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Announcing

**THE 17TH ANNUAL PUGET
SOUND INVESTIGATORS
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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ABOUT PSSI

Our organization works in concert with law enforcement to deter auto theft, medical provider fraud and other types of insurance-related crimes.

We host an annual training conference to educate our members and the insurance community about the issues of insurance fraud. We look forward to increasing the awareness of insurance fraud and work to combat its' effect on the public.

In 1993, eighteen professional investigators from various insurance companies in the Puget Sound area came together to address the growing issue of insurance fraud. That group formed a local chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units and the chapter was named the PUGET SOUND SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION (PSSI).

Since that time, our organization has grown to include members from law enforcement, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, and representatives of the Special Investigations Unit of the State of Washington Office of Insurance.

We are actively engaged in the fight against insurance fraud and work to reduce the impact this crime has on our citizens. In addition, it is our goal to educate the public about the issue of insurance fraud in all its forms, including identity theft and medical provider fraud.

We remain available to assist any person seeking information on our efforts and the issue of insurance fraud. Please view our website at <http://waiasiu.com> and do not hesitate to contact any of the listed Association Board members should you have any questions or concerns regarding this professional group.

Speakers

Neil Dorfman combines a background in law enforcement and insurance coverage. He is a Graduate of Northwestern University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois. He has practiced law for 35 years, and is a member of the Washington, Alaska, California, Illinois, and Massachusetts Bars. He was formerly a senior prosecutor with the Office of the State's Attorney in Chicago, Illinois before becoming a litigation partner in two large law firms in Seattle. He started his own firm in 1999 and maintains offices in both Bellevue, and Northern California. His practice concentrates on assisting insurers in the good faith investigation and disposition of potentially fraudulent claims. He is the author of numerous articles and is a frequent speaker on insurance coverage matters. He helped establish PSSI and has served as its legal counsel for many years.

Melanie Tratnik moved to Washington State after receiving her law degree from the University of Virginia in 1995. She worked as a Deputy Prosecutor for the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office until June 1997, as a Deputy Prosecutor for the Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney's Office from June 1997 to September 2003 and then joined the Washington State Attorney General's Office in October 2003. In her capacity as an Assistant Attorney General she has worked in the Sexually Violent Predator Unit to civilly commit violent sex offenders and has represented the Criminal Justice Training Commission in peace officer certification hearings. Ms. Tratnik is currently the Team Leader for the Criminal Litigation Unit and prosecutes insurance fraud cases investigated by the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner Special Investigations Unit.

Andrew Hamilton received his law degree in 1978 from Chase College of Law. A former police officer, Mr. Hamilton was a King County

Deputy Prosecutor from 1978 to 1983. He joined the Seattle U.S. Attorney's Office in 1983 and retired from that office in 2004. Mr. Hamilton went back to the King County Prosecutor's Office in 2008 and is presently serving in the Economic Crimes Unit as a Senior Deputy. Along with Assistant Attorney General Melanie Tratnik, Mr. Hamilton prosecutes insurance fraud cases from the Special Investigations Unit of the Office of the Washington State Insurance Commissioner.



On a bluff overlooking Puget Sound, the historic 1926 building and grounds, were home to the Masonic Home of Washington.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Please Check	8:00-8:15	Welcome
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:15-8:45	OIC-NICB Update MITCH BARKER
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:15-8:45	OIC-NICB Update DANA MACDONALD
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:45-9:45	Prosecuting Insurance Fraud Cases ANDY HAMILTON
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:45-9:45	Prosecuting Insurance Fraud Cases MELANIE TRATNIK
	9:45-10:00	Break/Vendor Fair
<input type="checkbox"/>	10:00-11:00	NICB Presents Auto Fraud Trends SCOTT WAGNER
<input type="checkbox"/>	11:00-12:00	Pursuing a Civil Case Against a Medical Provider: A Case Study RORY LEID
	12-1:00	Lunch (catered)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-2:00	Utilizing Forensic Accounting in Potential Fraud Cases WILLIAM HANLIN
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-2:00	EUOs—How to Prepare for and Conduct Them NEIL DORFMAN
	2:00-2:15	Break/Vendor Fair
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:15-4:15	Motives & Indicators of Arson/Techniques Used in Intentional Fires DON EASTON
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:15-4:15	Investigating Insurance Fraud in the Land of IFCA DAN THENELL
		Drawings Smith, Freed & Eberhard, PC Hosting a Reception Thursday Afternoon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

<input type="checkbox"/>	8:00-9:30	Failure Analysis Techniques STEVE PIGNOTTI
<input type="checkbox"/>	8:00-9:30	Medical Fraud Trends TAMI ROCKHOLT
	9:30-9:45	Break/Vendor Fair
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:45-10:45	What Happened? Assessing Injury Causation in Unique and Gruesome Claims BRAD PROBST
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:45-10:45	The Rule Change on Chiropractic Documentation—What Does it Mean for Fraud Investigations? DAVE NICHOLAS
	11:00-12:00	The Complaint Investigation and Discipline Process Regarding Health Care Practitioners DAVE MAGBY
	12:00-1:00	Lunch (catered)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 Cont'd

<input type="checkbox"/>	1:00-2:00	Dwelling and Auto Locks—How They're Defeated and New Anti-Theft Advances DAN CUNNINGHAM
<input type="checkbox"/>	1:00-2:00	Evidence Based Orthopedic Necessity (exam & tests) ED SLEGGERS
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00-3:00	Investigating & Evaluating the Causes of Auto Damage PAUL MOORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	2:00-3:00	Evidence Based Orthopedic Necessity (exam & tests) con't ED SLEGGERS
	3-3:20	Break/Vendor Fair



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From I-5 South: Take exit 149, and turn right, follow overhead signs for Highway 516 westbound to "Des Moines".

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