

President's Message

As I look back on the first half of 2022, I'm truly appreciative of the support our Chapter members have provided to the Chapter and the effort that this Board has put in to drive high quality events, give back to our members and the local community. This support has brought some national recognition to the Chapter in back-to-back years as we won the ACFE Website of the Year in 2021 and now the ACFE Chapter of the Year in 2022.

- Matt Molchany



ACFE Chapter of the Year WINNER



The ACFE annually presents the Chapter of the Year Award to the chapter that has gone above and beyond to grow and serve its membership. This award is decided by members of the Chapter Leaders Committee. This past June, several Board Members attended to receive the 2022 Award from Bruce Dorris, ACFE President. Since 2020, the South Florida Chapter has increased their membership from 72 to 358. We took the initiative to introduce a revenue sharing program with other ACFE chapters that allocates a portion of revenue from jointly promoted events back to other chapters — which has resulted in providing more than \$55,000 to more than 60 chapters. We also donated \$10,000 to the ACFE Foundation and volunteered for other charitable causes in South Florida.

What's NEXT

Upcoming Training and Community Events



ASSET TRACING

FINDING THE TRUTH BEHIND THE NUMBERS
FOCUS - Estate and Trust Matters and Fiduciary Fraud

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

12:00pm - 1:30pm



FEATURED SPEAKER:

BRANDI STEINBERG

IAG Forensics
& Valuation

Brandi Steinberg, CPA, CFE is a forensic manager at IAG Forensics & Valuation. She has over 10 years of experience as a tax preparer, auditor, controller, and forensic accountant. She specializes in family law, estate and trust litigation, business valuations, and complex financial analyses. She is also Vice President of the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.



South Florida Chapter #11

Reserve your spot today!

<http://southfloridaacfe.org/event-4829232>



1.5 CPE Credits

FREE

ACFE South Florida
chapter members

\$25

for non-members

VIRTUAL EVENT

ACFE
South Florida Chapter

ANNUAL YEAR-END
FRAUD EVENT

NOVEMBER 10, 2022
HILTON MIAMI AIRPORT, Blue Lagoon
8:30AM - 3:30PM

Eligible for
7 CPE credits

PONZI
SCHEME PANEL

**CURRENT STATE OF
PONZI SCHEME INVESTIGATIONS
AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.**

Alex CHARAP
Counsel at the Securities
and Exchange Commission,
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Author of website and
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Kathy PHELPS
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the Ponzi Book: A Legal
Resource for Unraveling
Ponzi Schemes.

Naim SURGEON
Serves as chief counsel
in several federal equity
receivership matters.

Edward H. DAVIS, Jr.
Founding Shareholder of Sequor Law. Heads the
firm's asset recovery and financial fraud group.

Carlos BAIXAUL, Jr.
Special Agent with the United States Department
of Health and Human Services – Office of
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Director in charge of the Consulting and Turnaround,
Restructuring and Insolvency Practice for Rehmann.
Fellow of INSOL International.

Mike CAPOTE
22 years of IT security, governance, and
regulatory compliance initiatives in a variety
of industry sectors.

What to do when fraud proceeds end up overseas? Best course of action from a lawyer's perspective.

Case Study on Money Laundering, Bustout Fraud

What to do when fraud proceeds end up overseas? Best courses of action from a financial investigator / forensic accountant's perspective.

Facing the cyber challenge/data privacy and security.

COST= VIRTUAL: \$100 for members | \$125 for non-members | IN-PERSON: \$125 for members | \$150 for non-members

REGISTER NOW! <https://acfesouthflorida.org/event-4829253>

September 22 - Asset Tracing: Finding the Truth Behind the Numbers (1.5 CPE Credits)

PRICING: Free for ACFE South Florida Chapter Members / \$25 Non-Chapter Members

SPEAKER: Brandi Steinberg, CPA, CFE, Vice President of the ACFE Georgia Chapter / Manager - IAG Forensics & Valuation

November 10 - Annual South Florida ACFE Fraud Event (7.0 CPE Credits)

TOPICS/SPEAKERS:

Edward Davis Jr. – Managing Partner of Sequor Law –

What to do when fraud proceeds end up overseas? Best courses of action from a lawyer's perspective.

Carlos Baixauli – Special Agent with the United States Department of Health and Human Services

Case Study on Money Laundering / Bustout Fraud

Chip Hobeke – Director in Charge of the Consulting and Turnaround, Restructuring, and Insolvency Practice for Rehmann

What to do when fraud proceeds end up overseas? Best courses of action from a financial investigator/forensic accountant's perspective.

Mike Capote – 22 years of IT security, governance, and regulatory compliance experience

Facing the cyber security challenge / data privacy and security

PONZI SCHEME PANEL – Current State of Ponzi Scheme Investigations and Looking to the Future

Jordan Maglich (Moderator) – Assistant General Counsel for Raymond James and Author of website and blog: Ponzi Tracker;

Alex Charap – Counsel at the Securities and Exchange Commission Enforcement Division, Miami Regional Office;

Kathy Phelps – Attorney at Raines Feldman. Serves as an represents Federal Equity Receivers. Author of the Ponzi Book.

