



**SEMCAFE Newsletter**

**September 2016**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I would like to thank our June speaker, Robert A. Case, Chief Scientists for Analytics of The MITRE Corporation. His presentation focused on improper payment, fraud research and new advanced publicly funded techniques

I hope everyone had a great summer and had some time to relax. Our meeting in September will be the second Thursday of September due to holiday. I hope to see everyone back for another year of great speakers and meals. I would like to extend a challenge to all our members to bring in guests and hopefully they will become future members.

The implementation of our new meeting policy will began September 2016. Our monthly chapter meeting are open to anyone, who would like to attend. However, after two meetings you will be asked to join our chapter. Dues are \$50.00 per year to continue to pay the member price of \$30.00 for the meeting and dinner. If you do not join, you are still welcome to attend; however, you will be charged a dinner meeting fee of \$40.00. Reminders will be noted in the monthly newsletter.

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of Associated Certified Fraud Examiners is an exciting experience and continues to showcase knowledgeable speakers. Our group has outstanding people that attend our meetings and conference. Our meetings and conference provide opportunities to gain relevant knowledge for professional and personal success as well as an opportunity to acquire needed hours of continuous education for various certifications.

The Board is always interested in feedback and any ideas on how we can improve the Chapter. Please let us know if you have a topic you would like or a speaker that would be interested in presenting at a monthly meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

*Barbara Netter,  
Chapter President*



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**CHAPTER MEETING**

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

Join us at

**St. John Banquet and Conference Center**  
22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI

**Speaker:**

**Rhonda A. Warner, CFE**  
**Senior Investigator**  
**Attorney Grievance Commission**

The Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission (AGC) is the investigative and prosecutorial arm of the Michigan Supreme Court for allegations of attorney misconduct. The AGC has jurisdiction over all attorneys licensed to practice law by the State Bar of Michigan, as well as attorneys otherwise permitted to practice law in the state of Michigan. As an AGC Investigator, Rhonda investigates a wide range of attorney misconduct allegations, but her primary focus is the investigation of financial crimes.

She was hired by the AGC as an Investigator in 2010 and promoted to Senior Investigator in 2014. In 2013, she earned her Certified Fraud Examiner credential from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Before coming to work at the AGC, Rhonda worked as a legal investigator for the Goodman Acker law firm and was a police officer for over 12 years. During her law enforcement career, she was a detective assigned to the Mount Clemens Police Department's Directed Enforcement Team (DET). As a member of the DET, she participated in drug interdiction operations, both locally and in concert with other state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Rhonda also worked for the Chrysler Corporation for 10 years. At Chrysler, she was the project manager for the MOPAR division's North American Parts Distribution Center LEAN Transformation project. She oversaw the redesign of both the working environments and work processes for MOPAR's American and Canadian parts distribution centers.

Rhonda has a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University, and is a graduate of Oakland University's Paralegal Program. She is also veteran of the Michigan Army National Guard where she worked as a military legal specialist.

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**Dinner prices : Members:\$30, Students & Retirees: \$25, 3rd time Guests \$40**

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***Reminder: To help minimize costs to our chapter, please notify us of any cancelations, prior to the meeting date.***

The Southeast Michigan Chapter is working to increase our outreach and professional networking at colleges and universities as well as in our community. Join us as we relentlessly strive to promote fraud prevention and detection through educational training programs.

## June 2016 Chapter Meeting



**Speaker:**  
**Mr. Robert A. Case**  
**Chief Scientist for Analytics**  
**THE MITRE CORPORATION**

### ***Harnessing Technology To Combat Fraud***

- ◆ Means tested benefits improper payment and fraud research
- ◆ New advanced publically funded techniques
  - ◇ Generating new zero day fraud attacks
  - ◇ Shaping advisory behaviors in healthcare and tax fraud
  - ◇ ID theft mitigations & new techniques
  - ◇ Monitoring of social media by the US government to find abuse

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# FRAUD TRENDS



## *Overprescribed*

*Written by: Larry Benson*

There's a pill for just about everything. In fact, there were 4.36 billion prescriptions dispensed in the United States in 2015. A Miami psychiatrist did more than just overprescribe medication to his patients, he dispensed anti-psychotic drugs for the purpose of helping his patients game the U.S. citizenship process, and ultimately qualified them for disability benefits they did not deserve.

The mastermind behind the scam wrote prescriptions to support his false diagnoses of mental illness plus other disabilities. Approximately 1,700 patients then used the bogus diagnoses and prescriptions to submit applications to qualify for Social Security disability benefits, which also provide beneficiaries with a monthly stipend for other programs including Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps and housing assistance. *(Because of the fake diagnoses, the patients were also exempt from English and civics testing requirements for becoming naturalized citizens.)*

The 49-year-old psychiatrist pleaded guilty to health care fraud, immigration fraud and filing false claims. His illegal acts, which defrauded the Medicaid and Medicare programs, plus the Social Security Administration and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, cost American taxpayers \$50 million. Although he did admit to knowing what he did was wrong, he was handed a sentence of 12 years and seven months in federal prison to be followed by three years of probation. He was ordered to repay \$50.6 million to the four government agencies. *(The doc was also suspended from being a provider under the Medicaid and Medicare programs and surrendered his home, medical office and art collection. That's a good start.)*

As you might guess, the man behind the scam didn't do it all by himself. He had three other co-conspirators who assisted with the ruse. One man, who was ironically diagnosed with a mental illness, pleaded guilty to his role in the fraudulent operation and was sentenced to six months in prison, three years of probation and ordered to pay nearly \$300,000 in restitution to the government. Two other partners in crime also previously pleaded guilty to fraud charges. One received a sentence of four years in prison, three years of probation and has to repay \$33 million in restitution. The other criminal got two years and nine months in prison and was ordered to pay \$502,000 in restitution.

It also looks like the psychiatrist has turned in his Florida medical license and will help prosecutors track down the 1,700 patients who paid him for bogus diagnoses so they could qualify for government programs. *(That was a really smart move on his part. His prison sentence could have been worse.)* One thing is for sure, there will be plenty of time for the psychiatrist to self-analyze his criminal actions while behind bars.

<http://www.fraudoftheday.com/2016/08/31/overprescribed/>

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