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## Damon Hacker, MBA, CCE, CISA President/CEO, Vestige Digital Investigations

### E-Discovery of Evidence: Is Your Organization Prepared to Preserve, Search and Produce Electronic Evidence when Litigation Strikes?

The speaker for December is Damon Hacker, President and CEO of Vestige Digital Investigations of Medina, Ohio. Mr. Hacker is responsible for day-to-day and long-term planning of the technology consulting business, and also serves as the CIO for clients and SS&G Financial Services. Mr. Hacker is a Certified Computer Examiner, (CCE), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and has an MBA from Weatherhead School of Management.

He has testified in both state and federal court as a computer forensic expert, and has testified before the Judicial Conference of the United States on proposed rule changes to Civil Procedure that affect the computer forensics and litigation industries. He has several published articles, and

## Upcoming Chapter Events

**December 9, 2009**

Damon Hacker, MBA, CCE, CISA  
President/CEO, Vestige Digital  
Investigations

**January 13, 2010**

Speaker invited

## Upcoming ACFE Events

[www.acfe.com](http://www.acfe.com)

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### ACFE News:

#### Board of Regents Election

Encourage your chapter members to have an impact on the future of the ACFE by [voting in the Board of Regents election](#). The Board of Regents is responsible for maintaining the high standards of the ACFE, and has sole authority over the admission of members, the CFE examination, standards for continuing professional education, and the CFE Code of Professional Ethics. Login to [ACFE.com](http://ACFE.com) to learn about the candidates and cast your vote today.

#### Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship Deadline Change

The new deadline for the [Ritchie-Jennings Memorial Scholarship](#) application is **January 15, 2010**. Please encourage accounting, business, finance and criminal justice majors to apply.

Through the scholarship program, the ACFE Foundation supports the education of collegiate accounting, business, finance and criminal justice students around the globe.

has provided numerous presentations on computer evidence related topics.

Mr. Hacker will conduct a presentation on E-Discovery of Evidence: Is Your Organization Prepared to Preserve, Search and Produce Electronic Evidence when Litigation Strikes?

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### November 18, 2009 Meeting Patrick Donnelly, Special Agent, Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General

The speaker for November was Patrick Donnelly, a Social Security Investigator from the Office of Inspector General, (OIG). After providing his background, Mr. Donnelly explained that the Social Security Administration (SSA)-OIG is the investigative agency of the SSA. While the SSA pays benefits, the OIG has several components; including Offices of Investigation, Audit, Executive Operations, Manpower and Budget, and Counsel. There are 10 field offices with the headquarters located in Baltimore. SSA-OIG cases are Federal cases; they do not fall under state laws.

Mr. Donnelly indicated that the Social Security number has become the de-facto identifier in the United States. Every citizen has a unique number, which is used for financial transactions. The first 3 digits of the SSN represent the mailing address of the applicant, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 digits are allocated by the state, and the last four digits are consecutively issued.

Mr. Donnelly reviewed eligibility requirements for receiving SSA benefits. At retirement at age 62, with 10 years worked and paid SSA taxes. For disability, having worked 40 quarters and disabled, and survivor benefits that are based on earned credits and paid SSA taxes. The OIG investigates SSN fraud, forgery of

The mission of the ACFE Foundation is to increase the body of anti-fraud knowledge and support future anti-fraud professionals worldwide through the funding of scholarships, endowments, research, and other educational projects. The ACFE Foundation works to encourage students to pursue careers in fraud examination and provide resources for research on the detection and deterrence of fraud.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please email Keely Miers at [scholarships@ACFE.com](mailto:scholarships@ACFE.com).

### **ACFE Committees**

ACFE members have the opportunity to gain experience and take action by serving on one of the ACFE's [volunteer committees](#). Committee service provides an opportunity to directly influence the activities and participate in the work of the ACFE. The following committees are seeking volunteers:

- Nominations
- Chapter Awards
- Editorial Advisory
- Higher Education
- Professional Development

[Volunteer today](#) to establish themselves as leaders and make an impact on the profession.

### ***A Resource for Your Chapter Members***

#### **Fraud Risk Assessment**

The ACFE's Fraud Risk Assessment is an invaluable resource for fraud examiners to use in identifying and addressing their clients' or employers' vulnerabilities to internal fraud. Fraud professionals can use this tool to assist organizations in identifying fraud risks and developing a fraud risk response.

There are 15 modules and each module contains instructions, a questionnaire, and a key to interpreting the responses on the questionnaire.

Invite your members to login to [ACFE.com](http://ACFE.com) to access the Fraud Risk Assessment.

SSNs, false disabilities cases, and Bank, Wire, and Mail Fraud. They do not investigate Identity Theft.

Mr. Donnelly then reviewed several case examples, including a man with two identities, allowing him to receive duplicate benefits. A separate case involved a woman with two SSNs that used one for criminal activities and a second one for legitimate purposes.

The OIG can only disclose information to other law enforcement agencies due to the Privacy Act of 1974. Mr. Donnelly mentioned some joint investigations with other law enforcement agencies, including a driver's license verification audit. Most investigations involve the non-disclosure of assets like insurance settlements and lottery winnings.

### **Membership Renewal Time**

In this challenging economy, success depends on staying up-to-date, being relevant and providing value. Your ACFE Pittsburgh Chapter membership enables you to remain a vital resource to your company. Chapter membership also enables you to maintain your CFE designation and provides networking opportunities through our monthly meetings.

Renew your membership now to continue the benefit of membership. To renew, bring your invoice with payment to the next monthly meeting or return it via postal mail as indicated in the invoice.

Please contact Kelvin Pier at [kpier@acfe-pgh.org](mailto:kpier@acfe-pgh.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of the Pittsburgh Chapter.