

JEFFREY B. SETNESS

Attorney / Partner | Las Vegas

Licensure: NV, CA

Biography

Jeffrey B. Setness, who is a former Assistant United States Attorney and a former Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division, focuses his practice in the following areas:

Criminal Tax

Representation of clients facing criminal investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation and indictment for criminal violations of the Internal Revenue Code.

Tax Controversy

Representation of clients before the Internal Revenue Service and in United States Tax Court.

Government Investigations & White Collar Criminal Defense

Representation of clients facing criminal investigation and indictment on charges of healthcare fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, securities fraud, and money laundering.

Jeff is admitted to practice in California and Nevada.

Practice Areas

GOVERNMENT & AGENCIES

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS
& LITIGATION

TAX CONTROVERSIES

WHITE COLLAR DEFENSE
& INVESTIGATIONS

LITIGATION, TRIALS & APPEALS

ANTITRUST & SECURITIES LITIGATION

TRIALS & APPEALS

TAX & ESTATE PLANNING

FEDERAL, STATE &
INTERNATIONAL TAXATION

Professional History

- 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



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Education

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

B.A., University of California, Santa
Barbara, 1973 - 1977

Professional History (con't)

- 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
- 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

Representative Matters

- Represented Medical Doctor accused of opioid distribution in a 2 ½ month jury trial.
- Conducted an internal investigation for a Nevada Casino.
- Represented a defense contractor before the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Secured the dismissal of criminal charges against various individuals accused of passing bad checks and theft from a casino which was the subject of a Reuters article entitled "Vegas casino's attempt to collect a debt exposes world of Chinese high-rollers"
- Speaker, "Bank Secrecy Act 101," 2015 Bank Secrecy Act Conference, State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section, June 18, 2015, 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
- 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

Publications and Presentations

- Author, "Chinese Gamblers - The Rewards and Challenges Facing Las Vegas Casinos", Nevada Gaming Lawyer, Publication of the State Bar of Nevada Gaming Law Section, September 2017
- Speaker, "Anti-Money Laundering Compliance and Smaller Casinos - Myths and Misconceptions," Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants 38th Annual Gaming Conference, May 25, 2016, Las Vegas, Nevada

Peer Recognition

- United States Department of Justice Special Achievement Awards - 1987 and 1991
- Super Lawyers - 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010