



2026 White-Collar Symposium

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 12:00 – 7:00 pm | Philadelphia

Join leading practitioners for an afternoon of lively discussion led by our national White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance team.

Agenda:

12:00 - 12:30 PM:

Registration/Networking Lunch

12:30 – 12:45 PM:

Welcome Remarks

Todd Rodriguez, Firmwide Managing Partner, Fox Rothschild

12:45 – 1:45 PM:

Long Strange Trip from Alleged Member of RICO Conspiracy to Not Guilty

- *Lessons learned in a CPA's trial for conduct undertaken by his clients. We'll examine the dangers inherent in federal criminal investigations and discuss how trial lawyers and a forensic accountant secured an acquittal for a CPA charged with tax fraud and racketeering.*

Featuring:

- *Ed Waddington, Managing Director, CBIZ Forensic Consulting Group*
- *Patrick Egan, Partner, Fox Rothschild*
- *Saverio Romeo, Partner, Fox Rothschild*
- *Moderator: Matt Lee, Co-Chair of the White Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance Practice, Fox Rothschild*

1:45 – 2:50 PM:

When to Hold 'Em, When to Fold 'Em: Navigating Tumultuous World of Government Investigations

- *What companies facing government investigations should consider when deciding whether to settle or fight.*

Featuring:

- *Laurie Allen, Principal, Withum*
- *Russ Ferguson, United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina*
- *David Metcalf, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania*
- *Moderator: Andrew M.J. Bernstein, Partner, Fox Rothschild*

3:00 – 4:00 PM:

Ethical Traps In-House Lawyers Could Find Themselves In

- *Guidance for in-house counsel on best practices for responding to grand jury subpoenas, navigating the ethical implications of representing employees and more.*

Featuring:

- *Joseph A. DeMaria, Partner, Fox Rothschild*
- *Jill Dinerman, Former Global Head of Legal, Barings*
- *Alina Reynolds, General Counsel, Church World Service, Inc.*
- *Moderator: Jana Volante Walshak, Partner, Fox Rothschild*

4:15 - 5:30 PM:

Fireside Chat

- *Stephen Keller and Chuck DeMonaco will headline our annual Fireside Chat with an interactive episode of our award-winning podcast, "The Presumption of Innocence," in front of a live audience.*

Featuring:

- *Stephen is author of Pay to Play: Political Corruption, Corporate Greed and the Cost of the American Dream, a memoir about the corruption behind chasing the American Dream. He is an entrepreneur who founded Kelco.*
- *Chuck is a former Assistant Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. He is also a retired Fox partner and former Chair of the firm's White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations Practice.*
- *Moderator: Matthew S. Adams, Co-Chair of the White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations Practice, Fox Rothschild*

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Participants will earn 3.5 CPE credits.

Field of Study: Business Law, Regulatory Ethics

Additional Information

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Prerequisites: At least three years of experience with federal tax controversy or regulations.

Who Should Attend: Accountants, lawyers.

Advanced Preparation: Advanced preparation is not needed.

Program Level: Intermediate.

Delivery Method: In-person.

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