

## **Michael G. Kessler**

**Current Employer:** Kessler International

**Profession:** Certified Forensic Accountant / Certified Computer Forensics Engineer

**Work History:** Kessler International – President & CEO, 1990 - present; NYS Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Deputy Inspector General, 1988-1990; NYS Department of Taxation & Finance – Chief of Tax Investigations, 1987-1988; NYS Special Prosecutor – Assistant Chief Auditor/Investigator, 1978-1988; Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Greater New York – Senior Auditor, 1973-1978

**Experience:** Over 40 years conducting complex investigations, forensic audits and computer forensic examinations. Currently is the president/CEO of one of the leading forensic accounting, computer forensics and corporate investigation firms in the world representing the defense and plaintiff in cases involving fraud, embezzlement, malpractice, damage calculations, royalties, real estate, intellectual property, construction, insurance, hospitality, health care, money laundering, high technology and computer crimes. Also has executed forensic training programs for staff at Fortune 500 companies and government agencies. He has also been requested to be an Independent Private Sector Inspector General for corporations and government agencies.

**Professional Licenses and Certifications:** Licensed in New York State as a Business Education and Accounting Instructor and by NY, NJ, FL, AZ, MI, MO, CT, GA, PA, CA, IL, WA and Puerto Rico as a Private Investigator. Qualified as a Certified Forensic Accountant, Certified Internal Controls Auditor, Certified Construction Auditor, Digital Forensics Certified Practitioner, Board Certified Forensic Examiner and a Certified Fraud Examiner and a Fellow of the American Board of Forensic Accounting. Has also attained Fellow status with the American Board of Forensic Examiners and is a member of and has attained accreditation from the Academy of Experts in the United Kingdom and has been qualified in a number of jurisdictions (State, Federal, UK) as an Expert in the area of forensic accounting and computer forensics. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Inspectors General, the IT committee of The Institute for Internal Controls and the Professional Responsibility Committee of the Institute of Business Appraisers. He has also served on the Litigation Forensics Board of the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts and was a member and the Chairman of the American College of Forensic Examiners International – Executive Board of Forensic Accounting.

**Education:** Holds a BS (1973) and MBA (1978) from St. John's University – Peter J Tobin College of Business and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Business (1981) from Pace University-Lubin School of Business.

**Professional Affiliations:** American Academy of Forensic Sciences, American College of Forensic Examiners, American Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Forensic

Expert Witness Association, The Academy of Experts-UK, The Institute for Internal Controls, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, National Law Enforcement Associates, Law Enforcement Video Association, International Association Computer Investigative Specialist, Association of Inspectors General.

**Publications and Speaking Engagements:** Attends professional training sessions as an instructor and is regularly called upon by cable news and network news as well as various newspapers and magazines to provide expert opinions on a news breaking story. Is the editor of "*The Kessler Report*," numerous trade publication articles and a co- author of "*Fraud Audit Review Manual for Hospitals*" published by the HCFA-HHS.

**Awards:**

- Long Island Business News – Largest Accounting Firms - 2013
- Long Island Business News - Who's Who in Forensic Accounting – 2012/2013
- Bronze Stevie Award for Executive of the Year – Accounting – June 2012
- Kessler International –Gold Stevie Award -Company of the Year 2012- Accounting – June 2012
- Kessler International -Accounting Company of the Year in 2011 International Business Awards - *July 2011*
- Finalist in 2011 American Business Awards -*May 2011*
- Kessler International Named Forensic Accounting Firm of the Year for North America - *April 2011*
- Michael G. Kessler Named as Finalist in 2010 American Business Awards - *May 2010*
- Kessler International Wins the Global Business Excellence Award for Outstanding Risk Consultancy Solution -*January 2010*
- Kessler International Receives 2009 Best of Business Award - Forensic Accounting & Auditing - *November 2009*
- Outstanding Citizenship Award from the City of New York

**Other:**

- Appointed to the Neutral Panel of the American Arbitration Association as an Arbitrator.
- Appointment pursuant to Part 36 of the Rules of the Chief Judge – NYS.
- Company awarded GSA schedule for forensic accounting and computer forensics.
- Appointed by Federal Courts as expert in matters involving forensic accounting and computer forensics.
- Appointed by local courts throughout the United States as expert in matters involving forensic accounting and computer forensics.