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### **“Dance Moms’ Abby Lee Miller Fraud Case”**

**Speaker: Gregory Melucci, Assistant United States Attorney, Economic Crimes Section,  
Office of United States Attorney, Western District of Pennsylvania**

Location: Rivers Club, One Oxford Center, 301 Grant Street, Suite 411, Downtown Pittsburgh

11:45 am – 12:00 noon: Registration

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Presentation

Please register [here](#).

**Registration deadline: December 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

Cost: Members & Associates of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter: \$30

All others: \$35

CPE: Qualifies for 1 credit hour of continuing professional education. Attendance certificates will be provided.

Abby Lee Miller, former “Dance Moms” host, filed for bankruptcy in 2010, owing more than \$400,000 in unpaid real estate taxes. In 2015, Abby was charged with bankruptcy fraud in concealing income from the “Dance Moms” TV show. She hid \$775,000 received in 2012 and 2013 from the show, related spinoffs, dance instruction sessions, and merchandise sales by creating secret bank accounts and instructing others to conceal income.

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In 2017, Abby was sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison, followed by two years supervised release. She was also fined \$40,000 and ordered to pay \$120,000 judgement. During this presentation, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory Melucci will share his first-hand account of prosecuting this case.

Gregory Melucci has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania since 2006, and currently serves in the newly created Economic Crimes Section. He has prosecuted a variety of financial fraud schemes, including bank, wire and mail frauds, identity theft crimes, tax frauds, counterfeit credit card schemes, employee embezzlement, Ponzi schemes, bankruptcy frauds, cyber frauds, as well as frauds perpetrated through the internet such as romance scams, and business email compromises. He chairs the Financial Crimes Task Force of Western Pennsylvania, the Bankruptcy Fraud Task Force, and the Identity Theft Fraud Working Group for the Department of Justice. He also coordinates the SAR working group for the district.

His notable prosecutions include convictions against “Dance Moms” TV star Abby Miller for bankruptcy fraud and structuring foreign currency, convictions against several Cuban nationals who perpetrated a multi-national tax fraud money laundering scheme, and a conviction against an insurance agent who perpetrated a \$10 million investment-Ponzi scheme. He is a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law, and Washington and Jefferson College.

#### **Please join us for this interesting and relevant presentation.**

Please reserve your space for the next meeting. The Chapter must provide an accurate count of attendees to the Rivers Club prior to the meeting and is responsible for paying for meals for no-shows. Additionally, only enough food is prepared for the number of registered attendees. While we understand that circumstances come up that cause people to miss meetings, in order to maintain our programs at an affordable rate for all attendees, the Chapter will no longer absorb the cost for attendees missing meetings. Failure to notify the Chapter within 24 hours of a meeting will result in an invoicing of the cost of the meeting to missing attendees. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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### **ABOUT THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE PROGRAM**

We hope you enjoyed November’s presentation on the United States Trustee Program. The Program is a component of the Department of Justice that seeks to promote the efficiency and protect the integrity of the Federal bankruptcy system. To further the public interest in the just, speedy and economical resolution of cases filed under the Bankruptcy Code, the Program monitors the conduct of bankruptcy parties and private estate trustees, oversees related administrative functions, and acts to ensure compliance with applicable laws and procedures. It also identifies and helps investigate bankruptcy fraud and abuse in coordination with United States Attorneys, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other law enforcement agencies. For more information, visit <https://www.justice.gov/ust/about-program>.

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### **Feds: Pittsburgh Area Brothers Tried to Evade Immigration Laws With Fake Marriage**

Two Indian brothers living in the Pittsburgh area have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to marriage fraud in order to evade immigration laws, the U.S. Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh announced.

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### **FBI: Russian Hacker Indicted In Pittsburgh Wanted For Allegedly Running Worldwide Conspiracy**

A Russian computer hacker accused of leading a worldwide conspiracy that targeted hundreds of thousands of computers with malware, enabling his group to steal more than \$100 million from business and other bank accounts is still wanted by the FBI. [Read More](#)

### **South Side Man Deemed 'Vexatious Litigant' Convicted of Wire Fraud, Identity Theft**

A federal jury convicted a South Side man on five counts of wire fraud and a count of aggravated identity theft after a short trial before U.S. District Judge Mark Hornak. [Read More](#)

### **King of Prussia Investor Buys 80 Apartment Complexes From N.Y. Company Charged With Mortgage Fraud**

King of Prussia-based investor Morgan Properties has purchased 80 apartment complexes from a Rochester, N.Y.-based company whose management was charged in federal court this year with orchestrating a \$500 million mortgage fraud scheme. [Read More](#)

### **Malkin Calls Reports of Involvement in Scam 'Garbage'**

A report came out of Russia detailing Evgeni Malkin's involvement in a cryptocurrency startup that went awry. [Read More](#)

### **Greensburg Doctor Convicted of Illegal Pain-Pill Distribution**

A federal court jury convicted a Westmoreland County doctor on 14 of 56 counts pertaining to the illegal distribution of narcotics in exchange for sexual favors. [Read More](#)

### **Pa. GOP Returns Donation From Indicted Giuliani Associate**

The Republican Party of Pennsylvania has refunded a donation it received from a federally indicted Florida businessman whose relationship with President Donald Trump's personal attorney is part of the House's Ukraine impeachment inquiry. [Read More](#)

### **Arizona Man Sentenced for Selling Fraudulent Prescription Drugs in Western Pa.**

A Scottdale, Ariz., man was sentenced after fraudulently selling prescription drugs across the country, including Western Pennsylvania, officials said. [Read More](#)

## **Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter Lunch Meetings**

The ACFE – Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter looks forward to bringing you more terrific speakers and topics in 2020.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our guest speakers of 2019 for sharing their knowledge and expertise with us and providing a variety of interesting topics.

2019 recap of our guest speakers and topics:

January 2019 – David Vanderaar – Fraud in Cryptocurrency and Initial Coin Offerings

February 2019 – Kathleen Nandan – Picking the Fruits of Crime: Introduction to Federal Asset Forfeiture

March 2019 – Richard Riley – Cash Flows in the Pre-Fraud Period

April 2019 – Gary Stoley – Credit Fraud, Credit Risk, Credit Crisis...How It All Comes Together

May 2019 – Jackie Deloplane – Fusion Centers and Fraud

June 2019 – John Gill – Crossing the Line: Watch That First Step – It's a Doozy!

September 2019 – Katie Schwalen – 'Paying it Forward' with Threat Intelligence

October 2019 – Tiffany McLee – Faster Payment Technology and Fraud

November 2019 – Joseph Sisca – Role of the US Trustee's Office in Fighting Fraud in Bankruptcy

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### Upcoming Events

- [Monday, December 9, 2019 – Pittsburgh ISACA Chapter InfoSec Day Conference](#)  
Venue: Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA  
8 hours CPE. Register [here](#).
- [Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – Lunch Meeting](#)  
Speaker: Jason Bartolacci, NCFTA
- [Wednesday, February 12, 2020 – Lunch Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, March 11, 2020 – Lunch Meeting](#)  
Speakers: SA Matt Ragan and SA Paul Bauer, IRS-CID
- [Wednesday, April 8, 2020 – Lunch Meeting](#)
- [Wednesday, May 13, 2020 – Lunch Meeting](#)
- [May 21, 2020 – Fraud and Corruption Awareness Seminar \(Co-Sponsored with the IIA and Schneider Downs\)](#)  
Venue: Doubletree Cranberry
- [Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – Lunch Meeting, Officer and Director Elections](#)

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