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September 10, 2025 – ACFE Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter presents – Virtual Meeting

“A History of Securities Fraud Scandals”

Speaker: James Park, Vice Dean for Community, Equality and Justice and Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law

Location: Virtual Event (Zoom)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Presentation

Please register [here](#).

Registration deadline: September 9th at 3:00 pm

Cost: Members & Associates of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter: \$10
All others: \$20

CPE: Qualifies for 1 credit hour of continuing professional education.
Attendance certificates will be emailed after the event.

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Call for Speakers!

We are looking for speakers to present for our upcoming 2025-2026 year which begins in August. Do you know an engaging speaker who may be interested in delivering a presentation relevant to the ACFE membership? If so, please send name and contact information to Nick Leone at nleone@schneiderdowns.com and copy Bernie Rafferty at brafferty@gatewayengineers.com.

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According to [Investopedia](#), securities fraud is a type of serious white-collar crime that can be committed in a variety of forms but primarily involves misrepresenting information investors use to make decisions. The FBI warns that security fraud is often noted by unsolicited offers and high-pressure sales tactics on the part of the fraudster, along with demands for personal information such as credit card information and Social Security numbers. Some famous examples of securities fraud are the Enron, Tyco, Adelphia, and WorldCom scandals. In this presentation, you will learn about the history of securities fraud scandals.

James Park is Vice Dean for Community, Equality, and Justice and Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. He is an expert on securities regulation and corporate law. His research mainly examines securities fraud enforcement by the Securities and Exchange Commission and private plaintiffs. He is the author of a history of securities fraud and its regulation, *The Valuation Treadmill: How Securities Fraud Threatens the Integrity of Public Companies*.

Professor Park has authored more than twenty-five articles on various aspects of securities regulation and corporate governance that have been published in the *California Law Review*, *Duke Law Journal*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *Michigan Law Review*, and *UCLA Law Review*.

Professor Park teaches *Business Associations*, *Civil Procedure*, *Securities Regulation*, and a seminar on *Advanced Topics in Corporate and Securities Law*.

He serves on the Editorial Board of *The Business Lawyer*.

He is the co-author of a casebook (with Stephen Bainbridge and Usha Rodrigues), *Agency, Partnerships, and Limited Liability Entities: Cases and Materials on Unincorporated Business Associations*.

After graduating from Yale Law School, Professor Park clerked for federal judges in the Southern District of New York and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He practiced law in New York City at a law firm and then as an Assistant Attorney General in the Investor Protection Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office.

Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.

Register [here!](#)

“The Psychology of Deception: How to Outsmart Social Engineers and Protect Yourself”

In this [SecurityInfoWatch article](#), learn more about how social engineering exploits human psychology, essential defenses against manipulation, and effective training. The most successful social engineering attacks exploit human tendencies, as we are all influenced by authority, emotion, and urgency, which, in the hands of a skilled manipulator, can become vulnerabilities. However, awareness and habit-building can act as robust defenses, provided that awareness programs don't fall short by treating users like machines: input information, expect output. Behavioral economics, the study of how people make decisions in real life, has become a crucial part of cybersecurity education. Social engineering is powerful because it targets what makes us human, but that doesn't mean we are helpless. Awareness, reflection, and better habits can make all the difference. When we understand how social engineers operate, we can recognize their tactics and respond with confidence rather than fear. Read the full article [here](#).



East Hills Woman Indicted for Healthcare Fraud, Money Laundering

A federal grand jury in Pittsburgh returned a Superseding Indictment against an East Hills resident on the charges of healthcare fraud. [Read More](#)

Impostor Scams on the Rise in Allegheny County; Local Family Down \$25K Issues Warning to Others

Greg DuVall's entire life was flipped upside down because of one phone call. [Read More](#)

Fayette County Woman Ordered to Pay More Than \$100,000 in Restitution for Social Security Fraud

A Fayette County woman was ordered to pay thousands of dollars in restitution after being sentenced for Social Security fraud. [Read More](#)

Man Facing Over 200 Charges for Identity Theft Across Western PA

A man from Pittsburgh has been arrested and is facing over 200 counts of identity theft and related charges. [Read More](#)

Man Connected to Western Pennsylvania's 'Largest PPP Fraud Case' Ordered to Pay Thousands in Restitution

A man connected to the largest known PPP fraud case in Western Pennsylvania has been ordered to pay over \$650,000 in restitution. [Read More](#)

New York Attorney General James Sues Zelle Parent Company, Alleging it Enabled Fraud

New York Attorney General Letitia James sued the operator of the Zelle payments network, alleging it enabled fraud by allowing scammers to steal over \$1 billion from users between 2017 and 2023. [Read More](#)

Thirteen Individuals Charged for Operating Transnational Elder Fraud Scheme

Thirteen individuals have been charged in connection with a transnational elder fraud scheme that allegedly involved a "call center" operation in the Dominican Republic that tricked hundreds of elderly victims in the United States into believing that their grandchildren or other close family members were in trouble and needed money. [Read More](#)

'Cryptocrash King' Do Kwon Pleads Guilty to Fraud

A South Korean former tech executive accused of helping to spark a cryptocurrency crisis that cost investors more than \$40bn has pleaded guilty to two criminal counts of fraud. [Read More](#)

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The ACFE is the world's largest anti-fraud organization and premier provider of anti-fraud training and education. Together with more than 95,000 members, the ACFE is reducing business fraud worldwide and inspiring public confidence in the integrity and objectivity within the profession. Visit www.acfe.com for more details.

Upcoming Events

- [Wednesday, October 8, 2025 – Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, November 12, 2025 – Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, April 8, 2026 – Meeting](#)
- [May 2026 – Fraud and Corruption Awareness Seminar \(Co-Sponsored with the IIA and Schneider Downs\)](#)
- [Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – Meeting](#)
- [June 2026 – Officer and Director Elections](#)

[Watch for more information on upcoming events!](#)