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Professional Summary

Michael Corbett is an investigations and compliance professional with thirty-five years of leadership in the conduct, management and oversight of complex investigations. After retiring with more than thirty years of service to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Mr. Corbett offers extensive experience in all phases of investigations to include development of investigative leads; witness identification and interviews; evidence collection and analysis; operational planning and litigation support. Areas of specialization include police practices, drug enforcement, organized crime, multi-district litigation, electronic surveillance/Title III, money laundering/financial crimes, federal/state/local agency coordination, development and management of informants, administrative and legal compliance.

With proven expertise in sensitive international operations requiring close coordination with foreign government officials and agencies, Mr. Corbett is experienced in working within the diplomatic and consular communities as well as private sector interests abroad. Experienced in the detection, investigation and mitigation of official corruption.

Mr. Corbett is the Owner/Manager of Corbett Investigative Consulting LLC, a licensed Texas Investigations Company (State License A04186901), as well as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS), Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) and licensed Private Investigator (PI).

Academic Background

B.S. Criminal Justice Administration
University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, Missouri (1978 – 1981)

Houston Police Department Academy Class 108
Houston, Texas (September 1982 – January 1983)

DEA Academy/Basic Agent Training Class 57
U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Quantico, Virginia (September – December 1987)

Accreditations and Licenses

Licensed Texas Private Investigator (License No. 36844001)
Texas Department of Public Safety
2017 - Present

Owner/Manager, Licensed Investigations Company (License No. A04186901)
Texas Department of Public Safety
2017 - Present

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
2018 - Present

Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS)
Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS)
2016 - Present

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS)
Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)
2009 - Present

Professional Background

**Owner/Manager, Litigation Consultant, Licensed Private Investigator
Corbett Investigative Consulting
(Corbett Group, LLC d/b/a Corbett Investigative Consulting)
September 2017 – Present**

Professional Investigations and Litigation Consulting Service Offering:

- Legal and Corporate Investigations
- Civil and Criminal Litigation Consulting and Support
- Enhanced Due Diligence Services
- Electronic Discovery (E-Discovery) Analysis and Support

**U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Special Agent/Supervisory Special Agent
May 1987 through September 2017**

**Southwest Regional Coordinator for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF)
October 2012 – August 2017**

- Detailed to the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas in Houston as the DEA representative to the multi-agency OCDETF Southwest Regional Coordination Group. Responsible for the implementation and oversight of the OCDETF program throughout Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, encompassing eleven federal judicial districts and the entire Mexican border region.
- Routinely interacted with management and investigators on all major investigations proposed for approval. Provided guidance, training and direction on an individual or group basis regarding compliance with Department of Justice (DOJ) investigative standards, established procedures and reporting protocols.
- Monitored, evaluated and reported on emerging trends in drug trafficking and money laundering threats to the Southwest Region and their impact on the rest of the United States, Mexico and elsewhere. Participated in the development of DOJ targeting priorities and response to heroin/opioid trafficking and abuse.
- Ensured proper administration of a multi-million-dollar state and local overtime program. Responsibilities included budget forecasting, funding allocations and authorizations for more than 100 state and local law enforcement agencies located throughout the southwest United States. Provided guidance and direction on the development of fiscal policies and procedures.
- Served as liaison between DEA field offices, DEA Headquarters, the DOJ Executive Office and U.S. Attorney's Offices concerning policy, procedures and initiatives. Provided conflict resolution strategies in response to inter-agency and inter-office disputes.

**Enforcement Group Supervisor
Houston Field Division
August 2007 – October 2012**

- Served as Enforcement Group Supervisor overseeing the investigation of complex criminal organizations, international money laundering, and clandestine marijuana grow operations. Provided leadership and supervision for an enforcement group of DEA Special Agents and administrative support personnel. Established enforcement priorities and goals for the unit and ensured compliance with a full range of legal, administrative, ethics and personnel standards. Sought to secure all resources and support necessary for effective execution of investigations and enforcement operations.

- Supervised the initiation and operation of multiple Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) teams comprised of federal agents, state and local investigators. Initiated and facilitated strong and productive interagency relationships with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the area.
- Established and managed successful relationships with federal and state prosecutors throughout southeast Texas. Coordinated multi-jurisdictional and international investigations and prosecutions, ensuring compliance with evidentiary, reporting and witness requirements.
- Participated in numerous internal investigations and administrative inspections ensuring compliance with a full range of DEA and DOJ administrative and legal policies and procedures.

