



NOVEMBER 2, 2016, CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. **SESSION 1: Examination of Unprecedented Corruption in the Poverty-Stricken Community of Bell, California**
Presenter: **Jeff Gottlieb, former Los Angeles Times Reporter**

In 2010, Los Angeles Times' reporter Jeff Gottlieb began writing a series of investigative articles regarding possible malfeasance occurring in the city of Bell, California. Bell is a poor, mainly Latino community of about 40,000 people in southeast Los Angeles County where long-time city manager Robert Rizzo was making \$1.5 million a year and city council members were being paid about \$100,000 annually for part-time jobs. After nearly a year of reporting, Gottlieb uncovered unethical and illegal activity throughout the Bell city government, resulting in the convictions of seven Bell officials, including Robert Rizzo, the former mayor, four city council members, and assistant city administrator Angela Spaccia.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. **SESSION 2: IRS Criminal Investigation and Identity Theft**
Presenter: **Shaun Thurston, Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation**

This presentation will examine the IRS Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), and its mission and fight against identity theft. IRS-CI is one of the least known federal law enforcement agencies and consists of agents who are tasked with "Following the Money" to anywhere in the world investigating cases involving tax violations, narcotics, identity theft, money laundering, and terrorism. It is the only law enforcement agency that can investigate violations of tax crimes under Title 26. IRS-CI agents have been on the front lines involving many high-profile international money laundering cases including UBS, Silk Road, and FIFA.

12:15 - 1:15 p.m. **LUNCH (on your own: on-site cafeteria available)**

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. **SESSION 3: Compliance and Fighting Corruption: New Challenges and Old Problems**
Presenter: **Steve Dettelbach, Co-Leader of White Collar Defense & Corporate Investigations Team, BakerHostetler law firm**

Steven Dettelbach, former United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio and former member of the Ohio Ethics Commission, has been involved with anti-corruption efforts for more than two decades as a prosecutor, a state ethics official, and a private attorney. Dettelbach will present an overview of hot topics in the struggle against corruption; from Cuyahoga County, to Columbus, to the Panama Papers. With an ever-changing legal and regulatory landscape impacting law enforcement and investigators, how should we be looking at both prevention and enforcement?

2:15 - 2:30 p.m. **BREAK w/ REFRESHMENTS**

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. **SESSION 4: Fraud in the Show Ring**
Presenter: **Virgil Strickler, CFE, General Manager, Ohio Expo Center & Ohio State Fair**

Ohio State Fair General Manager Virgil Strickler will explore the history of the competitive nature of the livestock show industry and how it led to scandal, corruption, and fraud. Strickler will survey how the Ohio State Fair fought back, partnering with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio legislature, to craft and enact a law making such fraud up to a felony offense, turning a broken system into a successful youth development fund that has provided more than \$3 million to approximately 33,000 youth.

