategy, including the planned “integrat(ion) into all... cases (of) asset forfeiture components,” how “equitable sharing” works, and why “comprehensive, continual... (asset forfeiture) training” is essential. Don’t miss this crucial panel.

Speakers: Kim Beal, Cameron Holmes, Rich Weber Moderator: Charles Intriago

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10:45 - 12:00 PM **General Session: Drug Traffickers Face Forfeiture, Fraudsters Not So Much. What’s Wrong With This Picture? Does the USA Patriot Act Hold the Key to More Restitution of Fraud Victims?**

Drug trafficking and health care fraud have one thing in common: each generates about \$50 billion annually. But while drug traffickers have thousands of law enforcement officers trying to arrest them and forfeit their assets, healthcare fraudsters do not worry much about forfeiture. The wave of fraud is so large that federal agencies cannot handle it all, although they return all fraud forfeitures to victims. At local levels, forfeiture laws are often weak, fraud investigative skills not honed, and, sometimes, fraud cases are avoided because forfeitures revert only to victims. But fraud victims have an overlooked ally. The USA Patriot Act’s “Federal Receiver” law permits judicial appointment of receivers, on application of a prosecutor or state regulator, with powers of federal prosecutors and access to FinCEN information and US treaties, “to collect... and take custody, control, and possession of all assets of the defendant, wherever located, to satisfy... an order of restitution to any victim” of fraud and other crimes. Here, one of the law’s authors, Linda Candler, and two experts who have pursued fraud worldwide teach you how to battle fraudsters and repay their victims. A can’t miss, first-of-its-kind panel

Speakers: Linda Candler, Lew Freeman, Courtney Linn Moderator: Charles Intriago

12:00 - 1:30 **Luncheon in Exhibition Hall**

1:30 - 2:15 **Concurrent Sessions: Best Practices in Property Management and Pre-Seizure Planning to Safeguard Assets, Preserve Value and Earn Public Support**

Money is easy to safeguard in a bank account, but what about residences, office buildings, or a bar? Asset forfeiture is not just about forfeiting assets, but also about the important tasks of tracking, inventorying, safeguarding, accounting and disposing of multiple millions of dollars in property. No one has a bigger job in this field than the US Marshals Service Asset Forfeiture Program, which performs these services for the US Department of Justice and the FBI, DEA, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, US Postal Inspection Service, and others. It provides these services in federal and “adopted” state and local agencies cases. Here, two experts share with you best practices in property management and in assuring that seized and forfeited property is secure and disposed of according to law. They explain the pre-seizure planning steps you should take to enhance security, maximize value and reduce liability.

Speakers: Kim Beal, Mike Perez Moderator: Charles Intriago

‘It Don’t Mean a Thing If You Don’t Take Their Bling’: An Introduction to Asset Forfeiture Basics and the Legal Rules of the Game in Plain English

It’s not enough to lock up the bad guys. If you want to make an impact on crime and criminal organizations and improve your agency’s results, you must identify, seize and forfeit their assets and strip them of their wealth. Otherwise, they will regenerate quickly because the financial incentives are too great for their successors to ignore. There are rules and best practices in asset forfeiture that every law enforcement officer and prosecutor who is new to the field, or needs a refresher, should understand. Here, two veterans give you crucial guidance on effective asset forfeiture enforcement. You’ll learn how to build a strong foundation for your program, best practices to implement, and how to utilize this weapon effectively to reduce crime and improve your resources.

Speakers: Courtney Linn, Donald Semesky Moderator: Bill Roppolo

Knowledge to Make Forfeiture a Winner For You in Many Ways

2:15 - 2:30 Proceed to Next Concurrent Session

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These days, when the electronic movement of funds leaves tracks in many places, money can run but it can't hide. Even currency at some point must find its way to a financial institution to lose its conspicuous state and convert to another form of value. Financial institutions and commercial businesses keep many types of records. They can provide a roadmap to substantial assets, their owners, the real beneficial owners, and to other suspects who had escaped attention. Knowing what records to subpoena from a bank, securities dealer, insurance company, mutual fund, money transmitter or business is a crucial skill. An equally important skill is determining what the records reveal. Any law enforcement agency seeking greater success in asset forfeiture must assure that its investigators and analysts acquire those skills. Here, three experts give you invaluable lessons on the records to get and how to understand the money in them.