Special Operations Division Liaison Officer**U.S. Embassy Mexico City****June 2004 – August 2007**

- Served as a member of the DEA Headquarters Special Operations Division (SOD) assigned as Liaison Officer to the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. Served as primary coordinator and point of contact between DEA foreign and domestic offices relative to sensitive international investigations and initiatives. As the first DEA Agent to be selected for the position, was responsible for establishing roles, relationships and procedures for successful accomplishment of objectives.
- Coordinated major drug trafficking and money laundering operations with senior members of the Government of Mexico (GOM). Maintained routine liaison with officials at the Deputy Attorney General, agency head and cabinet levels of government. Bilateral operations and projects included close coordination with numerous entities within the U.S. Embassy and law enforcement. Routinely drafted and prepared official correspondence on behalf of DEA to senior Mexican Government officials resulting in bi-lateral targeting priorities, enforcement operations and federal prosecutions in Mexico and the U.S.
- Conceptualized and drafted a proposal for a comprehensive bilateral enforcement program utilizing sensitive investigative techniques and procedures on behalf of DEA and the GOM. The multi-component approach was presented to stakeholders at DEA Headquarters, Department of Justice and Government of Mexico receiving consensus and approval for implementation. Extensive follow-up coordination resulted in infrastructure development and establishment of standard operating procedures.

Resident Agent-in-Charge**Ciudad Juarez Resident Office****Ciudad Juarez, Mexico****August 2001 – June 2004**

- Directed DEA operations for the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. Directed the targeting of high-level drug trafficking and money laundering organizations impacting Mexico and the U.S. Was responsible for all management aspects of the office to include budget and fiscal operations, security, personnel and administrative functions.

- Served as the principal counter-drug and organized crime advisor to the U.S. Consul General at post. As an agency head within the Consulate, served as a member of the management staff, Emergency Action Committee and conducted liaison with all other elements within the Consulate mission.
- Directed the formulation and execution of strategic goals in conjunction with upper management at the Mexico City Country Office, DEA Headquarters and counterpart officials with the Government of Mexico. Ensured compliance with a full range of legal, diplomatic and procedural issues impacting international operations.

Special Agent (Non-Supervisory) Positions

- Ciudad Juarez, Mexico Resident Office
 - August 1999 – August 2001
- Miami Field Division
 - December 1994 – August 1999
- Guadalajara, Mexico Resident Office
 - November 1991 – December 1994
- Tampa Resident Office
 - April 1988 – November 1991
- Houston Field Division and Office of Training, Quantico, Virginia
 - May 1987 – April 1988

General duties included:

- Initiated and conducted numerous complex, multi-jurisdictional and international investigations
- Affiant and Case Agent on numerous Title III electronic intercept operations
- Field Training Agent responsible for training, evaluating and mentoring new agents
- Drafted, obtained authorization for and executed numerous Title III, search, seizure and arrest affidavits and warrants
- Testified in numerous federal and state trials, depositions and judicial proceedings

Houston Police Department Police Officer September 1982 – May 1987

- Served in Patrol, Narcotics and Field Operations Command
- Served on Ad Hoc Task Forces targeting compliance with national accreditation standards as well as the drafting and implementation of departmental Standard Operating Procedures.
- Testified in numerous state and municipal trials and judicial proceedings.

Partial List of Specialized Training

DEA Asset Removal Training (1988)

Spanish Language Training, U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute (1991)

DEA Foreign Orientation/Operations Training No. 3 (1991)
DEA Field Training Agent Program (1995)
DEA Foreign Orientation/Operations Training No. 7 (1999)
DEA Group Supervisor Institute No. 30 (2001)
Operations Security (OPSEC) Analysis and Program Manager Training, Interagency OPSEC Support Staff and The National Cryptologic School (2005)
DEA Group Supervisor In-Service School (2011)
Primary and Advanced Courses on The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation, John E. Reid and Associates (2012)
12th Houston Forum on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, American Conference Institute (2018)
Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Masterclass, Advanced Compliance Solutions/Thomas R. Fox (11.5 hours CPE, 2018)
2018 Annual Conference, Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (23 hours CPE, 2018)
Certified Fraud Examiner Preparation Course, ACFE (35 hours CPE, 2019)
30th Annual Global Fraud Conference, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (16.5 hours CPE, 2019)

Professional Affiliations

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS)
Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)
ASIS International
Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE)
Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (TALI)
Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (FLEOA)