



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:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1p – 2pm (1 ACAMS Credit), Modus Operandi of a Criminal Organization Examining AML/CFT Priorities through Exploration of Real-Life Connected Cases - registration at [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org)

**Next ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Lunch & Learn:** May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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?**

**ACAMS  MONEYLEAUNDERING.COM**

**Amid Flurry of New AML Rules, OCC Focuses on Innovation – By Valentina Pasquali**

Since enactment of the Anti-Money Laundering Act in January of last year, U.S. officials have worked to implement a national database of beneficial owners, a list of high-priority financial-crime threats and several other provisions of the legislation... Visit [ACAMS Moneylaundering.com](https://www.acams.org/moneylaundering.com)

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**ACAMS Atlanta Chapter Event: Level Setting How & Why “Crypto” May be Such a Game Changer**

Have you overheard a colleague discuss their recent crypto investment and wondered, “What even is crypto?” Cryptocurrency seems to be on everyone’s minds lately—from Elon Musk to possibly even your financial institution. If you would like to gain knowledge about the ever-changing world of cryptocurrencies, then this event is for you. Here you will learn about indirect and direct exposure to BSA/AML and OFAC risks, transaction monitoring, customer due diligence and more. The speaker, Asaad Faquir, Financial Services Consulting at Crowe LLP, will give delve deep into the world of crypto and how to protect your financial institution. For more information and registration, click here [ACAMS.org](https://www.acams.org).



## Are You Aware of the ACAMS Resource?

### Featured Article:

**Understanding Human Trafficking** – This article is the first part of a three-part series on human trafficking. Anti-financial crimes (AFC) professionals are uniquely positioned to identify human trafficking operations... For more details visit [ACAMSToday.org](https://www.acamstoday.org) to access the full article.

### Featured Article:

**Project Hades: Dark Web Revealed** – One of the biggest responsibilities of our time is to protect the most vulnerable, especially in the anti-human trafficking and anti-child exploitation space. The Anti-Human Trafficking Intelligence Initiative (ATII), nonprofit organization, is continually expanding its presence and systems to combat human trafficking and child exploitation. One of its current initiatives is Project Hades, a dark web search platform.... 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](mailto:Chapters@acams.org) (include Atlanta Chapter newsletter response in the subject line of your email)





## ATLANTA ACAMS CHAPTER RECOGNITION

### Christian Lupton, CAMS

This month's Spotlight Chapter Member of the month is Christian Lupton. Mr. Lupton is a Compliance Analyst II, with InComm Payments. Mr. Lupton has been employed with InComm since 2019 and maintains a focus in BSA/AML compliance specifically in the merchant onboarding and oversight sector.



Before working with InComm, Christian worked in the retail banking industry for many years. Christian obtained his CAMS certification in October of 2021. Christian is also a member of InComm's ERC team and maintains responsibilities such as coordinating company events, engaging employees, and cultivating the culture at the Columbus office.

Mr. Lupton has also obtained a Bachelors of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from Columbus State University.



**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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