A legal resource for unraveling Ponzi Schemes.



Chapter Membership UPDATE

During the past six months, the Chapter continued to increase its membership ranks. Currently there are 358 members. This represents a 23% increase primarily driven by the Chapter's various technical training presentations and outreach. Additionally, during the 2nd quarter of 2022, the Chapter extended a complimentary one-year membership to all new CFEs in the South Florida area. Through these efforts and the continued array of technical trainings offered, the Chapter will continue to draw in new members. If interested in joining the Chapter, please email MembershipDirector@acfesouthflorida.org with any questions regarding membership.

– *Rolando Couto*



Scholarship UPDATE – *Carlos Hondal*

Q1 RECIPIENT - The South Florida Chapter would like to express congratulations to Melissa DeBedout on being the recipient of 2022 Q1's Professional Scholarship program.

Q2 RECIPIENTS - The South Florida Chapter would like to express congratulations to Jeanette Quijano, Heidy Madrid and Megan Schwarte on being the recipients of the 2022 Q2 Professional Scholarship program.



Recipients in each quarter receive a complimentary CFE Prep Course courtesy of the Chapter to help them attain their CFE Certification. One of our Chapter's goal is to increase the local CFE community, and where there is more than one suitably qualified applicant in a review cycle, we may issue multiple awards during that Quarter.

For any persons interested in becoming a CFE, please contact our Scholarship Director, Carlos Hondal, CFE, CPA, ScholarshipsDirector@acfesouthflorida.org. This opportunity is available to professionals and/or students who are interested in working and expanding their network and experience in the area of Fraud Examination and Investigations. For further details on the Professional Scholarship, visit our site [here](#). Alternatively, submit your [scholarship application](#) completed on our website. The submission period for this award is normally within each calendar Quarter, subject to interest, availability, and applicants.

2022 TRAINING LOOKBACK

**12TH ANNUAL IIA/ACFE
JOINT FRAUD CONFERENCE (8 CPE)**
• Virtual Event – 216 Attendees

**INTRODUCTION TO NFTS & NFT FRAUD
CHAPTER HAPPY HOUR (1.5 CPE)**
• Virtual Event – 201 Attendees

1ST ANNUAL GOLF & FRAUD TRAINING (2 CPE)
• In-Person – 121 Attendees
• Virtual – 59 Attendees

**7TH ANNUAL ETHICS & BASEBALL SEMINAR
at Loan Depot Park (2 Ethics CPE)**
• In-Person – 47 Attendee • Virtual - 151



1st Annual Golf & Fraud Training



Caption: 7th Annual
Ethics & Baseball Seminar
at Loan Depot Park



1st Annual Golf & Fraud Training



COMMUNITYGIVEBACK

In December 2021 we provided a \$2,500 donation to His House Children's Home. His House Children's Home is a private, faith-based non-profit organization dedicated to restoring joy to the lives of children from newborn to 21 years of age. In addition to the donation, several members of our Board and their friends went to His House Children's Home and transformed a room on campus for children to use as a quiet relaxing room and a space for their 1:1 therapy sessions. A video of the project can be found on both the ACFE South Florida Chapters and His House Children's Home LinkedIn account.



2022 and BEYOND

Starting in mid to late 2022 and throughout 2023, our Chapter will initiate "CPE and Serve," community service opportunities involving the entire South Florida CFE community in service projects such as the:

CPE and SERVE

1. Chapman Partnership - addressing the needs of the homeless
2. His House Children's Home - an orphanage. Providing services and support to kids, especially orphans
3. Glory House of Miami - serving abused woman and those that have been trafficked sexually.
4. Banyan Health Systems - serving the medical and behavioral health issues of the poorest in our community. Very timely area in today's society.
5. 1 More Child – supporting and caring for under resourced children in our community
6. Miami Rescue Mission – a homeless shelter serving the homeless in Miami-Dade County
7. Jewish Community Services of South Florida – providing social services and compassionate care programs

If anyone is interested in participating in our upcoming Community service projects, please contact Joe Palmar at SponsorshipDirector@acfesouthflorida.org

Sponsorship

UPDATE

- Joseph Palmar



The Chapter began a Sponsorship program in 2021. To date, it has been an overwhelming success, giving sponsor organizations speaking opportunities at our events in addition to highlighting their service offerings via social media and related advertising and marketing efforts. Sponsorships are still available. The South Florida Chapter is continually looking for local sponsors to support our events and activities.

If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Sponsorships Director Joe Palmar at SponsorshipDirector@acfesouthflorida.org or call him at 954-290-0051.

Training Message

Looking to hire qualified CFE's in South Florida at your company or business? Have a look at the Job Board posted on our Chapter Website. In addition, please tag the South Florida Chapter LinkedIn page or email us at TrainingDirector@acfesouthflorida.org