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“Cash Flows in the Pre-Fraud Period”

Speaker: Richard Riley Ph.D., CPA, CFE, CFF,

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Master of Forensic and Fraud Examination Program Coordinator, Accounting, West Virginia University

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: March 11th 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.

Dr. Riley will discuss how examination of cash flows can be an indicator of potential future fraud and help identify which poorly performing companies may be more likely to engage in financial statement manipulation.

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At the ACFE Greater Pittsburgh Area Chapter, we like to partner with local organizations. If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor for only \$100 a year and having your company logo included in our newsletters, please contact Chapter President Jim Fellin at jfellin@nottinghamgroup.com.

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Since 2002, Richard A. (Dick) Riley, Jr., has performed expert financial analysis and litigation support services, offering deposition and trial testimony. He has published four books: *Financial Statement Fraud: Prevention and Detection* with Zabi Rezaee; *Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination* with Joseph Wells and Mary-Jo Kranacher; *Fraud Examination for Fraudulent Financial Reporting* with Steven Albrecht, Chad Albrecht and Mark Zimbelman; and *Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination: Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities* with Richard Dull.

Dr. Riley has been recognized nationally for his contributions in forensic accounting and fraud examination: The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) 2008 Educator of the Year; 2012 ACFE Hubbard Outstanding Achievement Award; 2009 American Accounting Association Innovations in Accounting Education Award; The 2013 Max Block Award from the CPA Journal; and the 2013 American Accounting Association FIA Section Outstanding Research Manuscript. In 2013, the West Virginia University Foundation recognized him for his outstanding teaching, the highest recognition for teaching at WVU.

At West Virginia University, he not only teaches traditional accounting classes but also works in the classroom in the areas of forensic accounting/fraud examination (FAFE), performance measurement and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Riley is a forensic accountant and fraud examiner who has developed and implemented fraud and forensic accounting education programs for the United States National Institute of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service. Dr. Riley possess an undergraduate degree in accounting from Wheeling Jesuit University, a Masters of Professional Accountancy from West Virginia University and Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Tennessee.

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.

Register [here!](#)

Coming Monday, May 13, 2019!!!

FRAUD AND CORRUPTION AWARENESS SEMINAR

CO-SPONSORED WITH THE IIA AND SCHNEIDER DOWNS

This year's topics include the psychology of fraud, perspectives on ethics and dishonesty, business ethics and leading with integrity, strengthening cyber resilience, and the FBI's Financial Crimes Program. The line-up of expert speakers will share their real-world and personal experiences with fraud.

NEW LOCATION: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh – Cranberry, 910 Sheraton Dr, Mars, PA 16046

See the attached flyer for further details.

IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent Position

The IRS-CI has vacancies for the Special Agent position in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. If you might be interested, please see the link below for the Special Agent announcement:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/523937100>

Help for Victims of Ponzi Investment Schemes

The IRS has special tax rules that make it easier for Ponzi scheme victims to deduct losses from their income taxes.

The IRS provides two items of guidance to help taxpayers who are victims of losses from Ponzi-type investment schemes.

[Revenue Ruling 2009-9](#) provides guidance on determining the amount and timing of losses from these schemes, which is difficult and dependent on the prospect of recovering the lost money (which may not become known for several years).

[Revenue Procedure 2009-20](#) simplifies compliance for taxpayers by providing a safe-harbor means of determining the year in which the loss is deemed to occur and a simplified means of computing the amount of the loss.

Under the IRS rules, an investor in a Ponzi scheme is entitled to deduct his or her losses as a theft loss, instead of a capital loss from an investment. The theft loss is deductible in the year the fraud is discovered, except to the extent the investor has a claim against the Ponzi schemer with a reasonable prospect of recovery.

For more information, refer to:
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-ponzi-investment-schemes>



Man Accused of Scamming Pittsburgh Woman Out of \$3,000 in Home Improvement Fraud

A Gibsonia man is accused of scamming a Pittsburgh woman out of \$3,000 in a home improvement fraud. [Read More](#)

Owner of Carnegie Construction Company Sentenced for 'Elaborate Double Fraud'

Robert Seth said his mental health problems kept him from working and collected government benefits as a result, but all the while he was running a construction company and two other businesses without telling anyone – or paying his taxes. [Read More](#)

'Jamaican Lottery' Scammers in Hazelwood Plead; Husband to be Deported

A Jamaican couple living in Hazelwood admitted to crimes connected to ripping off elderly people in a Jamaican lottery scam, and the husband will be shipped back home. [Read More](#)

'Everything was Fake': PayPal Scam Targets Users With Deceptive Emails

It's a name we've come to know and trust, but PayPal's reputation is taking a hit as criminals are upping their game in a new twist to an ugly scam that's robbing millions from customers. [Read More](#)

Florida Man Arrested in Peters as Suspect in Fraud Ring

A Florida man was arrested in Peters Township as a suspect in a fraud ring that has allegedly stolen more than \$500,000 from Citizens Bank. [Read More](#)

The Justice Department Charges China's Huawei With Fraud

The Justice Department announced criminal charges against Huawei Technologies, the world's largest communications equipment manufacturer, and one of its top executives – a move likely to intensify trade tensions between the United States and China. [Read More](#)

Latest Phone Scam Targets? International College Students

A caller gave an international student at Carnegie Mellon University some upsetting information. [Read More](#)

Plum Painter Charged With Home Improvement Fraud by Greensburg Police

A Plum contractor is accused of taking a \$1,250 down payment in 2018 for a painting project in Greensburg that he never started. [Read More](#)

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Upcoming Events

- [Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – Lunch Meeting](#)
Speaker: Gary Stoley, Credit Risk Advisory Consultant, Sterling Compliance
Topic: Credit Fraud, Credit Risk, Credit Crisis...How It All Comes Together
- [Wednesday, May 8, 2019 – Lunch Meeting](#)
Speaker: Jackie Deloplane, Intelligence Analyst, DHS / PA Criminal Intelligence Center
Topic: Fusion Centers and Fraud
- [May 13, 2019 – Fraud and Corruption Awareness Seminar \(Co-Sponsored with the IIA and Schneider Downs\)](#)
Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh – Cranberry, 910 Sheraton Dr, Mars, PA 16046
Program: 8:15 am – 4:40 pm, 8 CPE hours (includes three hours of Ethics)
- [Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – Lunch Meeting, Officer and Director Elections](#)
Speaker: John Gill, J.D., CFE, Vice President – Education, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Topic: One Ethics credit will be offered

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