

Biography.

Mr. Lee Lerussi serves as a contract instructor and Subject Matter Expert for the US State Department's Global Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program and has been engaged by various contractors who serviced the program. In 2022, after nearly ten years of success in the program, he founded LeeLand Consulting, Inc., and continues to service the government and private sector companies, providing lectures, course deliveries, and mentorships. Mr. Lerussi is also an adjunct instructor for the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C).

Mr. Lerussi served as a Senior Special Agent in the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), retiring in 2021 after 23 years. Prior to joining the Bureau, Mr. Lerussi served for 14 years as a Peace Officer in his hometown as a member of the St. Clair Township Police Department. During his time with the department, he served in various positions, such as training officer, juvenile officer, firearms instructor, and on the county multi-jurisdictional Special Response Team. Mr. Lerussi continues to hold his commission and serves as a Deputy Sheriff (Reserve) in Ohio's Columbiana County. Mr. Lerussi also served as an Instructor for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. His law enforcement career spans 38 years and counting.

Mr. Lerussi has attended training with the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists., achieving certification as an electronic evidence-collection specialist. He is also certified as an electronic-recovery specialist from the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and as an Examiner from Guidance Software, Inc. He has received training from the SANS Institute as well. Additionally, he holds certifications from Cellebrite in mobile device forensics. Mr. Lerussi has attended continuing education and training courses, receiving certifications from the FBI, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, the SANS Institute, NW3C, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

A graduate of Heidelberg University, Mr. Lerussi holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. He has completed graduate studies in psychology and counseling at Kent State University and Youngstown State University.

Mr. Lerussi was an invited speaker at the National Association of Attorneys General Conference on Advanced Cybercrime held in Oxford, Mississippi in 2007. Mr. Lerussi also co-presented a lecture entitled “Computer Investigative Strategy and Techniques for Fraud Investigations” at the State of Ohio Auditor’s Conference in 2006, held in Columbus, Ohio. He has also presented workshops on the topics of investigations of computer crimes, conducting cyber-enabled investigations, internet-based crimes, and identifying cell phone evidence for the Chiefs of Police Association.

Mr. Lerussi has received various awards during his law enforcement career to include; Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Group Achievement Award, , a Meritorious Service Award from U.S. Marshal Service, a commendation from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and a commendation from the FBI’s Cleveland, Ohio office, for investigative work and the subsequent arrest and conviction in the murder of a Massillon, Ohio, Police Officer. In his tenure with BCI, Mr. Lerussi received two superintendent’s commendations, a Meritorious Unit Award, and nine letters of acknowledgment for successful investigations conducted during his 23 years with the bureau.