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April 8, 2026 – ACFE Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter presents – Virtual Meeting

“Transparency is Not Just a Good Idea – It’s the Law”

Speaker: Thomas Gober, President,
Thomas Gober Forensic Accounting Services

Location: Virtual Event (Zoom)

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Presentation

Please register [here](#).

Registration deadline: April 7th 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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This presentation will expose the hidden risks lurking inside private equity-controlled life insurers, including a discussion on how the industry has transformed into increasingly high-risk operations and what that means for people counting on these companies to honor decades-long promises. Major insurers carry razor-thin capital buffers while ceding hundreds of billions in policyholder liabilities to secretive offshore affiliates that U.S. regulators can’t fully examine. The conflict of interest between PE firms and the insurers they own and manage is eroding portfolio quality, and one company’s failure could trigger a domino chain of insolvencies across the industry.

Thomas Gober is a Certified Fraud Examiner and forensic accountant. For 41 years, he has conducted deep dive analyses of the US insurance industry using their own sworn statutory financial statements. Tom has served as an insurance examiner and a state examiner-in-charge. He has served as a consulting and testifying expert in federal criminal cases and assisted the FBI and prosecutors in the gathering and presentation of evidence, as well as in civil litigation.

Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.

Register [here!](#)

ACFE Global Fraud Conference

The ACFE 37th Annual Global Fraud Conference will be offered in-person (Boston, MA) and virtually on July 12-17, 2026. The Conference provides the opportunity for more than 30 NASBA CPE by attending live sessions and watching on-demand recordings. The Conference is well-known to have high quality presentations and speakers, so participating is a great learning opportunity for all CFEs.

The Chapter is happy to coordinate registration for ACFE members and non-members to receive discounted group rates for both the in-person main conference and the virtual conference. If you are interested in attending, please email Chapter President Bernie Rafferty at brafferty@gatewayengineers.com by **May 16** to be added to the list.

2026-2027 Officer Nominations

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is requesting nominations for officers and directors for the 2026-2027 Chapter year.

Nominations are being accepted for Director, Secretary, and President positions. Elections will take place in June. We encourage everyone to get involved and please nominate yourself or someone you know.

You can respond to Bernie Rafferty, Chapter President, at brafferty@gatewayengineers.com by **THURSDAY, April 30, 2026.**

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Owner of African Market in East Pittsburgh Pleads Guilty to Food Stamp Fraud

A Pittsburgh woman must pay nearly \$55,000 in restitution following her conviction for food stamp fraud at her African food market in East Pittsburgh. [Read More](#)

Nearly 150 Charges Filed Against Pennsylvania Car Dealership Owner in Fraud Sales Case

The owner of a car dealership in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania faces nearly 150 criminal charges related to what investigators are calling fraudulent sales practices. [Read More](#)

Despite Warning Signs, Pennsylvania Failed to Take Action in Massive Fraud Case

After weeks of investigating the inner workings of a giant investment company with ties to Pittsburgh, Toni Caiazzo Neff said she tried to do the right thing. [Read More](#)

Middle Eastern Man Indicted for Fraudulent Use of Immigration Documents and Aggravated Identity Theft

A Middle Eastern man illegally residing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on charges of fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents, and aggravated identity theft, United States Attorney Troy Rivetti announced. [Read More](#)

Masury Man on Trial for \$2M Health Network Fraud Called to Testify

A Masury man testified in his own defense, as both sides finished presenting their evidence in a \$2 million federal fraud trial. [Read More](#)

Lax Fraud Enforcement in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's state government has reduced its investigation of serious financial crime, leaving Keystone State residents more vulnerable to fraudsters – and abandoning its traditional position as one of America's strongest enforcers of securities laws. [Read More](#)

'Most Stupid Fraud in History': Illinois Man Gets 10 Years in Prison for \$14 Million Fraud Tied to COVID-19 Loans

A south suburban man was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison in a massive, \$14 million fraud scheme where he collected kickbacks for filing more than 1,500 bogus loan applications at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read More](#)

Saratoga Springs Couple Targeted by Phone Number Identity Thief in Port-Out Fraud

A Saratoga Springs couple said a criminal has hijacked their mobile phone number and used it to steal their identities and their money. [Read More](#)

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FRAUD AND CORRUPTION AWARENESS SEMINAR

On May 19th at the Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe, the ACFE, IIA, and Schneider Downs present the 14th annual Fraud and Corruption Awareness Seminar. See the attached flyer for more information. We look forward to seeing you there! **REGISTER [HERE!!!](#)**

About the ACFE

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

- [Tuesday, May 19, 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!](#)