

Dara Corrigan, New Head of HHS OIG, Assistant US Attorneys Jim Sheehan and Susan Winkler, Top Speakers' List for 2003 Fraud & Compliance Forum

NEW - Program features 10 Case Study Sessions, 60+ speakers and 37 separate sessions - addressing Pharma, HIPAA, Multi-Federal, Multi-State Fraud Investigations, Qui Tam Lawsuits, CMS Outlier Initiative, and other critical health care legal and compliance issues.

Early registration ends August 22 for this year's Fraud & Compliance Forum.

(Washington, DC –August 18, 2003)--- HHS Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General **Dara Corrigan**, Assistant US Attorney **James G. Sheehan**, and Assistant US Attorney **Susan Winkler** head a list of more than 60 expert speakers at the **2003 Fraud and Compliance Forum**, to be held at the Hilton Washington Hotel September 21–23, 2003. Corrigan will address a general session of the conference on Monday, September 22.

Jointly sponsored by the American Health Lawyers Association (Health Lawyers) and the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA), the 2003 Forum will offer 37 separate sessions covering the full spectrum of compliance issues addressed by health care fraud and abuse laws and regulations. This year the Fraud & Compliance Forum expands the popular case study format, adding 10 Case Studies to its 2003 program. Sessions that may be of particular interest to reporters for current analysis of fraud and compliance developments include:

Case Studies Sessions:

- *Qui Tam Lawsuits and the False Claims Act*
- *Fair Market Value under Stark and the Anti-Kickback Statute: Legal and Practical Issues Arising from Artic's High Tech Medical Mall*
- *-Multi-Federal District and Multi-State Health Care Fraud and Abuse Investigations: Lessons from HCA applied to the Artic HealthCare Holdings, Ltd. Case Study*
- *HIPAA and Its Effect on Multi-Federal District and Multi-State Investigations and Prosecutions*
- *Medical Necessity and Utilization Review in Compliance*

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Concurrent Sessions:

- *CMS Outlier Initiative*
- *Managed Care Prompt Payment Issues*
- *Medicare's National Correct Coding Initiative: Revenue Opportunities and Compliance Traps*

- *Research Misconduct [note: bullets changed size; isn't Word fun?]*
- *"Dear OIG": Advisory Opinions and Other Guidance from the OIG*
- *Current Cases in Pharmaceutical Enforcement*
- *Sarbanes-Oxley: For Profit vs. Nonprofit Corporations*

Complete information and a program brochure for the **2003 Fraud and Compliance Forum** are available on Health Lawyers Web site at http://www.healthlawyers.org/programs/prog_03fraud.cfm and on HCCA's Web site at <http://www.hcca-info.org/documents/ahla03brochure.pdf>.

To register as press for this landmark conference on health care fraud and compliance issues, please contact Margaret Dragon, Director of Communication, HCCA, at 781/593-4924 or by email at margaret.dragon@hcca-info.org to receive a press registration form. All completed press registration forms must be returned by the close of business on September 15, 2003, to: Margaret Dragon by fax: 781/593-4920, by E-mail, or may be mailed to Margaret Dragon, HCCA, P.O. Box 197, Nahant, MA 01908. We regret that due to hotel space constraints, attendance will be limited to two representatives per publication. Please call if you need more information.

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