Speakers: John Byrne, Susan Galli, Les Joseph Moderator: Don Semesky

Battling Multi-Jurisdictional Criminals Effectively Through Stronger Partnerships and Uncle Sam's Long Arm

No law enforcement agency, regardless of size, can do it all by itself if a criminal organization and its assets move across state, national and international boundaries, which they do easily. Nor can an agency go it alone if witnesses, assets and records are located in another jurisdiction. Close cooperation with other agencies, and with banks, other financial institutions and businesses, can also be great allies and lead to greater forfeiture success. Multi-agency task forces, which have logged great victories in many criminal areas like drug enforcement, mortgage fraud, credit card scams and other crimes, are good models of interagency cooperation. Here, you learn the resources you can use to extend your reach and improve effectiveness while achieving common goals with your partners. Three experts show you the partnering resources that are available and how Uncle Sam can help you attack the wealth of cross-border criminal organizations.

Speakers: Linda Candler, Jim Cox, Mike McDonald Moderator: Bill Roppolo

3:15 - 3:45 Refreshment Break in Exhibition Hall

3:45 - 4:30 Concurrent Sessions: Winning the End-Game Through Effective Take-Downs: Prioritizing Assets and Sound Planning and Risk Assessment

If you want to deliver a good first blow in a successful forfeiture case, you must generate financial leads, nurture sources, obtain information on the targeted assets of the criminal organization, know how to extract information from financial documents and attempt to unmask hidden ownership. That's only the beginning. You must also assess targets, time the seizures and determine your available resources. All this leads to informed decision-making. Learning best practices in take-downs helps you perfect your skills. Here, three experts show you how to determine if an asset should be pursued and how to address the risks you encounter with certain assets, such as loss of value, unforeseen claims or harmful publicity. We teach you the strategic considerations for effective take-downs, including coordination with persons outside your agency, the timing of search and arrest warrants, notification of bank security officers, legal counsel and international departments on things like safety deposit boxes, subpoenas and other issues.

Speakers: Peter German, Cameron Holmes, Bill Roppolo Moderator: Courtney Linn

How State and Local Law Enforcement Succeed In Big Forfeiture Cases On Their Own: Two Officers Tell How They Do It

Despite the great variety of crimes, some law enforcement departments limit their forfeitures to drug cash and cars even though their state asset forfeiture laws cover more than drug-related forfeitures. There are notable exceptions in various states. State and local agencies that handle forfeiture cases without federal participation face unique challenges, especially if they are battling organizations that operate in several states and whose "command and control nests" lie elsewhere. These agencies must find counterparts they can trust in other states, which are willing to help and have the time to do so. They must coordinate multi-state applications to courts for interception of communications, get help in issuing and serving arrest and search warrants, and locate public records on hidden and targeted assets. Here, three state and local veterans dissect their cases and show you obstacles they overcame and how they succeeded in achieving substantial forfeitures and the conviction of major criminals.

Speakers: Jim Cox, Travis Pierce Moderator: Rob Garver, Charles Intriago

4:30 - 4:45 Proceed to Next Concurrent Session

4:45 - 5:30 **General Session: “You’re on the News Tonight!” How to Avoid and Recover From Ethical Disasters and Build a Program From Ground Up With a Strong Ethics Component**

Media stories about the improper or unwise use of asset forfeiture funds underscore the importance of a well-managed, transparent program. The abuses, by a small number of agencies, jeopardize the forfeiture power for everyone. The US Justice Department’s 10-point National Code of Professional Conduct for Asset Forfeiture should be standard procedure for all law enforcement agencies to assure public trust and support. The experience of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department provides great lessons. It rose from disgrace to respect after a massive embezzlement by the former head of asset forfeiture who was detected, convicted and jailed. Now, other agencies approach the department for training on ethics issues. Here, you learn from Sgt. Jim Cox, of Fairfax County, and two other experts the essential controls you need to safeguard your program.

