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The Ackerman Group LLC was founded in 1977 by Mike Ackerman, a former CIA Clandestine Services operations officer. A full-services security consulting firm, it is headquartered in Miami, Florida, and has satellite offices in Salt Lake City, Utah; Munich, Germany; and Bangkok, Thailand. All of its consultants come from the CIA, FBI, or military special operations or investigative units. The consultants have many years of experience both domestically and overseas, and speak Spanish, Portuguese, French, Mandarin and Cantonese.

Since its founding, multinational corporations and affluent individuals have called on The Ackerman Group for counsel on a broad range of security and investigative issues. The company's emphasis is always on prevention, but when summoned in an emergency, it responds with unparalleled professionalism. Its methodologies are thorough, balanced, deliberate, proven and cost effective. Discretion is absolute.

The Ackerman Group stands ready to assist clients with their security concerns and requirements. Among the many services offered are:

- 24/7 telephone consultations to discuss personal security issues, and to assess lifestyle vulnerabilities that could put family members at significant risks of burglary, armed robbery, home invasion, kidnapping, stalking or extortion
- Consultations regarding planned business or pleasure travel and study abroad scenarios for children
- Consultations regarding basic residential security, to include recommendations for specific physical and procedural security measures
- Consultations regarding the security home computers and
- Thorough background investigations of domestic staff, contractors and tenants
- Comprehensive investigations of suspected fraud and embezzlement
- Due diligence Investigations related to investments, acquisitions, and senior-level hiring.
- Detailed planning for special event security
- Arrangement and supervision of executive protection services
- Implementation of technical surveillance countermeasures
- Immediate response services in cases of personal threats, missing persons, stalking, kidnapping or extortion. Since its founding, The Ackerman Group has successfully managed hundreds of ransom kidnapping and extortion cases



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Mike Ackerman **President and CEO**

Mike Ackerman is widely acknowledged as one of America's leading authorities on terrorism. He has lectured at the National War College, and the Harvard Business School, has appeared before the crisis-management teams of numerous multinational corporations and has made more than 50 appearances as a commentator on terrorism and intelligence matters on FoxNews and other news networks. His book, *Counterterrorism Strategies for Corporations: The Ackerman Principles*, was published in 2008. Ackerman served in the CIA's Clandestine Services for 11 years before resigning in 1975 to protest the congressional investigation of the Agency then in progress. In the CIA he had undertaken intelligence operations in 20 European, Latin American and African countries. Fluent in Spanish and conversant in Russian and Italian, Ackerman graduated from Dartmouth College magna cum laude and holds an M.A. from Columbia. He was a security officer in the US Air Force Strategic Air Command.

H. Wesley Odom, Jr. **Executive Vice President, Operations**

Wes Odom joined The Ackerman Group in 1990, following a 15-year career in the CIA's Clandestine Services. At the CIA, he had specialized in foreign intelligence operations and counterterrorism. He had tours in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and served as an instructor in the Agency's operational training program. A fluent Spanish speaker, he holds a B.A. and M.A. from the University of West Florida and served with a U.S. Navy Seabee battalion in Vietnam.

John Wright **Vice President, Operations**

John Wright joined The Ackerman Group in 2012 after his retirement from the FBI, where he served as a Special Agent from 1988 to 2012. His last post was Supervisory Senior Resident Agent with responsibility for southern Utah. He has participated in and overseen investigations into organized criminal enterprises, white collar crime and money laundering. In addition, he was a member of the unit that responds to kidnappings of Americans overseas and worked numerous cases. Wright, who is fluent in Spanish and conversant in Portuguese, has a B.A. from the University of Utah.

Julio Guzman **Director, Investigations**

Julio Guzman joined The Ackerman Group in 2013 after serving 10 years in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of Major. He was assigned to the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), the Air Force's investigative wing, where he specialized in counterintelligence operations, and led the OSI detachment in the southern sector of Iraq. A native Spanish speaker, he is a graduate of Yale University and has an MA in Classical History from American Military University.

George Dew **Director, Cyber Security**

George Dew joined The Ackerman Group in 1998. Previously, he had served five years in the CIA's Clandestine Services and six years as a U.S. Navy SEAL. Dew also worked as an investment banker on Wall Street and founded a computer networking and software development company, Response Networking Inc. Dew has appeared on Fox News as a technical expert. He holds a B.A. in biochemistry from the University of Colorado and an M.B.A. from Georgetown. Fluent in Spanish and French, he is conversant in Mandarin and Cantonese.