



# Rimon Intelligence Unit

### **Actionable Intelligence Brings You Out of the Dark**

Whether you are faced with commercial litigation, bankruptcy, a business transaction, a fraud investigation or asset recovery, knowing the "story" as well as the key players and entities is essential to your success. We provide Actionable Intelligence™, the foundation to a more advantageous and cost-effective outcome.

Actionable Intelligence is well beyond traditional intelligence gathering. We combine comprehensive harvesting of information with a tailored analytics system, along with psychological analysis and profiling, to turn ordinary intelligence into better outcomes for the client. With Actionable Intelligence, we can:

- · Identify hidden risks in a business transaction
- Provide valuable insight into key persons and entities
- Reduce the time and cost of litigation
- Increase the likelihood of a favorable outcome in disputes
- · Detect and prosecute fraud
- Reclaim assets lost to fraud, theft or bankruptcy
- Conduct more thorough checks on potential partners and job candidates

# There are many applications for Actionable Intelligence. Examples include:

# **Litigation Support**

- · Go/No-Go Decision-making
- Likelihood of recovery
- · Interviews and location of witnesses
- Improve the time, cost and outcomes of litigation
- Identify potential clawback claims and unearth hidden assets
- Pre and post-judgment enforcement strategies

### **Internal Investigations**

- Orchestrating organization level investigations for Boards and Management, ferreting out fraud and assisting in regulatory compliance
- Conducting internal corporate investigations involving serious allegations of misconduct or fraud
- Work with internal and external auditors to detect fraud and kickbacks

## Background Investigations for Due Diligence, Enforcement and Other Applications

# Phase 1 Reports

We conduct baseline due diligence and background investigations, producing a Phase 1 Report, on key persons and/or entities. These Reports provide essential data for decision making and to frame further investigations where needed. More than "lists," a Phase 1 commences development of the "story" behind the targets. We use proprietary and public databases in search of:

- Assets
- Liabilities
- Judgments
- Liens
- Bankruptcies
- Criminal offenses
- Litigation history
- Business organizations and entities
- Public records
- Social media use, including analysis of Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and blogs. During this
  part of the investigation, family member and associate profiles are examined to discover additional
  intelligence information.

# Phase 2 Investigations

Phase 2 Investigations are custom designed from the Phase 1 findings. These investigations typically involve field work to verify the information from the Phase 1 Report, adding possible surveillance, interviews with friends, neighbors, current/former employees, and others depending on the type of investigation being conducted, and trash covers.

Once on the ground, our Unit coordinates with local law enforcement as necessary. In recent months, the Unit has worked with the FBI on a Ponzi scheme in Houston and New York as well as local law enforcement relative to asset seizures in Dade and Broward Counties.

#### For more information, or to commence an intel harvest, contact:



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#### **Areas of Practice**

- Global Fraud, Investigations, and Asset Recovery
- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- White Collar and Government Investigations

Neal Levin is an accomplished Fraud, Investigations and Asset Recovery attorney. Neal contends with a litany of fraudsters and fraudulent transactions, including those stemming from bankruptcy fraud, occupational fraud, corporate governance fraud, government corruption, insurance fraud, bank fraud, mortgage fraud, asset concealment, so-called asset protection plans, offshore financial centers, blockchain, bitcoins and other cryptocurrencies, art fraud and related thefts, and, of course, Ponzi schemes. His practice is international in scope, and he has appeared in dozens of different tribunals over the course of over 30 years in the business.

Neal and his team, which includes an internal investigations unit, leverage their success through use of progressive intel harvesting as well as an intensive study of the psychology of fraudsters and victims. Drawing on both his many years of experience as well as his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Denver, Neal frequently lectures, writes, and is interviewed on the psychopathy and sociopathy of a fraudster and victims as well as on Ponzi schemes, bankruptcy fraud, investigations, and recovery practices.

Neal also serves as a Federal and State Equity Receiver in matters involving domestic and international fraud and financial crimes.

Neal received his B.A. in Psychology and Political Science from University of Denver and his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

# Representative Experience

 Represented plaintiff bankruptcy trustee in an investigation and prosecution of complex claims in connection with multi-billion dollar Ponzi scheme resulting in substantial settlements.

- Several, multi-jurisdictional recovery matters, clawback matters and fraud investigations including work in Greece, Isle of Man, BVI, Panama, Hong Kong, Switzerland, UK, Jersey, the Middle East, Bangladesh, Ukraine and others.
- Comprehensive internal investigation for municipality client relative to alleged corruption by high-ranking government official, including misappropriation of assets, misuse of State and Federal government grants and related fraud leading to criminal prosecution and conviction.
- Secured a \$4.36 million payment for a US-based client from a Debtor with operations in Dubai, Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi. The victory came only 45 days after engagement and the deployment of highly innovative strategies designed to cripple the Debtor.
- Act as Receiver over and liquidated Chicago-based law practice where principal was accused of fraud and other crimes.
- Represent Receivers and Trustees in Bankruptcy proceedings throughout the U.S.
- Represent one of Chicago's largest banks in a variety of asset recovery actions.
- 110% recovery for individual client, piercing a complex maze of domestic and international entities managed by the target and the Ponzi scheme related thereto, utilizing TROs, Receivership, Charging Orders and covert infiltration into the target's \$4MM residence.
- Act as Equity Receiver in various proceedings including the takeover of two law firms following investigations and criminal charges against principals.
- Forcing the involuntary bankruptcy, liquidation, and federal criminal investigation of a major real estate developer on behalf of the near largest office property developer and management company in the US, leading to full recovery of amounts due to our client.
- Representing a Fortune 500 insurance company in the millions of dollars of fraudulent claims through civil RICO actions, criminal investigations and prosecutions, avoidance of fraudulent transfers, and other post judgment enforcement proceedings.
- Various major jury and non-jury awards for recovery of millions of dollars fraudulently transferred, concealed or converted, including sizable awards for punitive damages and attorney fees.
- Successfully prosecuting civil fraud claims against an insurance agency on behalf of a leading Chicago finance company resulting in a sizable award of punitive damages.
- Serving as interim chairman of a privately held company indicted for fraud, and implementing a corporate compliance program culminating in the successful sale of the assets of the company and the acquisition by a prestigious successor company.
- Successfully investigating and resolving the theft of intellectual property by an employee for sale to a competitor linked to an international organized crime cartel.
- Working with internal and external auditors of a client to detect fraud and kickbacks to employees in
  exchange for favorable treatment to preferred vendors. Cooperated with federal law enforcement to bring
  successful prosecution of the offenders.



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#### **Areas of Practice**

- · Global Intelligence Gathering
- Due Diligence

Scott Fishman is the Firm's Intelligence Director and conducts background and due diligence investigations. He is a licensed Private Detective in Illinois and has 30 years of law enforcement experience in criminal investigations, legal considerations, and risk assessment strategies with an emphasis on financial crimes.

Since 2013, he has worked on matters involving locating parties for service of process, assisting with jury profiling/backgrounds, due diligence for clients who are investing in businesses, and conducting interviews and surveillance in the field to verify intelligence found in online databases, public records, and social media.

### **Professional Activities**

- Member, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Member, International Association of Financial Crime Investigators
- Second Vice President, National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators
- Member, Special Agents Association
- Trustee, Highland Park Police Pension Board charged with fiduciary responsibility over a \$40 million dollar fund

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