Speakers: Jim Cox, John Murphy, Mike Perez *Moderator: Charles Intriago*

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9:00 - 9:45 **General Session: Don Semesky Unplugged: Lessons From the Master of Strategic Asset Forfeiture On How to Hurt Criminal Organizations the Most**

One of the world’s most respected asset forfeiture thought-and-action leaders, Don Semesky, the architect and first director of DEA’s Office of Financial Operations, achieved great success by focusing the agency as much on money as on drugs. Under then-Administrator Karen Tandy, he nearly doubled the average size of forfeitures in four years. He advocates choosing targets carefully because forfeitures and financial investigations consume so much investigator, analyst and attorney time. Law enforcement must avoid chasing “any money” within reach, he says. The targets should be the financial infrastructures and the “command and control nests,” not the individuals. You achieve that through “money flow” investigations. This approach often produces so much money that creates the risk of getting lost in numbers. Don’t miss this rare chance to learn firsthand about these successful approaches and invaluable great lessons from a master of the trade.

Speaker: Don Semesky *Moderator: Mike McDonald*

9:45 - 10:30 **General Session: Using Forfeiture Discretion Wisely for Maximum Results, Impact and Public Support – Or, Do You Really Want to Forfeit that House?**

The success of asset forfeiture as a viable law enforcement weapon rests, in large measure, on the discretion and judgment of the people that wield it. Unwise use of discretion and poor judgment can jeopardize its viability with lawmakers and the public, and cost substantial funds that could be applied to public ends. The overriding consideration must always be reduction of crime, protection of the public interest, and the dismantling of criminal organizations. It should never be the financial gain a law enforcement agency may receive from forfeiture. Not every criminal asset must be seized, regardless of value. Real estate presents unique challenges in discretion. Several legal, practical and, sometimes, emotional factors complicate these forfeitures, such as innocent tenants, mortgages, foreclosure, homestead, declining value, taxes, multiple owners and listing agreements. Here, three experts share best practices in using wise discretion. You will save yourself headaches by learning these lessons.

Speakers: Cameron Holmes, Mike Perez, Bill Roppolo *Moderator: Mike McDonald*

10:30 - 11:00 **Refreshment Break in Exhibition Hall**

11:00 - 11:45 **Concurrent Sessions: Targeting Fresh Assets and New Criminal Groups With Aggressive and Innovative Investigative Strategies**

Wire transfers, letters of credit, girlfriend driving a new Bentley, repeated references in bank Suspicious Activity Reports? What does it mean? How do you put the pieces together to let you visualize new criminal organizations and their assets? Here, we show you the crucial elements of a multi-tiered approach to asset forfeiture: how to “look back” at prior seizures to target overlooked assets and how to aggressively pursue the financial components of your cases to identify and track the assets of major criminals. You will learn how to avoid bad cases that make little impact on criminal organizations or deflect you from what you should be doing. Three experts show you how to pursue organizations not yet on the radar screen, strip them of their crucial strategic assets, and who to ask for help. Don’t miss this hands-on guidance to improving your forfeiture cases, your results – and your career.

Speakers: Bill Bradley, Linda Candler, Courtney Linn *Moderator: John Murphy*

Tracking Assets Around the Globe: How New International Initiatives Help All Law Enforcement Agencies Track Criminal Wealth

All major criminal organizations have international ties or “command and control nest” in another country. Sophisticated criminals also have hidden and disguised their assets overseas. This should never cause a state or local agency to close or not pursue an important criminal investigation. There are a lot of sources of help,

including Canada and the United Kingdom. Several international organizations, like the World Bank, Interpol and others, have become more active in helping law enforcement pursue criminal wealth. The US government has powerful tools that can be wielded to identify criminal assets overseas. Mutual assistance treaties by which foreign nations render help in criminal cases are also available. The United States embassies overseas, in which agencies like the FBI, DEA and IRS are present, are often an overlooked source of help. Here, three experts show you how to capitalize on these diverse resources. If your cases cross national borders do not miss this panel.

Speakers: Peter German, Andrew Mitchell, Bruce Zagaris Moderator: Linda Candler

11:45 - 12:00 PM Proceed to Next Concurrent Session

12:00 - 1:00 Concurrent Sessions: Play Offense, Not Defense Through a Proactive Approach For Greater Success In Your Asset Forfeiture Program

As they plan their crimes sophisticated criminals also devise schemes to hide and disguise their proceeds. Law enforcement is challenged to find informants, sources, intelligence and information that lead to hidden criminal wealth and proof of origin. It has many weapons but to be successful they must be used proactively and creatively such as those that lie in government records. Some weapons must be used together with prosecutors, such as immunity and search warrants. An effective case management program that produces human and documentary sources of financial information and assets can pay big dividends. In this high-yield panel, three experts explain how to establish such a program in all enforcement operations that will keep asset forfeiture in the forefront and shift from a reactive approach, where you only seize what the criminal is willing to surrender, to a proactive one where you will attack through novel angles.

