



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: April 13th, 2022 (1 ACAMS Credit), Hook the Crooks: Detecting Illicit Financial Flows Tied to Organized Retail Crime - registration at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

ACAMS APAC Virtual Conference: April 23rd thru 24th, 2022 (12 ACAMS Credits), Online at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

Next ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Lunch & Learn: May 5th, 2022, 11a – 2p, \$35 per attendee, Ansley Golf Club, Crypto Overview: Level Setting How and Why “Crypto” May be Such a Game Changer, RSVP at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Did You See This?

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OCC Finalized Authority to Exempt Banks from SAR Reporting Requirements – By Valentina Pasquali
The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency has formally adopted a plan to encourage financial institutions to flag suspicious transactions by novel and more efficient means. A final rule unveiled Wednesday establishes a framework for the OCC, an independent division of the U.S. Treasury Department that oversees more than 1,000 national banks... Visit [ACAMS Moneylaundering.com](https://www.acams.org/moneylaundering.com)

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Open Board Position for the ACAMS Atlanta Chapter

The Atlanta Chapter is looking for a Membership Director to join their Board. 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:

Sustainability: Converging AML and ESG – As discussions on sustainability continue to push toward center stage in the corporate world, the time has come for anti-money laundering (AML) professionals to reassess their day-to-day responsibilities through the lens of environmental, social and governance (ESG) targets so that they can not only be included in the burgeoning movement but furthered because of it... For more details visit [ACAMSToday.org](https://www.acamstoday.org) to access the full article.

Featured Article:

Innovation in the Ever Evolving AFC Industry – Anti-financial crime (AFC) professionals had little idea of how vastly the fight against money laundering, terrorist financing and financial crime would develop domestically and internationally in the years following the 9/11 terrorist attack. Since then, the world has seen a plethora of updates in compliance and legislation, the expansion of financial crimes into the cyber world, the issuance of sanctions and restrictions, among other changes. Visit the [ACAMSToday.org](https://www.acamstoday.org) page to access the full 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

Fernanda Medina, CAMS

Atlanta ACAMS Chapter would like to thank Fernanda Medina, for her service as the Communications Director for the Atlanta ACAMS Chapter board. Fernanda has served a term on the board from 2018-2022. As Communications Director Fernanda has been a valuable asset to the Atlanta Chapter. Fernanda's presence on the board will be greatly missed, as we wish her well in all future endeavors.



Fernanda is the Director of State Regulatory Exams & Licensing at Fiserv. Prior to joining Fiserv, she served as Senior Compliance Analyst – Regulatory Reporting and Licensing for First Data Corporation.

Previously, Fernanda was a BSA/AML Compliance Specialist for MSB Compliance Inc. and worked for a money transmitter company as the Chief Compliance Officer. Fernanda holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from Brazil (JD equivalent) and completed the Paralegal Program from Emory University. She is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS).



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:

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