

FALL CONFERENCE PREVIEW

Fraud, Data Analysis and Investigation Simulation — Oh My!

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	CPE CREDITS	LUNCH
October 29, 2026	Sleepy Hollow Golf Course	9:45 AM – 4:00 PM	5 Credits	Included

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FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Advancing the Fight Against Fraud

Fall has arrived and it is my favorite time of the year. Football has started and I'm 3-0 in my fantasy football league. The Guardians are back in the playoffs and somehow, somehow the Browns are 2-1 to start the season. And... I just jinxed it...

Anyway, we have great things ahead for the chapter. As of this newsletter, you still have time to register for our Lunch & Learn with Anne DeTraglia and her expertise in fraud risk assessment! This is a rescheduled webinar for 1 CPE at a reduced cost for the inconvenience of having to reschedule.

Then, we have our Fall Fraud Conference on October 29th at Sleepy Hollow. This is almost a full day of experts in fraud, forensic accounting, data analysis, and investigations. Read on for more info, but this event is sure to be a great one you don't want to miss.

We will end the year with a partnership with the IIA on ethics for 2 CPE. More to come on that later!

Hope to see you there and thank you for being a member of the NEO ACFE chapter!

*Brian Frasier, CFE**Chapter President, NEO ACFE***Brian Frasier, CFE**

Chapter President

FALL CONFERENCE

Oct 29, 2026 • 9:45 AM–4 PM

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course9445 Brecksville Rd
Brecksville, OH 44141

SPEAKERS

- › Frank Suponcic — CBIZ
- › James Rumph — Aletheia
- › Daniel Herb — Aletheia
- › Kendall Crosby — Aletheia
- › Marc Filer — PwC

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE

Save \$20 — Register by
October 14, 2026

Fall Fraud Conference

October 29, 2026 • Sleepy Hollow Golf Course • Brecksville, OH • Lunch Included

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CPE CREDITS

TIME 9:45 AM – 4:00 PM	VENUE 9445 Brecksville Rd, Brecksville OH 44141	FORMAT In-Person • Lunch Provided
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CONFERENCE AGENDA

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTER
9:50 – 10:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks Chapter President opens the day	Brian Frasier, CFE NEO ACFE
10:00 – 11:00 AM	Tales From the Crypt 1 CPE Real-world fraud investigation case studies — the cases that keep you up at night	Frank Suponic CBIZ
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Skeletons in the Data: Digging Up Employee Fraud with Analytics 1 CPE Data analytics techniques for uncovering hidden employee fraud schemes	Aletheia Financial Forensics Rumph • Herb • Crosby
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Networking Luncheon Lunch included with registration	—
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Investigation Simulation Workshop 3 CPE Hands-on simulation — bring your computer! Work through a live investigation with PwC facilitators	Marc Filer PwC

REGISTRATION PRICING

MEMBER

\$120/person

⚡ Early Bird: \$100 (by Oct 14)

Active NEO ACFE chapter member

GUEST / NON-MEMBER

\$130/person

Open to all fraud professionals

STUDENT

\$10/person

Valid student ID required

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

\$0/person

Complimentary for board members

GCRTA

\$100/person

Greater Cleveland RTA employees

EARLY BIRD

Save \$20

⚡ Register by October 14, 2026

Applied to member & guest rates

▶ Register at [acfeneo.org](https://www.acfeneo.org)

Meet Our Featured Speakers



Frank Suponcic

CPA, CFE, CFF

CBIZ • Senior Director, Forensic Consulting Group

TALES FROM THE CRYPT

Frank is a Senior Director with CBIZ in their Forensic Consulting Group. He is a 1984 graduate of John Carroll University and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Accounting. His primary responsibilities include assisting attorneys, privately-held clients, municipalities, and tax-exempt entities with litigation advisory engagements, strategic business consulting, financial reporting, and corporate individual income tax matters. He also manages most of the firm's forensic accounting engagements. As a Certified Fraud Examiner and Certified in Financial Forensics, fraud and embezzlement cases have always been concentrations for Frank. He has engaged with attorneys, prosecutors, and law enforcement agencies in over 100 cases.