Speakers: Bill Bradley, John Murphy, Travis Pierce Moderator: John Pyrik

Federal 'Adoption' of State and Local Cases: Key Factors That Decide If It Is a Win-Win, And How Joint Investigations Are A Viable Alternative

Not all asset forfeiture cases end where they began. Inadequate resources, international considerations, targeting of higher rungs of a criminal organization, or financial factors often prompt state and local agencies to seek "adoption" of their asset forfeiture cases by a federal agency to manage and administer it, usually with state and local participation. If a forfeiture results, it will "equitably share" 80% with the state and local agency, sometimes with US Justice Department (DOJ) approval. Thousands of cases are "adopted" each year in the US. In 2008, DOJ distributed more than \$300 million to thousands of state and local agencies. The Treasury Department distributed less. What are the important considerations in federal "adoption" of cases? Here, three experts guide you and show you best practices to ensure successful results and how joint investigations can serve as a useful alternative. Don't miss this panel if you use "adoption" procedures.

Speakers: Kim Beal, Jim Cox, John Murphy Moderator: Charles Intriago

1:00 - 2:15 Buffet Lunch in Exhibition Hall

2:15 - 3:15 General Session: FinCEN's 'Gateway': Database Goldmines That Can Lead You To Golden Sources and Undiscovered Wealth

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network receives millions of currency transactions, international money movement, suspicious activity and foreign bank account forms each year. Thousands of banks, securities dealers, money transmitters, insurance companies, casinos, car, airplane and boat dealers, jewelers, real estate brokers, and others report large currency transactions, suspicious activity, overseas bank accounts and other intelligence that is available to federal and state and local law enforcement agencies, under its Project Gateway. Many state and local agencies are not aware this invaluable information is available. FinCEN also performs a useful service under Section 314(a) of the USA Patriot Act. Upon request, it will electronically canvass financial institutions and businesses requiring them to state if specified individuals or entities have accounts. All this can lead to major forfeiture cases and criminal organizations and help solve financial puzzles of criminals you are pursuing. Here, you will learn of FinCEN's treasures and how to obtain and use them.

Speakers: Bill Bradley, John Byrne, Les Joseph Moderator: Mike McDonald

3:15 - 4:00 General Session: Discovering Hidden Criminal Assets In the 'Invisible' and 'Historical' Corners of the World Wide Web

The World Wide Web, the most potent information and intelligence tool, is still underutilized and misunderstood by many investigators and analysts. Many treasures lie beneath the "surface Web" that can reveal information that opens the door to important assets and linkages. The "Invisible Web" and "Historical Web" are two vast areas that most people don't know exist. In this panel, we bring you John Pyrik, a widely-respected expert who will give you a fascinating and invaluable presentation on how you can benefit immensely by exploiting this amazing, virtually free 24/7 tool. Would you like to see what the public records in a far-flung country reveal or what a website that is no longer active showed five years ago? In simple language, he shows you how – and much more. He also describes tools to better organize, visualize and analyze information. This session is worth gold.

Speaker: John Pyrik Moderator: Rob Garver

4:00 - 4:10 Closing Remarks

Who Should Attend

- Asset Forfeiture Unit Commanders, Deputies and Investigators/Detectives
- Narcotics Commanders, Deputies and Investigators/Detectives
- Asset Forfeiture Specialists (Retired Special Agents on Contract)
- Representatives of Agencies that Receive 'Equitably-Shared' Forfeiture Funds
- Special Agents and Contract Personnel at DEA Financial Intelligence Teams (FITs)
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- Asset Forfeiture Unit Prosecutors
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- HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Agents, Investigators and Analysts)
- HIFCA (High Intensity Financial Crime Area) Agents, Investigators and Analysts
- LEIU (Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit) Agents, Investigators and Analysts
- Vice Squad Commanders, Deputies and Investigators
- Joint Terrorism Task Force Commanders, Deputies and Investigators/Detectives
- Law Enforcement Coordination Clearinghouse (LECC) Leaders
- Attorneys with State and Local Asset Forfeiture Task Forces
- Organized Crime, Narcotics and Asset Forfeiture Detectives
- Asset Forfeiture Fund Managers and Administrators
- Property Custodians of Seized and Forfeited Assets
- Investigative Aides (TFIAs)
- Private Sector Personnel That Provide Forfeiture Services to Government Agencies
- Counterparts of These Persons in Other Countries That Have Asset Forfeiture or Proceeds of Crime Laws

