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The Fallen Officer's Award will be Accepted by
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ALDONYS AWARDS DINNER
Thursday, November 7, 2024
Program

- 7:00PM Butler Service of hors d'oeuvres & Gold Coast Cold Display. OPEN BAR
- 7:45PM Procession of VIP's
- 8:00PM Colors; National Anthem; Pledge of Allegiance
Police Chaplain's Invocation
- 8:25PM Acknowledgements/Introductions by Dinner Chairman, **David B Spencer**
- 8:30PM ALDONYS 2024 PERSON OF THE YEAR
Presented by ALDONYS Chairman, **David B Spencer**
- 8:35PM **REMARKS BY MRS. STEPHANIE DILLER**
- ALDONYS 2024 SECURITY GUARD OF THE YEAR
Presented by ALDONYS Chairman, **David B Spencer**
- 8:45PM **REMARKS BY MRS. KIMBERLY SALTER**
- 9:00PM DINNER
- 9:45PM **ALDONYS AWARD PRESENTATIONS:**
- SPECIAL ALDONYS AWARD FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE**
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Mr. Tucker is both Past President and Chairman of the Board of ALDONYS
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NICHOLAS G. HIMONIDIS, JD, CFE, CCFS, CCFI, CRC
- Presented By THE HONORABLE ROBERT TUCKER, COMMISSIONER, FDNY**
Remarks By NICHOLAS G. HIMONIDIS, JD, CFE, CCFS, CCFI, CRC
- INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR
THOMAS RUSKIN, Presented by ALDONYS Chairman, **David B Spencer**
Remarks By THOMAS RUSKIN
- Police Chaplain's Benediction

MENU

Butler Service of hors d'oeuvres & Gold Coast Cold Display

First Course: Caesar Salad

Main entrée - Choice of One:

- 1) *Braised Short Rib, With Sautéed Onions Served with Truffle Mashed Potato*
- 2) *Panko and Parmesan Crusted Chicken Madeira*
- 3) *Miso Salmon, Pan Seared and Basted with a Teriyaki Ginger Reduction*
- 4) *Stuffed Acorn Squash, Acorn squash oven roasted and bursting with quinoa and cranberries, pine nuts and fire roasted tomato drizzled with a sweet balsamic reduction plated with seasonal vegetables sautéed with extra virgin olive oil and fresh herbs.*
- 5) *Stuffed Eggplant Parmesan, Diced Eggplant with Caramelized Onions and Garlic, Sundried*

Desert: Cake. Also Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf Coffee, Tea, Espresso, or Cappuccino.

TOP SHELF OPEN BAR

THE EUGENE R. FINK MEMORIAL AWARD is presented every several years to an ALDONYS member who has distinguished themselves from all other members and other professionals.



Nicholas G. Himonidis, JD, CFE, CCFS, CCFI, CRC
President, The NGH Group
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With nearly 35 years of professional experience in private investigations, computer forensics and law, Mr. Himonidis has participated in, conducted, and supervised thousands of investigations, computer forensic engagements, e-discovery and cyber-security projects, and cryptocurrency and blockchain forensic matters.

He has litigated cases in both state and federal courts and has managed the investigative and e-discovery phases of hundreds of others. His investigative experience spans financial fraud, including civil RICO claims, insurance fraud, fraudulent claims against the U.S. government, digital forensic work in connection with cybercrimes and “traditional” crimes, and work on many complex, high-profile matrimonial and other civil and criminal cases.

Mr. Himonidis has written and lectured extensively on e-discovery, digital evidence, cryptocurrency and blockchain forensics, financial investigation, and legal and ethical issues related to the private investigation profession. He has served as a court appointed expert in digital forensics and cryptocurrency in commercial, matrimonial, custody and domestic violence matters in New York Supreme Court, and has also appeared and been qualified as an expert witness in computer forensics, the authentication of digital evidence and cryptocurrency and blockchain forensics on many occasions.

In 2022 he was appointed to the New York State Bar Association Task Force on Emerging Digital Finance and Currency, where he routinely contributed his technical knowledge and experience with crypto crime to the Task Force and was a significant contributor to multiple Task Force reports on topics pertaining to cryptocurrency and digital finance. He is also a co-chair of the Nassau County Bar Association Cyber Law Committee, where he lectures frequently on topics ranging from Data Privacy and Cyber Security to Artificial Intelligence.

