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The ACFE: A Resource for the Media
Anti-Fraud Expertise is One Phone Call Away

Every day, stories about white-collar crime hit the news. Whether the next big one will be about a corporate financial scandal, misappropriation of disaster relief funds or any variety of business fraud, chances are you'll be covering it. But do you have the right experts to back up the story?

Members of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) are *the* fraud experts. They are accountants, FBI agents, managers, educators and more—and when it comes to any kind of fraud, they know their stuff. Certified Fraud Examiners (CFEs) on six continents have investigated more than two million suspected cases of civil and criminal fraud. The growing field of fraud examination has made the ACFE an association of more than 50,000 members.

Experts from the ACFE have years of experience fighting fraud and educating others on fraud prevention, investigation and training. Through the ACFE, we can provide specialized experts to comment on any number of fraud issues in the news today. Below are some increasingly common crimes that you will likely need to cover in the coming months—heavy-impact fraud issues that our experts can speak to with a wealth of knowledge.

Identity Theft: Who is most likely to steal your identity? Friends, family members and small time-thieves such as purse-snatchers are the leading culprits, according to a new research study commissioned by the non-profit Institute for Fraud Prevention (IFP). The study, conducted by a CFE, also finds that the most popular use for a stolen identity was to perform some type of credit card fraud or acquire mobile-phone service.

Disaster Fraud: Fraud of every kind can follow a natural disaster and investigators need to know how to effectively respond to the unique challenges of catastrophe fraud.

Mortgage Fraud: In the most recent Financial Crimes Report to the Nation, the FBI singled out mortgage fraud as one of the top financial crimes facing this country. The ACFE trains anti-fraud professionals in how to identify mortgage fraud indicators, the most common types of mortgage fraud, prevention measures, and legal aspects of mortgage fraud.

Healthcare Fraud: U.S. healthcare spending increased from a mere $27 billion in 1960 to $2 trillion in 2005. *That is a 7,100 percent increase in spending.* The ACFE's expert instructors address the latest fraud schemes and related laws affecting this highly complex profession.

Anti-fraud Training and Education: The ACFE provides the highest quality training events for anti-fraud professionals at all levels of experience. Seminars and conferences are hosted around the world to provide attendees with the support and education they need to effectively fight fraud of all kinds, including money laundering, auditing for fraud, digital forensics, healthcare fraud, mortgage fraud, interviewing techniques, contract and procurement fraud and many others.

When disaster hits and criminals are taking advantage, isn't it good to know you have an expert resource that can speak to the investigation, advice, laws and prevention?

About the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners:
The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) is the world's largest anti-fraud organization and the premier provider of anti-fraud training and education. Together with nearly 50,000 members, the ACFE is reducing the incidence of fraud and white-collar crime worldwide and inspiring public confidence in the integrity and objectivity within the profession. In addition, the ACFE offers its members the unique opportunity for professional certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner.

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