~About Today’s Speakers ~

Elizabeth F. Collura is a senior attorney in the Commercial and Corporate Litigation Practice Group at Clark Hill PLC, representing clients in federal and state courts, as well as in various alternative dispute resolution forums. She handles cases involving civil rights, negligence, breach of contract and products liability through all phases of litigation and appeal. Ms. Collura has represented clients in products liability matters with respect to a variety of commercial and industrial products, and has handled litigation and appeals in cases relating to medical devices, including surgical staplers and artificial joints. Her experience also includes representing health care insurers, third party administrators and managed care organizations in litigation of contractual and business disputes. Experienced with the multifaceted intersection of social media and law, Ms. Collura has handled legal matters involving Internet defamation and social media discovery and privacy issues. She is a frequent presenter in conferences concerning social media, both locally and nationally, and was selected for inclusion in Pennsylvania Super Lawyers - Rising Stars Edition, from 2013 through 2015. Ms. Collura received her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and her B.A., summa cum laude, from the University of Pittsburgh.

Brett Creasy is the vice president and director of digital forensics at bit-x-bit, LLC, where he is responsible for leading the company’s team of forensic examiners and technicians in the preservation and analysis of electronic evidence. Since joining bit-x-bit in 2007, he has conducted hundreds of examinations on a wide variety of matters involving intellectual property theft, unauthorized use of computer systems, harassment, computer hacking, criminal and white collar crimes, employment class actions, and other cases in both state and federal courts. Mr. Creasy has testified as an expert witness on such matters in both state and federal courts. A certified computer examiner and a member of the International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners, he has a B.S. in information technology with a specialization in information security and assurance, and an A.S. in computer network security and forensics. Mr. Creasy also holds multiple other certificates and certifications in the areas of project management and information security, including being a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

Gregg Frankhouser is a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he has worked in the Pittsburgh and New York offices since being sworn in in 2002. Currently assigned to Pittsburgh’s Violent Crime Investigations Squad, he is responsible for investigating matters related to violent crimes against children. Previously, Agent Frankhouser was assigned to the Computer Analysis Response Teams (CART) as a forensic examiner both here and in New York, where he was a member of CART’s Special Operations Division. He also served in that office’s Criminal Division/White Collar Crimes Branch, where he conducted computer crime and fraud investigations, including into several computer hacking and intellectual property crimes, using sophisticated investigative techniques. Agent Frankhouser has also conducted intensive operations utilizing cooperating witnesses. His other investigations have included credit card fraud, phishing schemes, bank fraud and wire fraud. Agent Frankhouser attended the FBI Academy’s New Agent Training program, and received his B.A. in criminal justice from Duquesne University in 1989.

David G. Ries is of counsel to Clark Hill PLC, where he practices in the areas of environmental, technology, and data protection law and litigation. For over 10 years, he has increasingly focused on cyber-security, privacy and information governance, and has recently addressed such current issues as information security programs and plans, response to data breaches, digital and environmental forensics, admissibility of expert opinions, e-discovery, and defense of enforcement actions. Mr. Ries frequently lectures and writes on these issues nationally for legal, educational and professional groups. He is a coauthor of Encryption Made Simple for Lawyers (American Bar Association 2015) and Locked Down: Information Security for Attorneys (American Bar Association 2012). Mr. Ries received his J.D., cum laude, from Boston College Law School, where he was a member of the Industrial and Commercial Law Review, and his B.A., magna cum laude, from Boston College.