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Practice Areas:



Government Investigations & White Collar Criminal Defense



Litigation, Trials & Appeals



Tax Controversy & Litigation

Biography

Jeffrey B. Setness is a shareholder with Fabian VanCott whose practice focuses in the following areas:

- White-Collar Criminal Defense, including criminal tax, money laundering, structuring of currency transactions, asset forfeiture, health care fraud, and state criminal offenses involving casino debts.
- Complex civil litigation in Federal and State Courts, including tax litigation.
- Conduct corporate internal investigations involving alleged violations of federal law including money laundering and Bank Secrecy Act violations.
- Representation before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) including Examinations, Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) Title 31 Examinations, Appeals, Tax Return Preparer Investigations, and Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program (OVDP).

Prior to entering private practice, Jeff was a Trial Attorney with the Tax Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ Tax) in Washington, D.C. and later served as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Las Vegas and Reno. As a federal prosecutor, Jeff investigated and prosecuted a wide variety of federal criminal offenses including criminal violations of the Internal Revenue Code.

Professional

Attorney/Shareholder, Fabian VanCott, Las Vegas, Nevada, January 2014 – present

Attorney/Partner, Lewis Brisbois, Las Vegas, Nevada, Mayall, Jeffrey B. Setness,
Hartmann & Setness, Freeman Brown, Stockton, California, January 1993 - January 2014

Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), United States Attorney's Office - District of Nevada, Las Vegas and
Reno, Nevada, November 1985 - January 1993

Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice - Tax Division - Criminal Section (DOJ Tax), Washington, D.C.,
February 1984 - November 1985

Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve (Navy JAG), Subic Bay, Republic of the
Philippines and Alexandria, Virginia, January 1981 - February 1984

U.S. Department of Justice Special Achievement Awards - 1987 and 1991 Super Lawyers - 2005, 2008, 2009,
2010

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) and Member, Association of Certified Anti-Money
Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)

Representative Projects

Represent clients in criminal investigations and prosecutions of white-collar offenses.

Represent clients in civil litigation in both Federal and State courts.

Represent clients before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Conduct corporate internal investigations.

Education

J.D., Santa Clara University School of Law, 1977 –1980

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of California, Santa Barbara, 1973 –1977

Publications & Presentations

Speaker, “Anti-Money Laundering Compliance and Smaller Casinos – Myths and Misconceptions,” Nevada Society of C 38th Annual Gaming Conference, May 25, 2016, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Case Studies: Recent Enforcement Actions: Why They Matter to Your Casino,” 2016 Bank Secrecy Act Conference, State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section, May 17, 2016, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Casino Anti-Money Laundering Compliance in 2016,” University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, March 16, 2016, Las Vegas, Nevada

Author, “Casino Anti-Money Laundering Compliance in 2015 - Where the Feds are Focusing Their Enforcement Efforts,” Nevada Gaming Lawyer, Publication of the State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section, September 2015

Speaker, “Bank Secrecy Act 101,” 2015 Bank Secrecy Act Conference, State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section, June 18, 2015, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Developing Risk Assessments for Casinos,” 2014 Bank Secrecy Act Conference, State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section, June 12, 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Criminal Tax Fraud - Warning Signs a Criminal Tax Investigation is Underway,” Hawaii Association of Public Accountants, May 5, 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “The Ongoing Threat Facing Casinos - Money Laundering and Structuring,” Institute of Internal Auditors 2014 Gaming Conference, April 14, 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Casino Anti-Money Laundering Compliance and the Federal Government,” University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, March 25, 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Compliance in 2014 - Don't Do Business with our Enemies,” Presentation sponsored by Southern Nevada Chapter of the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, February 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act,” Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education, January 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “The Fifth Amendment in Civil Litigation,” Nevada Board of Continuing Legal Education, January 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Casino AML Compliance and the Federal Government - The Times They Are a-Changin’,” Institute of Internal Auditors, January 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “The Importance of Suspicious Activity Reports in Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions,”

Institute of Internal Auditors, January 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada

Co-author, “Why the Federal Government Believes that Casinos are Vulnerable to Money Laundering,” Nevada Gaming Lawyer, Publication of the State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section, September 2013

Speaker, “Trends in Anti-Money Laundering Enforcement by the Federal Government,” Institute of Internal Auditors, January 2013, Las Vegas, Nevada

Speaker, “Defending a Criminal Tax Case,” Federal Public Defenders, December 2012, Las Vegas, Nevada