

# Dallas ACFE Chapter Monthly Newsletter

November 2007

## Successful Joint Luncheon!

Ginger Allen, Channel 11 News Anchor and Investigative Reporter spoke about recent investigations, such as an alleged thief who steals money and jewelry from homes that he is viewing with real estate agents as he pretends to be a home buyer, an alleged scam involving a financial consultant whose investments are fictitious, and exploding laptop batteries.



As always, it was wonderful to meet with our friends from the Dallas AGA Chapter. Jason Arrington, Dallas AGA Chapter president, assisted our group with the luncheon details and we thank him so much for all that he did! We really look forward to our joint meeting again next year.

## ACFE Online Learning Center

Gain important fraud-fighting knowledge and learn best-practices from your own office or home computer by participating in our newest learning opportunity for anti-fraud professionals: ACFE Online Learning. ACFE Online Learning courses offer you a convenient way to enhance your anti-fraud skills!

Earn CPE credit for your designation by participating in one of our live webinars, accessing the archived version of a previously held webinar or purchasing a CD-ROM for your professional library.

Problems registering online? Call us for assistance at 877-488-2666 or email [acfe\\_webinars@commpartners.com](mailto:acfe_webinars@commpartners.com).

Upcoming Webinars  
Organized Retail Crime  
October 25, 2007 at 2:00 PM EDT  
Duration: 100 minutes  
CPE: 2 hours

This webinar will provide a broad overview and insight into the growing trend of Organized Retail Crime (ORC). This will prepare you to identify when your business has become a target of ORC and provide information on groups you can join to more effectively address them.

Visit [www.acfe.org](http://www.acfe.org) for details

## November 8<sup>th</sup> Dallas ACFE Luncheon:

The speaker for the November luncheon will be Walt Manning. Mr. Manning is a Director with AlixPartners, LLP, a global performance improvement, corporate turnaround and financial advisory services firm. He is part of AlixPartners' Litigation Technology practice, which focuses on the forensic collection and analysis of digital evidence and electronic discovery. Mr. Manning has 20 years of experience in the field of computer forensics, which allows him to assist clients in the areas of data acquisition, collection, chain of custody, data analytics and expert testimony in computer forensics and collections. Mr. Manning retired with the rank of lieutenant after a 20-year career with the Dallas Police Department.

**WHO: Walt Manning**  
**AlixPartners, LLP**  
**Director, Litigation Technology**

**WHAT: Cell Phone Forensics**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, November 8, 2007**  
**Registration starts at 11:30**

**RSVP: Please RSVP by 5:00 pm**  
**Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**to [scable@alixpartners.com](mailto:scable@alixpartners.com)**

**\*\*You will receive a confirmation! \*\***

**WHERE: Cityplace – 2711 N. Haskell, Dallas, TX**  
**(Central Expressway & Haskell/Lemmon)**  
**\*\*\*Parking will be validated\*\*\***

**COST: RSVP's: \$ 15.00 Dallas Chapter Members**  
**\$ 20.00 Nonmember/guest**

**Walk-ins: \$ 20.00 Dallas Chapter Members**  
**\$ 25.00 Nonmember/guest**

**As always, bring plenty of BUSINESS CARDS to network with your peers!**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The *chapter's* cost for each luncheon reservation is \$25.00. Our **\$40.00 annual membership dues** help **cover the cost** we incur every month on each luncheon attendee. We understand that last minute changes are sometimes unavoidable. However, please try to **cancel** your RSVP at least **48 hours** in advance of the luncheon or we will need to collect the member or nonmember RSVP cost to **help cover our loss**.

Also, although we will have to charge the walk-in prices due to the late notice, even if you call or email **the day before** our meeting it will be a tremendous help to ensure we are booked in a room large enough to accommodate everyone. **Thank you so much!**

## Web Master Needed

The Dallas ACFE is looking for a volunteer to update the [www.dallasacfe.org](http://www.dallasacfe.org) web site regularly. We are currently in the process of making wonderful changes to our web site. And, after the changes are complete we need a volunteer to update the [www.dallasacfe.org](http://www.dallasacfe.org) web site regularly. If you are interested, please contact Jim Grace at [james.grace@bankofamerica.com](mailto:james.grace@bankofamerica.com).

## Current Fraud News

### **Finance employees charged with stock-loan fraud**

**NewYorkBusiness.com**; *Kira Bindrim, writer*

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Former employees of Morgan Stanley Group Inc. and Janney Montgomery Scott were arrested and charged with securities fraud on Thursday as part of a two-year federal probe into stock-loan desk workers who allegedly took millions of dollars in illegal kickbacks.

Former Morgan Stanley trader Peter Sherlock and the former manager of the Janney Montgomery stock-loan desk, Andrew Caccioppoli, were among the five people indicted. Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Roslynn Mauskopf said Thursday that ten others have already pleaded guilty to taking part in federal kickback and bribery schemes in the stock-loan industry.

In a stock-loan transaction, one financial firm generally borrows shares from another in exchange for cash collateral. Stock loan "finders" can assist securities firms by locating inventories of a given security and matching borrowers and lenders in transactions, and receive "finders' fees" for their services.

Mr. Sherlock was charged with conspiracy to commit securities fraud and wire fraud, money laundering, conspiracy and making false statements to federal agents. While at Manhattan-based Morgan Stanley, he allegedly directed the company's stock-loan business to specific finders in exchange for cash kickbacks, as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars paid directly to his brother-in-law.

Mr. Caccioppoli allegedly caused Philadelphia-based Janney Montgomery to pay \$350,000 in false finders' fees to his sister and her husband. He was charged with conspiracy to commit securities fraud and mail fraud.

The arrests are part of a probe initiated by the FBI and the Securities and Exchange Commission, focused specifically on allegations that so-called finders take fraudulent fees in exchange for cash bribes, often when no services have been rendered.

"Wall Street professionals who line their own pockets by fraud breach the fundamental duties owed to their employers and the investing public," Ms. Mauskopf said in a statement. "Such conduct undermines the public's confidence in the nation's securities markets and will be vigorously investigated and prosecuted."

## **National ACFE Events**

### **Mortgage Fraud**

### **Las Vegas, NV**

**12/13/2007 - 12/14/2007**

*e Public*, the FBI singled out mortgage fraud as one of the top financial crimes facing this country. The report goes on to say "Combating...fraud in this area is a priority, because mortgage lending and the housing market have a significant overall effect on the nation's economy."

The FBI has gone so far as to consolidate their mortgage fraud programs into their Financial Institution Fraud Unit placing further emphasis on the importance of these types of investigations. These changes provide "a more effective and efficient management over mortgage fraud investigations, the ability to identify and respond more rapidly to emerging mortgage fraud problems, and a better picture of the overall mortgage fraud problem." Frighteningly, the report states "the true level of mortgage fraud is largely unknown...Based on various industry reports and FBI analysis, mortgage fraud is pervasive and growing."

With mortgage fraud being such a serious issue, the ACFE has developed this new, two-day seminar based on the overwhelming response to the Webinar held earlier this year. Don't miss this new opportunity to get the best training to fight this growing threat to businesses and the economy.

Course Leader: **Jenny Brawley, CFE**

### **The Westin Casuarina**

160 E. Flamingo Road

Las Vegas, NV 89169

(702) 836-5900 or (866) 837-4215

**Room Rate:** \$149 - subject to availability

**Hotel Cut-off Date:** 11/12/2007

**Early Registration Deadline:** 11/12/2007

**FEES:** ACFE Members: \$595; Non-Members: \$695

Register by the Early Registration Deadline to SAVE an additional \$95!

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