

# ANDREW F. RICHARDS

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## **Education:**

- Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Masters - Criminology (1999)
- Alvernia University - BA - Criminal Justice Administration (1984)

## **Fraud Investigative Service, LLC (Owner)** (2012-present)

Private Investigator licensed in PA specializing in white-collar investigations –

- criminal defense
- government agency contractor
- civil litigation support
- hidden asset location/forfeiture

## **Federal Agent - United States Postal Inspection Service** (1987-2012 - Retired)

- Major Crimes Team Supervisor - conducted national and international criminal investigations including: white-collar; homicides, armed robberies; mail bombs; terrorism, anthrax; extortion/bribery; ID Theft; & more.
- Supervisor of White-collar Investigations – covering Western District of PA and Northern District of WV Responsible for all major fraud investigations.
- Supervisor of the Financial Crimes Task Force of Southwestern Pennsylvania – nationally recognized multi-agency task force addressing gang activity in identity theft, counterfeit checks, account takeovers and criminal forfeiture. Task Force members included the FBI, US Secret Service, US Treasury Inspector General, PA Attorney General's Office, PA State Police, Pittsburgh Police, Allegheny County Police, Allegheny County District Attorney's Office Detectives, Washington County District Attorney's Office, Greensburg City Police, and US Attorney's Office.
- Agency supervisor for Inspection Service for JTTF (Pittsburgh). First JTTF agent for Inspection Service on 9/11 (at start up)

## **Police Officer - Reading Bureau of Police:** (1980 to 1985)

- PA Act 120
- Uniform Division
- Plainclothes – Robbery/Burglary Surveillance Unit

## **Accomplishments:** (selected items)

- Fraud/forfeiture instructor in Macedonia at request of US Dept of Justice Criminal Div. – Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training (OPDAT)
- Listed in [Experts.com](http://Experts.com)
- Senior Action Coalition Board Member on fraud victimization of seniors
- NightTalk (PCNC-TV) – guest presenter on one-hour show regarding white-collar (2013)
- Presenter at the Institute of Internal Auditors/Mylan Inc. Anti-Fraud Forum, for 250 Internal Auditors & Certified Forensic Examiners, for both CLE and CPE hours (2012)
- Provided testimony before the PA House of Representatives Consumer Affairs Committee regarding identity theft and security breaches.
- Professional presentations to local chapter of Assoc. of Certified Fraud Examiners.
- Fraud presentations or guest speaker at: University of Pittsburgh; IUP; Duquesne University; & CCAC;
- Guest presenter at AARP Conference with now-Governor Tom Corbett
- Fraud presenter at Int'l Assoc. of Financial Criminal Investigators state conferences
- Guest speaker at State Conference of the PA Board of Register of Wills

- Guest speaker at Federal Trade Commission, Pittsburgh white-collar conference
- Guest speaker at Federation of State Medical Boards of the U.S., Washington DC conference on medical fraud investigations
- Guest speaker at National Credit Union Administration's workshop.
- Pittsburgh area host and speaker for USDOJ/OPDAT Bosnian delegation of judges, prosecutors and investigators
- Guest speaker at CLE seminar on Identity Theft and related crimes Wheeling WV
- Guest speaker at CLE seminar on Ethics in Fraud for Allegheny County Bar Assn
- Guest speaker at numerous CPE seminars in SWPA for CPA's & IA's.
- Guest speaker at US Department of Labor Special Agents' Nat'l Conference Tampa FL
- Public Information Officer (20 years) – conducted hundreds of news interviews.
- Congressional & Public Affairs Liaison for USPIS, Washington DC, detailed program manager and liaison with U.S. Congress.
- Liaison - Joint Terrorist Task Force (at inception of JTTF after 9/11)
- Liaison – Pittsburgh G-20 Summit – Security & PIO
- Member – FBI High Tech-crimes Task Force (1997-2001)
- Over 100 presentations to civic groups on fraud awareness and prevention

**Awards:** (selected items)

- United States Attorney General's Outstanding Contributions in Law Enforcement Award – National nominee
- Special Achievement Award USPIS for \$71 million fraud investigation
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Appreciation Award in a fraud investigation
- Special Recognition for the national roll-out of the Senior Action Coalition theme with Betty White as spokesperson.
- Letter of Commendation, US Attorney Western Dist. of PA - Fraud investigations
- Letter of Appreciation, US Attorney, Northern District of WV - Murder in Aid of Racketeering/Fraud Investigation
- Letter of Appreciation, US Department of Labor – Instructor at National Conference, Tampa, FL regarding white-collar investigations
- Numerous Certificates of Appreciation on criminal investigations and prevention efforts.

**Professional Affiliations & Memberships:** (selected items)

- Professor: Point Park Univ. – Criminal Justice & Intelligence Studies - including Fraud Investigations, ML & Terrorism; Univ. of Pittsburgh – White Collar Investigations
- Fraud SME on Advisory Panel - Carlow University Fraud & Forensics Master's Program.
- National Fraud SME for USPIS
- Association of Certified Fraud Specialist (ACFS)
- ACFE affiliation
- Anti-Fraud Experts
- Criminal Justice Professionals
- Criminal Justice Security Career Institute
- Financial Crime Risk, Fraud & Security (UK)
- Internal Audit Professionals (sub-group) Fraud Prevention, Detection and Investigation
- Law Enforcement Professionals
- Professional Private Investigators
- Surveillance Investigators
- Unity One: International Investigations, Due Diligence, Security, & Financial Fraud