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Kimberly A. Beal

A veteran top asset forfeiture official of the US Marshals Service Program, she is Manager for Operations of the Asset Forfeiture Division and oversees nearly \$2 billion of inventory of a variety of assets, including real estate, personal property and other assets located throughout the United States in various facilities. The thousands of assets, which come from seizures and forfeitures by the DEA, FBI, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and other federal agencies for whom the US Marshals Service performs property management services, are tracked and documented in the Consolidated Assets Tracking System (CATS) of the US Department of Justice. She advises officials of the Marshals Service on national asset forfeiture policy and operational issues and conducts training sessions at seminars and conferences throughout the nation for personnel of the Marshals Service, United States Attorneys' Offices, federal law enforcement agencies and Department of Justice staff.

Bill S. Bradley

Chief Counsel of the U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), he has extensive experience in all Treasury financial-crime fighting operations. FinCEN's primary mission is to analyze and disseminate to law enforcement agencies at all levels in the US the financial intelligence and information extracted from millions of suspicious activity and currency transaction reports filed by financial institutions and businesses. FinCEN also uses its information-gathering powers under the US Bank Secrecy Act to require reports from US financial institutions and businesses on the existence of accounts of specified individuals and companies. Previously, he served as legal counsel to Treasury's Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture (TEOAF) and was a legal expert to the Financial Action Task Force, in Paris, the international body that develops and promotes on asset forfeiture and financial crime standards. A former federal prosecutor, he advises and trains law enforcement nationwide on asset forfeiture and financial crimes.



John J. Byrne

A leading national expert on financial crime and how financial institutions must deal with it, now a consultant to financial institution and government agencies in Washington, D.C., he has spent more than two decades as a key player in United States legislative, regulatory and enforcement circles helping to shape the role of financial institutions in curbing financial crime and responding to the requirements of law and related risks. He served for years at the American Bankers Association where he was the principal spokesperson on financial crime for the United States banking industry, asset forfeiture and money laundering. He was a member of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's Drug-Related Financial Crimes Group and a charter member of the U.S. Treasury Department's Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group. He is Chairman of the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists.



Linda J. Candler

A former federal prosecutor and attorney in the Office of International Affairs of the US Department of Justice where she negotiated and drafted asset sharing agreements and extradition and mutual assistance treaties, she is managing director of international investigations and asset recovery for receivers in complex fraud cases at Robb Evans & Associates, Sun Valley, California. A widely-recognized expert on asset recovery, financial investigations and litigation management for receivers in fraud cases, she has devoted much of her career to the identification and confiscation of criminal assets and fraud investigations. Also a barrister in England, she has recovered proceeds of crime in many countries, including substantial assets linked to the infamous BCCI bank case in which she served as international coordinator on appointment by the US Department of Justice to the British Serious Fraud Office. A barrister at Furnival Chambers in London, she has represented the Crown Prosecution Service in asset confiscation cases. She is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



James A. Cox

A much-decorated Sergeant and Supervisor of the Asset Forfeiture Unit of the Fairfax County Police Department, Virginia, he brought the department from disgrace to a high level of respect and trust from other police departments and US law enforcement agencies. He played an instrumental role in the investigation and prosecution of the former lead detective for asset forfeiture, who embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars of seized assets. His work in restoring the decimated unit, and its integrity and public support, included the establishment of an ethics program and the creation of an asset forfeiture database that increases efficiency and accountability. Today, the US Department of Justice, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, the US Attorney's Office and other agencies, turn to his asset forfeiture unit to collaborate in cases and training. Sgt. Cox has led his department in significant forfeiture cases, including several that were conceived, executed and successfully concluded with only state and local resources.



