ACAMS GREATER TWIN CITIES CHAPTER

ACAMS GTCC Yearly Newsletter

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The ACAMS Greater Twin Cities Chapter is dedicated to providing high quality, relevant training to its members. In 2019, we have had several successful learning events focusing on a wide range of AML/BSA topics.

2019 Event Overview

Fall Into AML Refresher
September 2019

A four hour learning event at the Minneapolis Depot, was presented in three separate sessions.

The first session was a panel discussion on the “Growing Epidemic of Elder Abuse.” The panel included a range of experts including banking experts from various AML investigations teams, Hennepin County Prosecutor’s Office representatives, and member of the Minnesota Senate. The panel provided a multi-dimensional discussion on the topic of elder abuse, including the financial indicators and reporting methods.

The second session included a deep dive into understanding the complexities and changing fundamentals of the International Sanctions Program. This included not only a high level overview of recent OFAC and sanctions guidance, country specific sanctions, due diligence for your company’s sanctions program, hot topics in sanctions, and preparing for your next exam.

The third session focused on “Responding Appropriately to Negative News.” This presentation provided a high level overview of money laundering, the nexus between fraud and money laundering and components of writing an effective SAR.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Have you ever thought about getting more involved with ACAMS? The GTCC ACAMS chapter is looking for volunteers in a variety of opportunities. Take a look at the below opportunities and contact us if you are interested.
- Organize a study group for CAMS certification
- Volunteer as a speaker, moderator or coordinator for an upcoming event
- Host an upcoming event at your organization’s office / coordinate corporate sponsorship for an ACAMS event

ACAMS Exam Challenge
June 2019

The chapter hosted an afternoon of AML/BSA related training in a game-show style environment. This was a fun way to prepare for CAMS certification or just brush up on industry relevant topics. This was not only a fresh take on studying, but also provided a great networking opportunity for chapter members as well.

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Year in Review / Challenges of Ever Growing Epidemics Learning Event
March 2019

The GTCC hosted a two part learning event. The first session was a “year in review” panel discussion on current AML/BSA trending topics including Customer Due Diligence, Sanctions, and SAR filing. The panel included members from various local financial institutions to provide differing perspectives.

The second session was a focus on the “Challenges of Ever Growing Epidemics,” in particular the discussion focused on the importance of the partnership between law enforcement and the financial industry. The panel included members from local law enforcement to provide insight into specific

Board Corner

Welcome to our newest board members:

**Jen Nelson, CAMS**
Manager AML / Anti-Fraud Investigations, Ameriprise

**Andrew Peterson, CAMS, CFCS**
MN National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce, FBI Safe Streets Task Force

Current Members: (pictured above) Shannon Bennett, Sande Bayer, Paul Achman, Andi Wentworth, Jessica Kelly, Angie Jensen, Lesley Park, Danielle Verhey, Maria Baroldy (not included in photo: Maria Dolor, Ashley Fink, Jennifer O’Donnell, Christina D’Ambrosio, Jen Nelson, and Andrew Peterson)

Future Event Topics
- Cryptocurrencies
- SAR writing
- Sanctions and PEPs
- Technology and Data
- Financial Crimes Career Paths
- Recent Enforcement Actions
- Trends in AML
- Beneficial Ownership

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Thanks to our speakers and sponsors from 2019: PEGA, Dennis Lormel, Tim White, Matt Shriner, Melissa Janovsky, Susan Crumb, Tracy Allen, Jim Abeler, Marcia Lewis, Tyler Reynolds, Paul Achman, Ryan O’Neil, Gary Hartwig, and Kimberly Loperfido.

**Huge thanks to our current and 40+ new chapter members!** We appreciate your support and value your membership!