



South Florida Chapter

## President's Message

I am extremely proud of what our Board has accomplished in 2020. We provided 10 training events worth 26 hours of CPE. We ended 2020 with a very successful Year-End Webinar Series that saw 473 registrations from across 23 ACFE Chapters.

We launched a Professional Scholarship program which will be discussed further in this newsletter. In addition, we have been certified by NASBA as a National Registry CPE Sponsor.



### March 18th, 2021: Webinar Series (#1) 2:00pm (1 hour)

- Free to Members / \$20 Non-Members

DCIS: Protecting our Nation's Military

Jennifer Klein

Defense Criminal Investigative Service

### May 5th, 2021: Cinco de Mayo Fraud Conference-1:00pm (4 hours)

In partnership with IIA Space Coast Chapter

**Catch Me If You Can:** Today's Pink-Collar Criminal

**Grant Fraud:** Typical Schemes and What You Can Do About Them

Kenneth Dieffenbach

ACFE Regent, U.S. Dept of Justice OIG Special Agent

Kelly Paxton

Founder at Great Women in Fraud

### July 8th, 2021: 6th Annual Summer Ethics Seminar-8:30am (2 hours)

**How to Cheat Your Way To The Highest Level of Professional Ethics**

Greg Kyte


CPA & Founder of Comedy CPE



Sponsorships Available!!! The South Florida Chapter is continually looking for local sponsors to support our events.

If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Chapter President Matt Molchany at [molchy66@gmail.com](mailto:molchy66@gmail.com) for sponsorship levels.





## Jordan D. Maglich

The editor and founder of Ponzitracker, an award-winning blog that provides news and analysis on the proliferation of Ponzi schemes.


With the expected confirmation of Gary Gensler as chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, I expect to see a more pro-enforcement agenda that will both continue the focus on protecting Main Street investors while also expanding scrutiny of Wall Street firms' conduct. Gensler, whose tenure as Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission during the financial crisis was viewed as aggressive and influential, is likely to return to a "Broken Windows" strategy by bringing an increased amount of cases against regulated firms and individuals involving minor violations and non-fraudulent conduct. Other priority areas are expected to include virtual currencies, insider trading, FCPA, and disclosure issues. It will also be interesting to watch how the Commission continues to review and enforce compliance with Regulation BI, which went into effect in June 2020.


## Hal Levenberg

### Chapter Membership

On January 1, 2020, the chapter had 93 members. Increasing our membership has proven challenging in the remote/online environment of Covid-19. However, as of today, the chapter has 200 active members. We have increased the chapter membership 115% in 2020. We are looking to continue to grow our membership and cannot wait to be able to interact with the membership at training and events in the future.

Email [membershipsflacfe@gmail.com](mailto:membershipsflacfe@gmail.com) with any questions related to membership for you or your colleagues.





## Yoshua Garfinkel

### Fraud in the News

United Airlines to Pay \$49 million to Resolve Criminal Fraud Charges and Civil Claims.  
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/united-airlines-pay-49-million-resolve-criminal-fraud-charges-and-civil-claims>

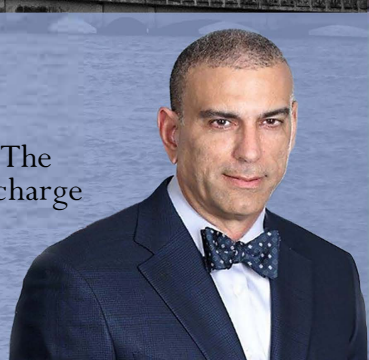
Couple claimed to run a farm at their small Miami home to defraud COVID-19 relief.  
<https://www.local10.com/news/local/2021/03/09/couple-claimed-to-run-a-farm-at-their-small-miami-home-to-defraud-covid-19-relief/>

## Joseph Palmar

### Scholarships Update

We're on the look-out for professionals looking to obtain their CFE credentials in 2021. The ACFE South Florida Chapter will be issuing a CFE Prep Course (normally \$995) free of charge quarterly to a deserving professional.

If interested in applying, please email me at [jpalmar@palmarforensics.com](mailto:jpalmar@palmarforensics.com)





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