



Welcome to the Greater Atlanta ACAMS Chapter newsletter. The Atlanta Chapter of ACAMS launched in June 2011 and was formed to advance the professional knowledge, skills, and experience of anti-money laundering professionals in the region. If you are interested in joining the chapter, please [click here](#).

**Upcoming Training:**

**Various ACAMS Webinars:** Check upcoming webinars at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

**ACAMS Webinar:** July 8, 2021 (1 ACAMS Credit) Strengthening the Third Line of Defense – registration at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

**ACAMS Las Vegas Conference:** Sep. 27-29, 2021 (15 ACAMS credits), Aria Resort & Casino + Virtual – [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

**Next ACAMS Atlanta Chapter meeting:** Tentative In-person Meeting – Date: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Did You See this?**

**ACAMS**  **TODAY.**

**The New Age of Investment Fraud - By AML Challenges.**

Investments have quickly become synonymous with the fintech industry. Robinhood, Moneybox and now even traditional banking institutions are increasing the ability for consumers to... Visit [ACAMS TODAY.ORG](https://www.acams.org)

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**With Model Risk Management, Banks Fear Overzealous AML Examiners – By Valentina Pasquali**  
Compliance officers and other financial services professionals have warned that federal examiners often interpret and enforce non-binding standards for quantitative anti-money laundering systems too broadly and stringently... Visit [ACAMS MONEYLAUNDERING.COM](https://www.acams.org)

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## Are You Aware of the ACAMS Resource?

### Featured Article:

#### **Hide-and-Seek: Layering Illicit Funds Via Securities Trading in the Market -**

Considering recent penalties and fines imposed on financial institutions, it is of utmost importance to understand the ways in which criminals are abusing trading securities to move the proceeds of crime. This article will discuss why and how money launderers take advantage of the particularities of the securities sector and will focus on the layering stage of money laundering through securities trading in secondary markets. Visit the [ACAMS Today](#) page to access the full article.

### Featured Webinar:

**Introduction to New Money on July 21, 2021** - In an increasingly digital age, cryptocurrency continues to provide a new method of transacting. With frequent new entrants to the market and increasing public awareness, do we know enough about digital currencies? ACAMs is providing an introductory webinar as a tour of the world of New Money; what virtual assets are, how they work and how evolving issues such as regulation and Central Bank Digital Currencies are potentially changing the landscape. Visit the [ACAMS Training Webinars](#) page to learn more about the upcoming webinar and complete registration. Registration is required to attend.

## Spotlight chapter member of the month

Future versions of the newsletter will feature a spotlight ACAMS Atlanta Chapter member of the month. This section of the newsletter will contain a picture and brief bio/submission for member of the month. Do you have a chapter member you would like to nominate? Send your votes to [Chapters@acams.org](mailto:Chapters@acams.org) (include Atlanta Chapter newsletter response in the subject line of your email)





## SPOTLIGHT CHAPTER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Howard Williams, CAMS

Howard Williams, CAMS served in the U.S. Army for 10 years in the field of intelligence in support of special operations units to include the Joint Interagency Terrorism Task Force and Counter-IED (Improvised Explosive Device) Targeting Program.



In addition to his background in intelligence, Williams was also the team leader of Personal Security Detachment with the responsibility of protecting members of the government in some of the world's most hostile areas.

Following his work for the government, he served in several critical roles in major financial institutions, including Senior KYC analyst and Transactions Monitoring Manager. Williams has over 6 years of AML experience that includes working with correspondent banks, federal and state regulators, compliance training, sanctions risk assessments, AML investigation Lookbacks and system vendors.

Williams is currently the BSA/AML Compliance Monitoring Manager with Incomm Payments. In his role, he oversees the day-to-day operations of a team whose responsibilities include monitoring for high-risk activity and oversees policy implementation to ensure strong management of alerts and SAR filings.



**ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Members:**

- Are you a member? Not yet? If you are interested in joining the chapter, please [click here](#).
  - Chapter membership offers an array of benefits for your professional career.
  - Chapter events provide networking opportunities within AML and other related industries.
  - Chapter membership is an excellent resource to stay up to date on current events in the industry.
  - CAMS credits can be earned at Atlanta Chapter events.
  - Chapter membership provides a discount at quarterly events.
  - Chapter membership and events provide access to and information about vendors within the industry.
- **Reminder:** Is your membership active? Log into your ACAMS account and click the join chapter link for renewal.
- Do you have any **suggestions**? Please contact us at [Chapters@acams.org](mailto:Chapters@acams.org) (include Atlanta Chapter newsletter response in the subject line of your email)
  - Topics and/or speakers for future events
  - Nominations for spotlight chapter member of the month (must include contact information for the individual you are submitting)
  - Newsletter content suggestions
  - Other suggestions

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