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Strategies for Litigating Fraud Cases

DATE: May 3, 2019
TIME: 9:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: New York University Law School
Vanderbilt Hall, Room 210
New York, NY 10012

Agenda

- 9:45-10:00: Registration
- 10:00-10:50: [White Collar Fraud: Criminal Investigation and the Role of a Forensic Investigator](#)
Presenter: Thomas Bishop, CFE, EA
Moderator: Peggy Cross-Goldenberg, Esq.
- 10:50-11:20: [Social Media and Online Fraud Investigations](#)
Presenter: Rachel Kronenfeld, Investigations Manager
Moderator: Peggy Cross-Goldenberg, Esq.
- 11:30-12:45: [The Devil is in the Details: Restitution and Forfeiture 101](#)
Presenter: Steven Kessler, Esq.

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Presenter Bios

Thomas Bishop is a senior manager in Baker Tilly's Tax Advocacy & Controversy group. He joined the firm in 2017 and brings over 25 years of experience to the practice. Tom provides litigation and investigative support to municipalities, internal and external counsel, senior management and boards of directors.

Tom joined Baker Tilly following over two decades with the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation division where he provided executive-level leadership to their largest field office. He directed numerous, high profile, sensitive and complex criminal investigations involving voluntary disclosures, offshore banking related crimes, tax evasion, money laundering, Ponzi schemes and anti-trust related financial crimes. Most recently, Tom served as Director of International Field Operations overseeing global investigations.

Rachel Kronenfeld joined Hetherington Group in 2016 and is Hg's lead investigator. As a skilled and diverse analyst, she monitors current events and information on the Internet, identifies security threats, and conducts online risk assessment analyses for Hg's clients. Ms. Kronenfeld performs comprehensive background and asset investigations, providing clients valuable insights into making sound business and personal decisions on hiring, investing, and asset management.

Ms. Kronenfeld is a contributing writer of Hg's newsletter, Data2know: Internet & Online Intelligence—one of the industry's most trusted sources on due diligence investigations, background checks, online personal security assessments and protection, and open source research. Her professional research specialty is Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) techniques.

Before joining Hg, Ms. Kronenfeld worked as a paralegal, where she honed her skills in due diligence investigations, legal research, and case analysis through public record research. She interned at the Regional Operations Intelligence Center for the New Jersey State Police in their Major Crimes Unit, where she worked side-by-side with detectives to uncover threats and fraud through gathering and analyzing information. Ms. Kronenfeld holds a B.A. in Political Science (magna cum laude) from Ramapo College of New Jersey.\

Steven L. Kessler maintains a national AV-rated white collar practice in New York. He litigates cases of first impression and has been involved with many state and federal forfeiture cases of national significance.

Mr. Kessler is a nationally recognized authority in the field of forfeiture law, representing clients in forfeiture and white collar criminal cases in state and federal district and appellate courts nationwide, including the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the Joint Rules Committee for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York with regard to the forfeiture-related local rules. Mr. Kessler is the author of CIVIL AND CRIMINAL FORFEITURE:

FEDERAL AND STATE PRACTICE (West Group 1993 & Supp. 2018), a three-volume treatise, analyzing the forfeiture and RICO statutes of all 50 states and the District of Columbia and the major federal forfeiture provisions. He received the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award from New York Law School in June 2000 for his highly acclaimed one-volume treatise, NEW YORK CRIMINAL AND CIVIL FORFEITURE (LexisNexis 2019). A contributor to the *New York Law Journal* and other publications on issues relating to forfeiture and criminal law, Mr. Kessler is the author and Revisions Editor of portions of the CIVIL PRACTICE MANUAL (LexisNexis) and ten chapters of the renowned 15-volume treatise, Weinstein, Korn & Miller's NEW YORK CIVIL PRACTICE. He is widely quoted and cited in court opinions and media of legal and general circulation nationwide, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Business Week*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *The Kansas City Star* and the *ABA Journal*, among others. Mr. Kessler was selected for inclusion in SUPER LAWYERS every year since 2012 and in NEW YORK'S TOP RATED LAWYERS, and his biography appears in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN LAW and similar publications. He is in his 25th year as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School, where he teaches New York Practice.

Mr. Kessler is a regular speaker and panelist at CLE programs and seminars. He has lectured before the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Southern Conference of the Council of State Governments, and has testified before the New York State Assembly Codes Committee and the New York City Council. He is a member of the Forfeiture Abuse Task Force of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and served as Co-Chair of the Forfeiture Law subcommittee of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is also a past Treasurer of the NYSACDL and a member of its Board of Directors.

In addition, Mr. Kessler served from 1999-2001 as Chair of the General Practice Section of the New York State Bar Association. Between 1989 and 2001, he was the editor of *One on One*, the General Practice Section's highly acclaimed newsletter. He served for eight years as a member of the NYSBA's House of Delegates and was Chair of the Association's Special Committee on AIDS and the Law from 1992 to 1996, a multi-professional committee responsible for the passage of groundbreaking legislation in Albany. He is a Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation.

Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Kessler was head of the Asset Forfeiture Unit of the Bronx District Attorney's office, where he supervised and litigated all phases of forfeiture and related matters. In that capacity, he was a member of the Forfeiture Law Advisory Group of the New York State District Attorney's Association.

A graduate of the Cornell Law School, Mr. Kessler is a member of the New York and Connecticut Bars and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He has appeared before the United States Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Third, Fifth and Seventh Circuits and the District Courts in Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Vermont and West Virginia.