ASSET FORFEITURES

LITIGATION DIVISION

When dealing with asset forfeiture cases, having an attorney with a background in law enforcement can go a long way. Our practice is led by a lawyer who spent nearly a quarter century as a law enforcement officer, allowing us to provide you with unparalleled insight. This unique combination of deep knowledge and relevant experience allows us to secure more efficient and beneficial forfeitures.

We represent law enforcement agencies throughout South Florida, helping a variety of agencies, from small police departments to large multi-jurisdictional task forces. In recent years, there have been a number of legal developments which are making it increasingly difficult to pursue forfeitures, so having a keen understanding of the laws and how they evolve is crucial. We strive to help our clients implement the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act as effectively and ethically as possible. This includes meeting with command staff to formulate agency policies and procedures, conducting in-house training for investigative units and patrol officers, and drafting and providing the required forms and paperwork for each agency to use during seizures.

We also guide clients through forfeiture litigation and provide advice on how to appropriately use funds related to seizures. We understand that forfeiture cases need to be completed as quickly as possible, and with decades of experience in the field, we are able to help law enforcement agencies meet that goal.

OUR INSIGHT

Have the defendant sign the “Notice of Forfeiture and Right to Request an Adversarial Preliminary Hearing” form immediately and submit the associated reports and documentation as soon as possible. The time frames for forfeitures are very tight.