

Securities Fraud - A Civil or Criminal Matter?

As a law enforcement official, you need to know what to do if you're investigating a claim for possible securities fraud. Oftentimes investors are told that it's a civil matter and to seek an attorney to file a lawsuit. However, there are occasions where the investment is part of a fraud scheme designed to separate people from their hard-earned money. This seminar will show you how the Ohio Division of Securities' Enforcement staff can provide legal assistance - review the case, investigate the seller and the sale itself, determine the level of the criminal offense and take action from administrative proceedings to criminal prosecution - if you suspect that you are investigating a potential violation of the Ohio Securities Act. A case study will be included in the presentation.

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