

SECREST WARDLE EXECUTIVE PARTNER MARGARET A. SCOTT TO JOIN NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAPTER (NCRC) OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AUTO THEFT INVESTIGATORS (IAATI) AS PRESENTER AT 52ND ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR

NCRC/IAATI will present its 52nd Annual Training Seminar at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Metropolitan Detroit area, in Novi, May 4 through May 7, 2015. For registration information please visit <u>http://bit.ly/1lrrsvp</u>.

The NCRC of the IAATI was formed in 1972. The Chapter includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Manitoba, and Ontario. Members include local state and federal law enforcement as well as insurance companies and related fields joining in the common goal to suppress vehicle theft and related crimes.

Margaret Scott will be presenting on the topic of Legal Aspects of Auto Theft Investigation on May 6, 2015. Ms. Scott is an Executive Partner located in Secrest Wardle's Troy location. She is a member of the Firm's Motor Vehicle Litigation, Municipal, and Property, Fire and Casualty Practice Groups.

Ms. Scott served as an Oakland County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney from 1988 to 2008. The majority of her career at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office was spent as a Special Prosecutor, where she was elevated to the office of Chief of the Auto Theft Unit in 1996. As a felony trial prosecutor, Ms. Scott prosecuted crimes involving insurance fraud, identity theft, embezzlement, and arson of insured property. During her time with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office she successfully prosecuted nearly 100% of the cases assigned to the Auto Theft Unit. Ms. Scott obtained her B.A. from Michigan State University in Criminal Justice and Psychology. She received her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School, and was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1988. Ms. Scott is licensed in all Michigan Courts.

For her dedication to the fight against auto theft and insurance fraud, Ms. Scott received the Bob Sattler Award by the NCRC/IAATI in 2007. She received an Award for Professional Excellence for services provided to the Michigan State Police characterized by outstanding performance of duty and a personal commitment to the excellence associated with the prosecution of a 1998 Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit Investigation. Ms. Scott is a past recipient of the William V. Liddane Award by the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) Organization in recognition of her advocacy in reducing auto-theft related crimes in Michigan.

Ms. Scott is a member of the following associations:

- North Central Regional Chapter-International Association of Auto Theft Investigators
- Michigan Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators
- Michigan Arson Prevention Committee
- Michigan Help Eliminate Auto Theft Committee

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