Brooks Pierce White Collar Criminal Defense Attorneys Speak at Federal Criminal Practice Seminar

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On September 18, 2015, Brooks Pierce federal criminal defense attorneys Wes Camden and Mike Dowling were guest speakers at the Fall Federal Criminal Practice Seminar, hosted by the Federal Public Defender for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The purposes of the Federal Criminal Practice Seminar are to update federal criminal practitioners on the current state of the law, to provide practical tips on the current customs and practices in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, to provide a forum where federal criminal practitioners can network, and to answer questions from attorneys.

Wes and Mike's presentation, *Collection and Use of Electronic Evidence in Federal Criminal Trials*, provided a comprehensive overview of the constitutional and statutory tools available to practitioners who must deal with digital evidence as part of their federal criminal case. Wes and Mike covered topics ranging from challenging search warrants for digital evidence, scrutinizing government expert disclosures, and using the Federal Rules of Evidence to address unique issues raised by digital evidence at trial. Their presentation can be found here.

Wes and Mike have substantial federal criminal defense experience in matters as diverse as immigration fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, environmental crimes, EBT benefits fraud, money laundering, false statements to federal agents, as well

as trade secret theft. Wes and Mike also tried what is believed to be the very first computer hacking prosecution in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina under 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(5)(A), the most serious violation possible under the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Some of their pretrial work in that cutting-edge case achieved national media attention.