Lewis B. Freeman

A lawyer, certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner who provides services as a receiver and trustee in a wide variety of large-scale domestic and international fraud and other cases on appointment by state, federal and bankruptcy judges. His firm, Lewis B. Freeman & Partners, Inc., based in Miami, also performs forensic accounting and investigative services in complex cases of the U.S. Attorney's Offices, the Federal Trade Commission, Florida Department of Insurance, Florida Attorney General's Office, and Florida Division of Financial Services. He also performs forensic services in commercial and criminal litigation and conducts operational reviews of companies to identify problem areas, including vulnerability to fraud. His high profile receiverships and trustee cases have included mortgage fraud, factoring, hotels, shopping centers, office buildings, and failed condominium conversions. He founded the Florida Receivers Forum, which promotes the ethical administration of receiverships and assists judges on receivership issues.



Susan J. Galli

An expert on bank vulnerabilities to criminal acts and how to defend against it, she is now Managing Director of BDO Consulting in Miami where she leads the firm's anti-money laundering compliance advisory and forensics practice, with emphasis on regulatory

risk and fraud. A veteran money laundering control expert she developed and implemented financial crime and money laundering controls, provided compliance services and coordinated relationships with law enforcement and regulatory agencies at Citigroup and Banco Santander. She has a deep knowledge of banking instruments and products, including letters of credit and wire transfers, which criminals use to commit financial crimes and secrete their assets. Previously a member of the U.S. Treasury Department's Bank Secrecy Act Advisory Group, she has conducted many training sessions in the U.S. and other countries for government agencies and financial institutions. She is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist and a member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.



Peter German

Assistant Commissioner and Former Director General of Financial Crime, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, he is a 25-year veteran of the famous Mounties. Author of *Proceeds of Crime*, one of leading reference works on Canada's the proceeds of crime law, he previously coordinated the RCMP's commercial crime, market enforcement and money laundering programs. He is a member of the Ontario and British Columbia bars, has served as a Crown prosecutor and is a director of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. A frequent lecturer in Canada and abroad on asset forfeiture and proceeds of crime standards and best practices, he has represented Canada at many forfeiture and corruption forums focusing on international crime, including the Financial Action Task Force, UN Convention on Corruption, Global Forum on Corruption, and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He served as a Canadian evaluator of the UK's compliance with the Anti-Bribery Convention of the OECD. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



Cameron H. "Kip" Holmes

One of the most creative minds in the United States on asset forfeiture and financial crime, he is a senior litigator in the Office of the Attorney General of Arizona. Cameron Holmes is a pioneer, having drafted Arizona's first asset forfeiture laws and its money laundering law in 1985, which predated the federal statute by a year. He has argued many forfeiture cases before appellate courts, including a recent forfeiture of \$106 million in a hedge fund fraud case that seeks to make restitution to defrauded investors. He drafted the Arizona laws in 1982 that gave organized crime its first direct taste of asset forfeiture and in 1986 the

comprehensive forfeiture statutes that expanded the application of asset forfeiture to complex fraud cases. He was awarded the National District Attorneys Association's President's Award in 1991 and the Marvin Award of the National Association of Attorneys General in 2002, for his asset forfeiture work. He chairs the Arizona Forfeiture Association and often lectures and writes on the subject. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



Charles A. Intriago

Founder of AssetForfeitureWatch.com and the Association of Certified Asset Forfeiture Specialists (ACAFS), he launched Money Laundering Alert in 1989, moneylaundering.com in 1996, and the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) in 2001, the world's leading credentialing organization for persons with money laundering control responsibilities. His international money laundering conferences in South Florida drew some 1,500 attendees, including large numbers of law enforcement and regulatory officials and bankers. Previously, he served as chief counsel to an investigative subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives which oversaw the Department of Justice, Treasury Department, FBI, DEA, IRS, Postal Service, and others involved in law enforcement, prosecution and the forfeiture of criminal assets. He was an Assistant US Attorney in Miami prosecuting white-collar criminals, drug traffickers, corrupt public officials and fraudster, and Special Counsel on Organized Crime of Florida, where he wrote the statewide grand jury law. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



Lester M. "Les" Joseph

Principal Deputy Chief of the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section, US Department of Justice, Washington, DC, he guides and assists federal prosecutors and federal, state and local law enforcement

agencies throughout the United States in asset forfeiture, financial crime and money laundering investigations and cases. He has supervised dozens of major cases that resulted in huge asset forfeiture sanctions, including several that resulted in "deferred prosecu-

tion agreements" and led to the forfeiture of tens of millions of dollars by financial institution, including American Express Bank International, Union Bank of California, and BankAtlantic. He has helped craft several international cases that established the extra-territorial reach of the US asset forfeiture and money laundering statutes. He advises officials in various sections of the Justice Department's criminal division on financial crime, money laundering and asset forfeiture matters and on legislative and prosecutorial policies and procedures.



