

# RON BRAVER and ASSOCIATES, LLC

## Ron Braver

CPA, CFE, CAMS, MST  
Licensed Private Detective



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### Forensic Accounting, Investigation and Dispute Services

Ron assembles and manages teams of former Federal Special Agents, local law enforcement, former regulators and forensic accountants to solve client issues big or small.

#### Experience

Ron has over 31 years of combined private sector consulting and Federal law enforcement experience. Ron is a former Special Agent and Supervisory Special Agent of the IRS - Criminal Investigation. Ron's experience includes two years as a senior manager in the forensic accounting and investigative services practice of Grant Thornton LLP and four plus years operating his own boutique forensic accounting, investigative and dispute services practice.

Ron's investigations led to approximately 75 guilty pleas/convictions and over \$41 million in forfeiture and fines while working for the government.

Since forming his own firm, Ron and his team's experience includes assisting clients in the areas of white collar defense, internal investigations, fraud investigations, damage/loss analysis and mitigation, investigations involving complex

corporate class action and shareholder derivative lawsuits, investor and management disputes, asset tracing, due diligence, rendered insolvency opinion, investigation and testimony regarding piercing the corporate veil, investigations relating to bankruptcy matters, divorce litigation, and State and Federal tax controversy.

Ron was appointed independent investigator on various investigations including allegations made against Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford.

Ron has diverse fraud, money laundering, asset forfeiture, investigative and expert testimony experience. This experience includes high profile investigations involving corporate fraud; criminal tax; failed banks and savings and loans; bankruptcy, securities, foreign exchange and mortgage fraud; Ponzi schemes; inflated billing schemes; sophisticated pension fraud schemes; healthcare fraud; identity thefts; illegal immigration employment schemes, false government claims; public corruption and bribery; organized crime; and international and local drug conspiracies.

Ron's asset forfeiture/asset tracing investigative

experience is useful in assisting in the recovery process. Ron has significant international investigative experience including the use of Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty, provisional arrest warrants, and participating in overseas depositions.

Ron also has over 10 years of commercial and residential mortgage origination experience as an owner and executive of a mortgage brokerage business. Ron has deep knowledge of underwriting guidelines for both FNMA and FREDDIE conforming loans, non – conforming loans including guidelines relating to loans exceeding the conforming loan limits, Alt-A and sub-prime. Ron’s knowledge includes mortgage banking and title company operations.

Ron’s experience assists clients to ensure internal compliance programs are sufficient and enhanced to promote a system that will enable the detection and prevention of fraud and assist in avoiding or mitigating any potential criminal or civil penalties/fines.

Ron provides waste, fraud and abuse call center services to clients through Red Flag-Chicago, a firm he formed to assist clients in providing tone at the top fraud prevention.

Ron’s knowledge and experience also provide value added analysis in the areas of audits, due diligence and transaction advisory, bankruptcy, governance, risk and compliance.

#### **Licenses and Certificates**

- Illinois Licensed Certified Public Accountant
- Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist
- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Illinois Licensed Private Detective

#### **Professional Associations**

- Member: American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Association of Certified Anti Money

- Laundering Specialists
- Federal Criminal Investigators Association
- Association of Former Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service

#### **Speaking Engagements**

Ron has made presentations to IRS, FDIC, Illinois CPA Society, Law Enforcement contingent from the Italian government and the Chicago Chapter for the Association of Certified Anti Money Laundering Specialist, Human Resource Management Association of Chicago and Law and Accounting firms. These speaking engagements include presentations on badges of fraud, preparation of proper criminal fraud referrals, voluntary disclosure program, the role of Criminal Investigation within the law enforcement community and IRS, work place investigations, how a Financial Institution should complete an effective Suspicious Activity Report and how Law Enforcement uses them.

#### **Awards and Recognitions**

He is the recipient of 25 awards and commendation letters as a Federal law enforcement officer including 2006 Federal Employee of Year nominee, the recipient of the prestigious Albert Gallatin award, numerous exceptional performance awards and two exceptional salary increases.

#### **Education**

M.S. in Taxation, DePaul University, Chicago, IL  
B.S. in Accounting, Truman State University (formally known as Northeast Missouri State University), Kirksville, MO

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