



Steven Lee Byrd

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mr. Byrd is a Principal at AEA Group and is experienced in the areas of corporate financial fraud investigations, civil and criminal litigation assistance, and white collar crimes investigations. In addition to being engaged as an expert witness, Mr. Byrd has developed procedures for and trained others in identifying corporate fraud. He has investigated and developed numerous corporate fraud cases to be presented to management, General Counsel, outside Counsel and law enforcement. Mr. Byrd has experience negotiating on behalf of clients in mediations and arbitrations. Mr. Byrd, a retired United States Secret Service (USSS) Agent, has extensive experience testifying before Federal Grand Juries, Federal Courts, and State Courts. He has investigated hundreds of cases involving the commission of financial crimes against the United States. During the course of investigations, Mr. Byrd has conducted interviews, collected evidence, subpoenaed records, analyzed financial records, traced assets and evaluated losses.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Byrd was a Special Agent and Manager with the USSS, a former Director in the Corporate Investigations practice for Control Risks Group (an international consulting and investigative firm), and a former fraud investigator with The Hartford insurance company.

Mr. Byrd has initiated ground breaking investigations. While with the USSS, he was the lead agent on the West African Task Force, Los Angeles Field Office, which pioneered the use of access device fraud as the predicate crime for money laundering. Mr. Byrd was the investigating agent in the United States of America v. Hong Ha Thi Nguyen (1996) case, which resulted in new case law related to access devices and the value assigned to them.

Mr. Byrd has a solid track record of building teams and performing in high stress and high risk environments. As the agent in charge of a USSS office, Mr. Byrd supervised and directed all the office's protective and criminal investigative activities. As the founder and supervisor of the Central Texas Financial Crimes Task Force, Mr. Byrd oversaw and directed the investigations of task force members from various federal, state, and local agencies. Mr. Byrd collected and analyzed information from numerous sources in efforts to track and stop financing of terrorist activities in Iraq, as the USSS Detailee to the Iraq Threat Finance Cell, Baghdad, Iraq. Additionally, as a USSS Representative to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force, Mr. Byrd conducted domestic investigations of subjects suspected of engaging in international terrorism, primarily involving material financial support.

As Director Corporate Investigations, for Control Risks, Mr. Byrd identified, investigated and reported on tens of millions of dollars' worth of corporate fraud, and advised client's Management and General Counsel regarding fraud response and prevention.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists
- Licensed Private Investigator, Texas Department of Public Safety Private Security Bureau
- Licensed Private Security Consultant, Texas Department of Public Safety Private Security Bureau

PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Member, Association of Former Agents U.S. Secret Service
- Member, Houston Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Member, Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist

EDUCATION

- Bachelors of Business Administration, Finance, Texas A&M University, 1987
- Federal Law Enforcement Academy (FLETC), Glynco, Georgia:
 - Basic Criminal Investigator Course
 - Advanced Telecommunications Fraud Training
- United States Secret Service, James J. Rowley Training Center, Beltsville, Maryland:
 - Special Agent Training - Advanced Investigative Training, Interviewing, Evidence Collection, Legal, Financial Fraud, etc.
 - West African Fraud Training
 - Counter Assault Team Basic School and Team Leader School
 - Secret Service Supervisory Training Course
 - Media Relations
- Secret Service Asset Forfeiture/Money Laundering Agent Training Seminar and Supervisors Seminar
- FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia – Joint Terrorism Task Force Training

SEMINARS & LECTURES

- Key Note Speaker, "Identity Theft" – 2006, Infragaurd, Austin, Texas.
- Guest Lecturer, "Law Enforcement Careers", 2007, Criminal Justice Class, Texas State University, San Marcus, Texas