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Computer Crime Investigation Pioneer Ken Citarella Wins International Award

High Technology Crime Investigation Association Grants 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award to Guidepost Solutions Managing Director of Investigations

Roseville, CA - August 31, 2011 – The [International High Technology Crime Investigation Association \(HTCIA\)](#), a consortium of law enforcement, private investigators and corporate security professionals, has awarded its annual Lifetime Achievement Award to Ken Citarella, Managing Director of Investigations for Guidepost Solutions.

In his role at Guidepost Solutions, Mr. Citarella directs investigations concerning fraud, information assurance, employee misconduct, and related matters. Most notably, he is directing the investigation of suspected fraud claims submitted to the Gulf Coast Claims Facility due to the catastrophic BP oil spill. Previously Mr. Citarella served in the Westchester County (NY) District Attorney's Office for 27 years, including being Deputy Division Chief of the Investigations Division and Bureau Chief of the High Technology Crime and Economic Crime Bureaus.

In addition to his career with the DA and his work at Guidepost Solutions, Mr. Citarella has worked with a commercial litigation law firm and with the Corporate Investigations Division of Prudential Insurance. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School, where he teaches a cybercrime course, and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Mr. Citarella is a nationally recognized authority on computer and white collar crime, having obtained convictions for computer intrusions, malicious software attacks, a software time bomb, spamming, digital child pornography, and the use of the Internet for child exploitation. In doing so, he helped to pioneer the investigation and prosecution of computer crimes in New York State and nationally.

Mr. Citarella has been a member of the High Technology Crimes Investigation Association since the mid-1980s and was the founding President of its Northeast Chapter in 1990.

“As one of our longest time members, Ken has a generation's worth of institutional knowledge, which he has worked hard to bring to the investigative community throughout his career,” said Duncan Monkhouse, HTCIA International President.

“I am honored to accept this award from HTCIA, the foremost organization of its kind in the world,” said Ken Citarella. “The members of HTCIA pioneered the fight against high technology crime by asking questions about how to acquire digital evidence that would be admissible in court, what criminal statutes would address the crimes we were seeing and what new ones we would need. As an organization we have grown the same way, by asking how we can assist each other in trying to bring some law and order to the frontier of cyberspace. The pride I have felt for more than 25 years as a member of HTCIA has never been stronger, and I am confident HTCIA will help meet the continual challenge to grow strong as cyber threats continue to grow ever more threatening.”

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Mr. Citarella will formally accept the award at the 2011 HTCIA International Training Conference & Expo, September 12-14 in Indian Wells, CA.

About HTCIA

The High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA) is designed to encourage, promote, aid and affect the voluntary interchange of data, information, experience, ideas and knowledge about methods, processes, and techniques relating to investigations and security in advanced technologies among its membership. HTCIA is the largest organization worldwide dedicated to the advancement of training, education and information sharing information between law enforcement and corporate cybercrime investigators. Learn more at www.htcia.org.

About Guidepost Solutions

Guidepost Solutions is a full-service investigation and security consulting firm serving companies, government agencies, individuals, and their counsel, to solve problems, advance business opportunities, mitigate risks, and resolve disputes. Guidepost Solutions is a recognized leader in business intelligence, monitoring and compliance services, and risk management solutions. SafirRosetti – a Guidepost Solutions Company – is a full-service consulting and design firm specializing in helping corporations and organizations assess and address their security, fire alarm, and low voltage systems needs.

With offices in New York, Washington, Chicago, Dallas, West Palm Beach, Oakland, San Francisco, and London, Guidepost has resources and assets throughout the world, including a management team comprised of investigators who are former prosecutors, law enforcement and intelligence officers, forensic accountants, and computer forensics specialists, among others.

Guidepost Solutions is an operating unit of SolutionPoint International, a leading provider of business intelligence, security and compliance, monitoring, identity assurance and situational awareness solutions to the commercial and government sectors.

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