

**THE LORAIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS**

**Financial and Cyber Crimes Update:
What Every Practitioner Needs to Know for 2022**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

1.50 General CLE Hours

Presenters:

Dirk Halscheidt, United States Postal Inspection Service Inspector

Brian McDonough, Assistant United States Attorney, White Collar Crimes Unit,
Elder Justice Coordinator for the Northern District of Ohio

Philip D. Althouse, Senior Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

Trends in Financial and Cyber Crimes for 2022

- A. Mail Theft
- B. Cyber Crimes
- C. Identity Theft

Examples of Financial and Cyber Crimes

A. United States v. Gina Palmer

In this case study, AUSA Brian McDonough will discuss how the USPIS did an excellent investigation in a recent case of mail theft, where a defendant, who was the tenant of the 79-year-old victim, forwarded the victim's mail, and used a forged power of attorney and notary seal to open bank accounts and cash stimulus checks.

- B. Romance Scam
- C. Unemployment Fraud
- D. Covid-19 Fraud
- E. Identity Theft
- F. Tips for Attorneys as Advocates for Victims
 - 1. How to Report
 - 2. Online Resources
 - 3. Special Concerns for Elderly, Disabled, and Minors

Remedies for Victims of Financial and Cyber Crimes for 2022

- A. Civil
- B. Credit Report
- C. Restitution

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to the seminar

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Presenter Biographies:

Dirk Halscheidt is a Postal Inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service for the Cleveland Field Office and is assigned to the Financial Crimes Group. Inspector Halscheidt is a Money Laundering and Cryptocurrency subject matter expert for USPI. He was previously a Cybercrime Program Manager and assigned to the Cyber Crimes Unit out of National Headquarters. Prior to the Inspection Service, Inspector Halscheidt had previously been a Special Agent with IRS Criminal Investigation for approximately 10 years where he was the Cyber Crimes Coordinator for the Cincinnati Field Office and was assigned to the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force in Cleveland as well as the Northern Ohio Cryptocurrency Task Force. Inspector Halscheidt investigates a wide variety of cases which include complex financial crimes including bank fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, mail theft, identity theft, tax, organized crime, drug trafficking, transnational crime, cybercrimes, and public corruption. Dirk graduated from Baldwin Wallace University and received his degree in Business Administration, Accounting, and Criminal Justice.

Brian McDonough is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio in the Criminal Division's White Collar Crimes Unit. He supervises investigations and prosecutes a variety of complex financial crimes including bank fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, securities fraud, investment fraud, health care fraud, identity theft, tax, civil rights, and public corruption. He also serves as the Elder Justice Coordinator for the Northern District of Ohio and works with federal, state, and local law enforcement and community partners to combat elder fraud and abuse. Brian graduated from the University of Notre Dame and received his law degree from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Philip D. Althouse has been a practicing attorney since 1991 and is currently a Senior Attorney in the Economic Justice Group at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. He has successfully litigated cases against predatory lenders and mortgage brokers, home improvement companies, used car dealers, and other businesses on behalf of Northeast Ohio consumers in state and federal courts. He was an author of the chapter on the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act for the Ohio Consumer Law Manual published by Thomson Reuters from 2010 through 2016. He is actively involved in collaborative efforts by U.S. and international human rights advocates to strengthen the Inter-American human rights system including the recognition of access to safe and affordable water as a basic right and was recently elected as Vice President of the Human Rights Committee of the Inter-American Bar Association. Mr. Althouse obtained a B.S.Ed. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an Associate Degree in Nursing from Milwaukee Area Technical College and a Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.