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Professional Experience:

2012-August 31, 2014:

Senior Forfeiture Counsel

Office of US Attorney

1225, 17th St, # 700

Denver, Colo. 80202

Handle, manage, and direct all aspects of civil and criminal asset forfeiture and related financial and money laundering investigations and litigation in federal court with all federal, state, and local investigative agencies

Teach asset forfeiture, money laundering, and financial investigation law, procedures, and techniques to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, attorneys, and judges nationwide and internationally

Member-DOJ Asset Forfeiture Money Laundering Section Forfeiture Steering/Advisory Committee

Advise federal, state, and local prosecutors and investigators nationwide on asset forfeiture, money laundering, and financial investigation law and techniques

2011-2012:

Attorney Advisor, Dept of Justice Asset Forfeiture Money Laundering Section

Coordinate National and International Asset Forfeiture investigations with Money Laundering Unit

Organize and develop asset forfeiture and money laundering training nationally

Train prosecutors, investigators, analysts, and support staff on money laundering, asset forfeiture, and financial investigation and litigation

Develop asset forfeiture courses for Assistant US Attorneys

2010-2011:

Chief- Financial Exploitation Team, International Organized Crime Intelligence and Operations Center (IOC-2)/US Dept of Justice Asset Forfeiture Money Laundering Section

Coordinate and direct team of analysts and former agents to track targeted national and international criminals' financial dealings and identify seizable assets

Coordinate nationwide and international financial investigations and asset forfeitures

1988-2010:

Assistant United States Attorney/Chief of Asset Forfeiture Unit

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Established and trained Asset Forfeiture Unit. Multimillions of dollars forfeited each year.

Handle all aspects of civil and criminal asset forfeiture and related financial and money laundering litigation in federal court

Recruit, train, and supervise Asset Forfeiture Unit of governmental and contract employees -2 attorneys, 3 paralegals, 2 records examiners, 1 data analyst

Formulate asset forfeiture and related money laundering policy for the District

Advise all USAO personnel and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies regarding asset forfeiture, money laundering, and financial investigation law and procedures

Teach asset forfeiture, money laundering, and financial investigation law, procedures, and techniques to local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors, attorneys, and judges nationwide and internationally

Coordinate with DOJ components, including Asset Forfeiture Money Laundering Section, Asset Forfeiture Management Staff, Executive office of United States Attorneys, and all federal investigative agencies

Member-DOJ AUSA Asset Forfeiture Working Group

Member-DOJ Asset Forfeiture Strategic Plan Working Group

2009 Recipient-25 year Exemplary Commitment Award-DOJ Asset Forfeiture Program

1985-1988:

Supervisor, Prosecution and Code Enforcement Section

Denver City Attorney's Office

Denver, Colo.

Supervise 10 prosecuting attorneys and support staff

Coordinate with all Denver law enforcement agencies

1983-1985

Private Practice-Denver, Colorado

Criminal and Civil Litigation

1980-1983

Deputy District Attorney

First Judicial District District Attorney's Office

Golden, Colorado

Prosecute criminal cases in county and district courts of Gilpin and Jefferson Counties, Colorado

Teach criminal law and procedures to local and county law enforcement agencies

Death penalty consultant

1978-1980

Private Practice-Englewood, Colorado

Civil and governmental litigation

Municipal prosecution

1973-1978

Assistant Attorney General

Office of Colorado Attorney General

Denver, Colo.

Handle criminal appellate litigation in Colorado Supreme Court and Court of Appeals

Handle private Investigator licensing violations

Domestic and International Forfeiture, Money Laundering, and Financial Investigation Experience

Handled financial investigations leading to federal asset forfeiture and money laundering seizures and litigation involving Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Cayman Islands, Germany, the Netherlands, Ecuador, Martinique/France, Singapore, Mongolia, China

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering, and Financial Investigation practices and techniques at multiple US Dept of Justice Financial Investigations Seminars throughout the US 1995-2014

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering, and Financial Investigation practices and techniques to multiple US local, state, and federal investigative agencies and organizations 1990-2014

Delegate-International Conference on Asset Forfeiture-Burgenstock, Switzerland 1992

Handled financial investigation and prosecuted complex drug and money laundering cartel case involving Ecuador, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein, and coordinated and negotiated with US and foreign authorities 1995-1998

Delegate-International Asset Forfeiture Cooperation Conference-Rome, Italy 2006

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering, and Financial Investigations to US International Diplomatic Security Agents-Bangkok, Thailand 2008 and 2010

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering, Human Trafficking, and Financial Investigation to Kosovar prosecutors, attorneys, and judges-Pristina, Kosovo 2008

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering, and Financial Investigations to US International Diplomatic Security Agents-Budapest, Hungary 2009

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering, and Financial Investigation to Serbian prosecutors and judges-Belgrade, Serbia 2009

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering Practices and Procedures, and Financial Investigation to Mexican prosecutors and investigators-Puerto Vallarta, Mexico 2010

Assessed Confiscation/Asset Forfeiture law, practices, and needs of Romania, and made recommendations to that government for implementing a more effective nationwide Confiscation/Asset Forfeiture system-Bucharest, Romania 2010

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering Practices and Procedures, and Financial Investigation to Romanian prosecutors and officers-Bucharest, Romania 2010

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering Practices and Procedures, and Financial Investigation to UNODC officials-Sofia, Bulgaria 2010

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering Practices and Procedures, and Financial Investigation to Macedonian prosecutors and investigators-Skopje, Macedonia 2011

Taught Asset Forfeiture, Money Laundering Practices and Procedures, and Financial Investigation to Kazakhstani prosecutors and investigators-Astana and Karaganda, Kazakhstan 2011

Education:

University of Denver College of Law, JD 1973

Duke University, BA Classical Studies, 1970

Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, Rome, Italy, 1969

Leighton Park School, Reading, Berks. England, 1966

The Hill School, Pottstown, Pa, 1965

Personal Activities:

2 growing daughters

Rugby referee (retired) at local, territorial, national, and international levels

Rugby referee trainer and evaluator-local, state, territorial, national, and international levels

National and international rugby judicial and appeals officer

Historical reading

Cooking