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## **Leading Anti-Money Laundering Association Breaks Record Numbers at Milestone Conference**

LAS VEGAS - September 19, 2011 – The Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) hosts its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the ARIA Resort & Casino in Las Vegas this week; its largest gathering of anti-money laundering professionals in both the private sector and government since the association's inception.

"We are extremely pleased at the record-setting turnout of this conference," said John Byrne, CAMS, ACAMS' executive vice president. "Going into our 10<sup>th</sup> year, it's amazing that not only has our association grown to well over 11,000 members worldwide, but that the membership has expanded so well into other industries. This conference highlights our mission that we are comprised of diverse representation from law enforcement, government regulators, bankers, securities broker dealers and money services businesses. The immense turnout only solidifies our mission of providing the best forum to bring together AML professionals for top-notch education, training and networking."

The conference kicked off its first day with opening remarks from Byrne and continued with a session entitled "10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ACAMS Annual Conference: What Have We Learned and Where are We Headed?" The session featured internationally-recognized experts who have been integral parts of ACAMS since its founding in 2001, including Al Gillum, CAMS, Postal Inspector (Ret.), President/Founder, Advanced Compliance Technologies; Michael McDonald, CAMS, IRS (Ret.), President, Michael McDonald & Associates; Saskia Rietbroek, CAMS, Partner, AML Services International; Daniel Soto, CAMS, Chief Compliance Officer, Ally Financial.

Other sessions of note include:

- Adopting Global Best Practices to Optimize Your SAR/STR Filing Processes
- Ponzi Schemes and Corporate Fraud: Can Your Organization Survive these New Threats?
- Developing Innovative Practices to Further Public and Private Sector Relationships
- Practical Techniques to Detect Human Trafficking Financing within Your Institution

"One of the most rewarding portions of this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event is the composition of the audience – bringing together AML professionals who have been in the industry since the beginning – with members that have just entered this area. This makes for robust discussion, a productive exchange of ideas and a solid sense of community. In addition, we are proud to offer such a vast array of important, emerging AML and related topic including human trafficking detection, cyber fraud and new methods of terrorist financing" said Byrne.

"Additionally, the audience will hear from and have access to representatives from all of the regulatory bodies including FinCEN, the Federal Reserve, the OCC, FBI and FINRA. Meeting these speakers is essential to better understand your day-to-day challenges."

ACAMS will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference once again at the ARIA Resort & Casino on October 1-3, 2012. For more information and updates visit [acamsglobal.org](http://acamsglobal.org).

**About the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists®**

ACAMS is an international membership organization dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and skills of AML professionals from a wide range of industries. It serves 11,000 members in 160 countries with extensive resources designed to develop and sharpen the skills required for superior job performance and career advancement. Its CAMS certification is the most widely recognized AML certification among compliance professionals worldwide. Visit the new ACAMS website at [www.ACAMS.org](http://www.ACAMS.org).

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