Courtney J. Linn

The 2008 winner of the US Justice Department's John Marshall Award, the highest honor bestowed on a department attorney, for his asset forfeiture work, he is a national expert on asset forfeiture and the use of asset for-

feiture laws for the restitution of fraud victims. As a result of the prosecutions he led during his nine years as a federal prosecutor in California, he also built a keen expertise in mortgage fraud. Since January 2009 a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Sacramento, he advises financial institutions and individuals in regulatory, financial crime and civil matters. His notable prosecutions as a federal prosecutor for included the asset forfeiture and Internet fraud prosecution of the principals of the Tri-West Investment Club, which led to several convictions and the overseas recovery and forfeiture of \$10 million for distribution to the victims. While he was in the government he frequently conducted asset forfeiture training for government investigators and prosecutors.



Michael R. McDonald

Principal of Michael McDonald and Associates based in Miami, he is a retired IRS Criminal Investigation Division special agent, former coordinator of the South Florida Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force

(OCDETF) and supervisor of the South Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force. He has trained thousands of state, local and international law enforcement and intelligence officers on asset forfeiture and diverse financial crimes. In 1980, he helped found the pioneering Operation Greenback, the first multi-agency money laundering task force

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that forfeited hundreds of millions of dollars in assets from drug traffickers. He has testified as an expert in civil and criminal cases and was a “cadre instructor” in the Expert Witness Training Program of IRS Criminal Investigation. Since he retired in 1998 he has advised foreign governments on their proceeds of crime and asset forfeiture laws and procedures. For the United Nations he has served as a specialist in Asia on asset forfeiture and sharing laws. He has extensive experience in managing narcotics task force cases, organized crime, tax evasion, corruption and huge Ponzi and other fraud cases. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



John J. Murphy

Principal of Murphy Partners LLC, Wilmington, North Carolina, and a leading expert in developing and integrating strategic asset forfeiture programs, he was Commander of the elite Organized Crime Investigation

Division and Asset Forfeiture Unit of the New York City Police Department. Managing and directing 20 teams that conducted complex financial investigations, he implemented a proactive asset forfeiture program that helped achieve a dramatic reduction in crime in New York City. He now consults and advises state and local law enforcement agencies on the effective use of asset forfeiture to reduce crime and achieve superior results, strategic and ethical approaches to forfeiture, equitable sharing certification, federal adoption of state and local cases and compliance with federal regulations and guidelines. On behalf of the US Department of Justice he conducts training sessions throughout the nation for law enforcement personnel and prosecutors on financial investigations, asset forfeiture best practices and related subjects. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



Michael A. Perez

Senior Manager at the international consulting firm Grant Thornton LLP, in Washington, D.C., he is a world authority on asset forfeiture fund management and was the architect and director, for 13 years, of the U.S.

Department of Justice’s Asset Forfeiture Management Staff, whose work affected ten federal agencies in three government departments. With a staff of 16, his duties included supervision of the Consolidated Asset Tracking System (CATS), which monitors and tracks billions of dollars of forfeited assets. Among his numerous accomplishments in asset forfeiture fund management, he helped the FBI and DEA establish and improve their asset forfeiture units, led the

implementation of innovations on the proper use of asset forfeiture funds to enhance law enforcement operations, supervised internal controls of the funds and resolved audit findings. He led a conversion of CATS to a web-based desktop application that improved functionality, greatly reduced costs and eliminated the need for dedicated terminals. He received the Attorney General’s John Marshall Award for Asset Forfeiture in 1997 and is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



Travis C. Pierce

A deputy sheriff at the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, Arizona, he specializes in asset forfeiture and drug trafficking and organized crime cases. He reignited the dormant forfeiture effort in racketeering cases

and achieved successful forfeitures where money had served as evidence but not forfeited. These cases produced several hundred thousand dollars that financed expansion of the Sheriff’s Office training programs and resources. His other initiatives have produced several million dollars in forfeitures. He was a lead investigator of an illegal gambling organized crime syndicate involving four groups and 40 suspects in Arizona, Nevada, California and overseas. With the cooperation of local agencies using domesticated search and seizure warrants about 40 warrants were executed simultaneously in Arizona, Nevada and California leading to the seizure of \$6 million in cash, \$4 million in bank accounts, 59 vehicles, 30 pieces of real estate, and 19 racehorses. He teaches recruits on investigations involving currency, vehicles and real property.



