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Leading Anti-Money Laundering Association Launches New Chapter in Connecticut

ACAMS continues expanding regional focus

MIAMI – February 7, 2012 – The Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) has announced the creation of a new Connecticut Chapter set to launch March 1, 2012. The Connecticut Chapter is the 23rd addition to ACAMS’ Chapter roster. The Chapters serve as regionally focused bodies that facilitate local professional networking and area-specific Anti-Money Laundering (AML) education.

“Chapter development and expansion is one of the key goals that drive the ACAMS mission,” said John Byrne, CAMS, ACAMS, executive vice president. “As the global leader in Anti-Money Laundering /Counter Terrorism Financing compliance, it’s exceedingly important to address regional challenges and topics; chapters provide that necessary local focus and offer an opportunity for ACAMS members to connect and network face-to-face. As our membership base continues its international expansion, we’ll continue to develop new Chapters to meet that growing regional demand,” continued Byrne.

The Connecticut Chapter will offer members a wide range of opportunities to expand their networks and enhance their knowledge base. The Chapter’s Executive Board is comprised of industry leaders with a broad range of professional backgrounds including regulatory, legal, law enforcement and compliance.

“Known as the hedge fund and insurance capital of the world, Connecticut is home to a vast array of financial and non-financial institutions including the headquarters of several large banks and two of the largest casinos in the United States, all of which are directly impacted by the threat of money laundering and terrorist financing. The executive board of the Connecticut Chapter of ACAMS is committed to enhancing the knowledge of anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing professionals in both the public and private sectors whose mission is to protect the integrity of our nation’s financial institutions,” said Richard Elomaa, Co-Chair of the Connecticut Chapter.

The inaugural reception for the Connecticut Chapter will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 1st, 2012, at the People’s United Building 850 Main Street Bridgeport, CT. Steven Reynolds, Deputy Chief / Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Coordinator, National Security and Major Crimes Unit, U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Connecticut, will give the keynote address. He will be joined by Marc LaFrance, Special Agent, FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (“JTTF”) New Haven.
The Connecticut Chapter represents the second chapter addition in 2012. Six more chapters are scheduled to launch this year. Other scheduled chapters include a diverse international mix from Europe, Asia, the US and Latin America. ACAMS has a full listing of its Chapters on their website www.ACAMS.org.

For information about this event or any of the activities and benefits from the new ACAMS’ Connecticut Chapter please direct all inquires to acams.ct@gmail.com.

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