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ACAMS Celebrates Women in AML

Current edition of ACAMS Today magazine showcases the significant impact made by women in the field of financial crime detection and prevention

MIAMI, Fla., March 7, 2014 – The second quarter edition of *ACAMS Today*, published by the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS), is dedicated to the contribution from women in the field of anti-money laundering (AML) and financial crime prevention. The publication coincides with International Women’s Day on March 8, a global holiday recognizing the historic societal contributions from women and their struggle for equal rights.

At 92 pages, this issue is the largest to date, and John J. Byrne, CAMS, Executive Vice President at ACAMS, believes that the role of women in the fight against financial crimes should not be understated: “Without a doubt, we are seeing more and more women in high-level and strategic positions in the AML and anti-financial crime community. We are pleased to see this shift, and spotlight these incredible individuals. What was most compelling in this special edition was the various insights from more than a dozen high-profile women, in various roles, and with many points of view. This issue is required reading to get a complete view of the AML and Financial Crime community.”

Editor-in-Chief Karla Monterrosa-Yancey, CAMS, MBA, is proud of the opportunity to showcase the role women play in the fight against financial crime: “The “Women in AML” edition demonstrates the vital role that women play in the fight against financial crime and the mark they have made, and continue to make, in this challenging field.” Monterrosa-Yancey adds, “We have assembled an all-star lineup of female leaders in the AML field whose contributions to this edition highlight their expertise and experience in the field, and what drives them to succeed.”

Monterrosa-Yancey points out several articles in this quarter’s edition that highlight women in the field:

- “How Can You Not,” penned by Anna Rentschler, from Central Banccompany in Jefferson City, MO, sheds light on the prevalence of human trafficking and how to get involved in the fight.

- Jane Rhodes-Wolfe from the FBI writes about the opportunity – and responsibility – as professionals in the financial industry to protect our country in her article “You can play a critical role in our nation’s national security.”
- In her article “Requesting back up!,” Stacey Ivey, of the Northern Virginia Financial Initiative (NVFI) in Annandale, VA, offers advice on ways to secure a verdict in a court of law, including making connections with potential allies.

Anna Rentschler, *ACAMS Today* contributor and ACAMS advisory board member, stated she was compelled to write her article with regard to Human Trafficking as this expanding criminal activity is rampant throughout cities of all sizes, in all states and in all countries. “This atrocity needs to be recognized and a halt made to the perpetrators that use and abuse both boys and girls for financial gain,” Rentschler added. “The victims experience a horrendous time at the hands of the pimps that control and sell the girls or boys to ‘clients,’ and also a psychological burden that they must bear for a lifetime. I wanted all to recognize that it can happen in our backyard, to family, friends and neighbors.”

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