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Who does not like to hear entertaining, real-life, first-hand forensic case studies? Frank — as only he can — will walk through an array of his more entertaining and recent forensic investigations from start to finish: how the case was discovered, the breakdown in internal controls, his forensic approach to compiling the investigation, and the engagement's resolution.

Aletheia Financial Forensics

Three-Speaker Panel • Financial Forensics & Litigation Support

SKELETONS IN THE DATA: DIGGING UP EMPLOYEE FRAUD WITH ANALYTICS



James Rumph

CPA/CFF, MAFF, CFE

Managing Member

James leads Aletheia Financial Forensics' forensic accounting consulting, expert witness services, and fraud risk management practice. He previously served at Nationwide and as a testifying Forensic Accountant with the FBI, and is a former President of the Central Ohio and Des Moines ACFE Chapters.



Daniel Herb

CFE

Director, Forensic Investigations & Analytics

Daniel brings more than a decade of forensic investigations, fraud risk, and analytics experience, including fraud investigations and compliance work at Nationwide. He served in the Army National Guard and is a former President of the Central Ohio ACFE Chapter.



Kendall Crosby

Forensic Accountant

Kendall brings extensive banking and forensic accounting experience, including her work as a Customer Due Diligence Investigator at Huntington National Bank. An ACFE member, she is completing her Master of Accountancy and Analytics from Ohio University.



Marc Filer

CFE, CPA

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) • Forensic Services

INVESTIGATION SIMULATION WORKSHOP

Marc Filer leads PwC's Investigation Simulation Workshop — a hands-on, three-hour deep dive where attendees work through a live fraud investigation scenario. **Bring your computer.** Participants will apply investigative techniques, analyze data, and work through the decisions investigators face in the field. This interactive format transforms passive learning into active practice, giving attendees skills they can put to work immediately. The simulation runs 1:00 – 4:00 PM and is worth 3 CPE credits.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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Lunch & Learn: Fraud Risk Assessment

Anne DeTraglia | VP & Chief Audit Executive, Crocs, Inc.

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 • Online (Zoom) • 1 CPE Credit • Reduced Rate

Anne is a recognized Internal Audit and Risk Management executive with thirty years' experience at Fortune 100 companies including The Home Depot, Nike, United Airlines, and Samsung. She currently serves as VP and Chief Audit Executive at Crocs, Inc. This rescheduled webinar is offered at a reduced rate — an excellent value for 1 CPE.

1 CPE • ONLINE • REDUCED RATE

IN THE NEWS — FRAUD & EMBEZZLEMENT

LOCAL

\$1.6M

Geauga County Firefighter Accused of Embezzling \$1.6M from Department, Pleads Not Guilty

Richard Vandevander, 59, the former treasurer and assistant chief of the Hambden Volunteer Fire Department, has been charged with aggravated theft, money laundering, forgery, and falsification after allegedly embezzling \$1.6 million over three years. Approximately \$800,000 came from a state construction grant. Investigators say the funds were used to cover gambling losses at JACK Thistledown Racino. Vandevander had served the department for 38 years before his resignation. The department lost half its payroll funding when the theft was discovered. He has pleaded not guilty.

Source: Cleveland19 News • August 2026

[Read full story →](#)

NATIONAL

\$600K+

Veterinary Clinic Persevering After Former Manager Embezzles Over \$600K

A veterinary clinic is working to recover after its former office manager allegedly stole more than \$600,000 over an extended period. The case highlights a common fraud risk in small businesses: a trusted long-term employee with unchecked access to financial accounts and minimal oversight. The clinic is continuing operations and working to rebuild, demonstrating resilience in the face of a significant financial blow. The case serves as a sobering reminder that trusted insiders — not outsiders — remain the leading fraud risk for small organizations.

Source: MSN News • 2026

[Read full story →](#)

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