OFAC Director Kicks off Leading Anti-Money Laundering Conference with Important Keynote Address

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. – March 5, 2012 – The Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) will host more than 1,300 of the industry’s top executives and experts at its 17th Annual Conference in Hollywood, Fla., March 19-21, including special keynote presentations by Adam Szubin, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control US, Department of Treasury, and J. Chris Warrener, Section Chief in Terrorist Financing Operations with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

“This conference is recognized as the premier gathering of industry thought leaders and the inclusion of such high-level speakers as Adam Szubin and J. Chris Warrener underscores how this conference remains at the forefront of key AML issues and addresses the broadened scope of the field,” said Kieran Beer, moneylaundering.com editor-in-chief. “This year, our program includes even more coverage of critical AML-related topics like fraud, corruption and sanctions.”

Adding to the list of acclaimed keynote speakers, is Diana B. Henriques, the award-winning financial journalist and author of The Wizard of Lies, a New York Times bestseller about the Bernie Madoff scandal. Currently, as Senior Financial Writer for The New York Times, she has largely specialized in investigative reporting on white-collar crime, market regulation and corporate governance.

New to this year’s conference is the recognition of two key players in the fight against human trafficking for tremendous partnership efforts in addressing this global crime. JPMorgan Chase and ICE Homeland Security Investigations will be honored with the Private-Public Sector Service Awards.

“At the heart of ACAMS’ mission, we strive to build partnerships and facilitate open dialogue between the private and public sectors. Therefore ACAMS is pleased to honor those who have the dedication to create those partnerships that bring recognition to both law enforcement and the financial sector who are on the frontlines of preventing international crime and terrorist financing,” said John Byrne, CAMS, ACAMS executive vice president.
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About the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists
ACAMS is an international membership organization dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and skills of AML professionals from a wide range of industries. It serves 12,000 members in 160 countries with extensive resources designed to develop and sharpen the skills required for superior job performance and career advancement. Its CAMS certification is the most widely recognized AML certification among compliance professionals worldwide. Visit the new ACAMS website at www.ACAMS.org.

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