He is a licensed attorney, a licensed Private Investigator in New York and Connecticut, a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Computer Forensic Specialist, a Certified Cryptocurrency Forensic Investigator, and holds the highly regarded Chainalysis Reactor Certification (CRC) credential.

Mr. Himonidis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from St. John’s University, where he graduated *cum laude*. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from St. John’s University School of Law, *magna cum laude*, graduating in the top 2% of his class.



**2024
INVESTIGATOR OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

Thomas Ruskin
President
CMP Protective and Investigative Group, Inc.

Mr. Ruskin served as the President and the Chairman of the Board of the Associated Licensed Detectives of New York State (ALDONYS).

Mr. Ruskin is recognized as an international investigative, security and crisis management expert by news organizations such as **NBC, ABC, The Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN, Fox News Channel, Sky News,** and **1010 WINS News.** He makes frequent appearances on various TV and radio shows.

Thomas Ruskin is a highly decorated former New York City Police Detective Investigator. He was responsible for Crisis Management for the Mayor, Police Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners of Operations and Crime Control Strategies for New York City. He has been involved in cases that have received worldwide attention, including the 1993 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the NYC subway system bombing, airline crashes, police shootings, hostage situations and major organized crime and narcotic cases.

Through the course of two decades, the majority of Mr. Ruskin's time served in law enforcement has been spent in the field of investigation. He began his career with the Department of Investigations Inspector General offices of the Department of Environmental Protection and Fire Department, and rose to the position of Senior Investigator. In the NYPD Mr. Ruskin was assigned to the Burglary Latent Print Unit, Anti-Crime Squad, and the Organized Control Bureau-Narcotics Division's Special Projects Unit. He was responsible for cases that lead to arrests of individuals who committed Federal and State crimes and for a 3 million dollar federally subsidized undercover program.

Mr. Ruskin's background includes responsibility for the protection of President Bill Clinton, Vice-President Al Gore, Mrs. Hillary Clinton, Mrs. Tipper Gore, 1998 Presidential candidate Senator Robert Dole and other national and international dignitaries and Heads of State. Mr. Ruskin has received specialized training from the NYPD Intelligence Division and the United States Secret Service in Dignitary Protection.

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We also congratulate this year's **Investigator of the Year**

— **Thomas Ruskin** —

**And we salute the honorees
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▪ DET. JONATHAN DILLER ▪

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▪ AARON SALTER JR ▪

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Jonathan Diller

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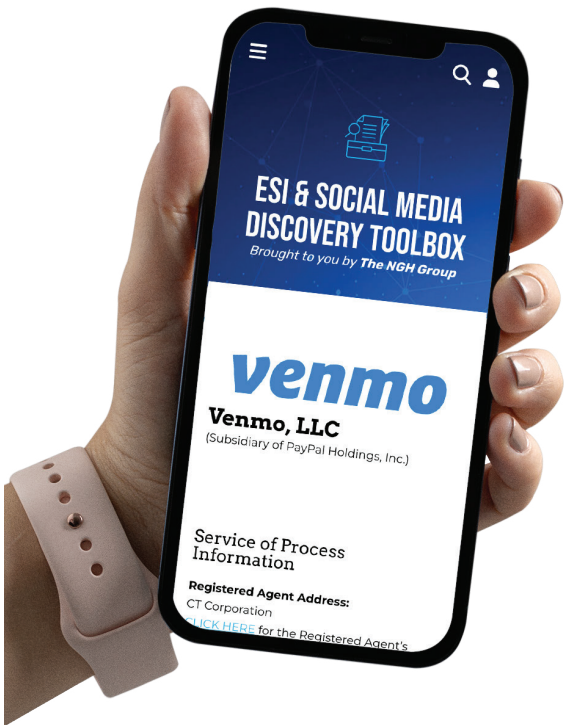
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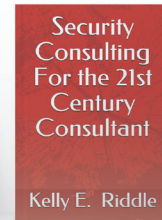
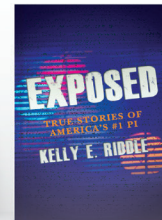
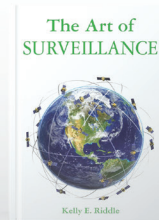
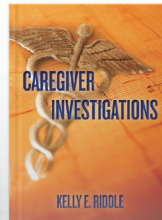
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