



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: March 16th, 2022 (2 ACAMS Credits) The Risk of Cryptoassets: Understanding the Threat and Setting an Appropriate Risk Appetite – registration at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

ACAMS Hollywood Conference: March 21st thru 23rd, 2022 (16+ ACAMS Credits), The Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood and Virtual. For more information visit [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

Next ACAMS Atlanta Chapter meeting: In-person Meeting – Tentative

February ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Board Member Summit

The ACAMS Atlanta chapter had their Board Member Summit on February 18, 2022 at InComm Payment's Columbus, GA office. Ed Edmister (Chair), Blake Walker (Associate Director), Daniel Fields (Programming Director), Amber Messick (newly appointed Communications Director), John Schmarkey (Emeritus Board Chairman), Howard Williams (Treasurer) and Cassandra O'Neill (newly appointed Co-Communications Director) were in attendance.

During the Summit, the next ACAMS chapter event was planned (more information to come), Messick and O'Neill were appointed to their new positions, board member vacancies were discussed along with how to increase membership.

Messick was appointed to Communications Director, the position was formerly held by Fernanda Medina Herbelina. Messick was previously the Co-Communications Director of the board, which O'Neill was appointed to as Messick's successor.

There is currently one vacant position, Membership Director. The Membership Director's objective is recruitment and retention of Chapter members. Qualifications include—someone who enjoys networking, can commit an average of 8 hours a month to role and has great leadership and communication skills. If you or someone you know would be interested in the position, please email chapters@acams.com.



Are You Aware of the ACAMS Resource?

Featured Article:

A Pandora's Box of Money Laundering Crime – The publication of the Pandora Papers highlighted the legal loopholes and weak anti-money laundering (AML) regimes that organized criminal take advantage of across the globe. For more details visit [ACAMSToday.org](https://www.acamstoday.org) to access the full article*.

Featured Article:

Collaboration: The Key Theme for the AMLA – Requirements of the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 (AMLA) and other legislation will result in a dynamic change in anti-money laundering (AML) program and subsequent controls. While most of the AMLA statutory requirements have not been finalized, Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) officers should be assessing the impact of the upcoming changes on their programs. Visit the [ACAMSToday.org](https://www.acamstoday.org) page to access the full article*.

*Login is required to access featured article.

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 (include Atlanta Chapter newsletter response in the subject line of your email)





ATLANTA ACAMS CHAPTER RECOGNITION

David Dinkins, CAMS, CFE

Atlanta ACAMS Chapter would like to thank David Dinkins, for his service as the Treasurer for the Atlanta ACAMS Chapter board. David has served a term on the



board from 2015-2021. As Treasurer David has been a valuable asset to the Atlanta Chapter. David's presence on the board will be greatly missed, as we wish him well in all future endeavors.

David is the Director of Business Development at Mastercard Inc. with areas of expertise in cyber and intelligence solutions. In his role, he works with organizations to solve business challenges and design effective risk management solutions to mitigate risks.

David has over 15 years of experience in the financial services industry including holding various positions at a large technology company and two of the largest U.S. based financial institutions. He has deep experience and knowledge in fraud, identity, and BSA-AML regulations. He has advised global enterprise companies on deploying best practices and implementing advanced technology.

David is skilled at recognizing and reducing operational discrepancies and risk, as well as increasing revenue by improving existing financial crime and risk management solutions. He is also a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).



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 (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

ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Board Members: ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Board Members:
Ed Edmister, CAMS: Chair | Thomas Williams, CRCM, CCBIA, ACT Specialist: Co-Chair | William Leopold, CAMS, CFE:
Co-Membership | Amber Messick, CAMS: Communications Director | Cassandra O'Neil, CAMS: Co-Communications
Director | Howard Williams, CAMS: Treasurer | John Schmarkey, CAMS, CFE, LPI: Founder | Courtenay Dillard, CAMS,
CFE: Secretary | Blake Walker, CAMS: Co-Secretary | Daniel Fields, CAMS: Programming Director |