John Pyrik

An analytical and investigative expert accumulated from 19 years of experience in the Canadian government, his background includes service as an intelligence officer, securities investigator, and money laundering analyst.

An Internet expert, he lectures on exploiting the Internet for information and intelligence. He is currently the chief instructor and coordinator of Canada’s intelligence analyst training program and a consultant to the United Nations Office of Drug Control. He has served as an advisor to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Financial Transactions Reports Analysis Centre (FINTRAC) and other agencies on the collection, exploitation and investigative uses of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) on which he teaches courses. He is a visiting fellow at the Centre of Intelligence and Security Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa.



William V. Roppolo

A former attorney with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs Service, where he provided legal advice on many aspects of asset forfeiture enforcement and cases to federal, state and local law enforcement officers, he is now a partner at the international law firm Baker & McKenzie, in Miami. He is a litigator in civil and criminal matters in federal court, with emphasis on asset forfeiture, financial crimes and corporate compliance, particularly on behalf of European and Latin American companies. He helped establish the asset forfeiture section of the Department of Homeland Security in Puerto Rico, and, while he was with the government, lectured often on legal issues, the USA Patriot Act, the U.S. Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform Act, and search and seizure and customs border authority issues. He also taught federal agents at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.



Donald C. Semesky

One of the world's thought leaders, preeminent experts and achievers in asset forfeiture enforcement, he spent three decades as a Special Agent of IRS Criminal Investigation where he constructed many sophisticated cases against financial criminals of all types, particularly drug traffickers. In 2003, new DEA Administrator, Karen Tandy, brought him to DEA to adjust the agency's focus more on the financial operations and assets of drug traffickers. He conceived and established the DEA Office of Financial Operations which has achieved dramatic results in the global battle against drug traffickers. He is a strong proponent of strategic asset forfeiture and of focusing on the "command and control nests" of criminal organizations. At DEA he launched initiatives that in 2007 led to the seizure from drug trafficking organizations of more than \$730 million in assets in the U.S. and more than \$1 billion internationally. State and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors in the United States played a prominent role in many of those cases. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.

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Richard Weber

Chief of the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the U.S. Department of Justice since May 2005, he is responsible for the strategic direction and prosecution of federal criminal and civil asset forfeiture

cases nationwide. He has led several groundbreaking cases that established the extraterritorial reach of US asset forfeiture laws. He also decides, or oversees decisions on, equitable sharing awards of asset forfeiture funds to state and local agencies and foreign governments. During his tenure, the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section (AFMLS) has played a major role in several noteworthy prosecutions, including cases that resulted in Deferred Prosecution Agreements and forfeitures against Lloyds Bank of \$350 million, American Express Bank International of \$55 million, Union Bank of California of \$26 million, Sigue of \$15 million, and BankAtlantic of \$10 million. He previously served as a federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of New York where he was Chief of the Asset Forfeiture Unit. He has prosecuted over 100 complex international and domestic asset forfeiture and money laundering cases.



Bruce Zagaris

A partner a Berliner, Corcoran & Rowe, a Washington law firm, he is a world expert on international asset forfeiture. Founder of the International Enforcement Law Reporter, he is widely sought by national governments for advice on asset forfeiture. He lectures around the world and has helped Barbados and the Cayman Islands develop their financial sectors, asset forfeiture laws and negotiate mutual assistance agreements in criminal matters with the U.S. He advised the British High Commission on the regulation of offshore banks and trusts in the Caribbean, the Police Executive Research Forum on combating drug cartels through forfeiture and money laundering controls and the US National Security Council on initiatives against transnational organized crime. He evaluated a U.N. Drug Control Program to train prosecutors on asset forfeiture and served as counsel in a U.S. extradition and prosecution of an asset forfeiture case involving a former foreign head of state. He is a member of the AssetForfeitureWatch.com Editorial Board of Advisors.

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