FRAUD FORUM

JANUARY 14, 2026
JULY 15, 2026
SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

NEW! This forum is designed for those responsible for fraud mitigation at their bank.

Following the success of last year's inaugural Fraud Forum, we're excited to continue the conversation in year two — building on the momentum, networking, and practical insights that made the first year such a success. The IBA continues to respond to member feedback requesting focused forums for both fraud and physical security. As a result, the Bank Security Officer Forum will continue to address physical security topics, while the Fraud Forum will return for its second year with fresh content, current trends, and collaborative discussions designed for both returning members and new participants eager to strengthen their fraud prevention strategies.

Meet Your Facilitator

Jim Rechel is president of The Rechel Group, Inc., a risk-consulting firm headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is one of the board of The Institute for Criminal Justice Education, Montgomery, Alabama and a member of numerous national organizations and is a Certified Financial Security Officer. He is a past local board member of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators Association and the American Society of Industrial Security. Prior to working for The Rechel Group, Inc., Jim was Vice President for Fifth Third Bank headquartered in Cincinnati, where he held positions in various departments, including Retail and Lending, and Security Director and was a Special Agent with the FBI.

While the Forum members establish the topics and discussions, with the IBA Facilitator adding background, and prompting further discussion, the 2026 Fraud Forum will continue to expand on critical and emerging areas of fraud risk, offering timely insights, peer discussion, and actionable strategies for financial institutions of all sizes.

Anticipated topics include:

- Synthetic identity fraud and evolving detection methods
- Deepfake and AI-enhanced scams targeting customers and staff
- Business email compromise and payment redirection schemes
- Internal fraud and controls to prevent employee embezzlement
- Elder and vulnerable adult financial exploitation trends
- New regulatory expectations and fraud risk governance practices
- Collaboration between fraud, operations, and cybersecurity teams

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Potential Discussion Items for the Fraud Forum may include:

1. **Advanced Detection Technologies:** Implementing AI and machine learning to detect unusual patterns and anomalies in transactions.
2. **Stringent Authentication Processes:** Using multi-factor authentication and biometric verification to ensure secure account access.
3. **Real-Time Monitoring:** Continuously monitoring transactions and customer behavior for suspicious activity.
4. **Employee Training:** Regularly training employees to recognize and respond to potential fraud attempts.
5. **Customer Education:** Informing customers about common fraud schemes and preventive measures.
6. **Collaboration:** Working with other financial institutions and law enforcement to share information and strategies.
7. **Regular Audits:** Conducting regular security audits to identify vulnerabilities and ensure compliance with security protocols.

By analyzing peer bank strategies, the Fraud Forum is designed to focus on fraud, with the actual agenda set by the member participants.

Who Should Attend?

This forum is designed for those who are responsible for fraud mitigation at their bank.

This platform will provide you with an opportunity to discuss their concerns and explore collaborative solutions to problems they face on a day-to-day basis. You don't want to miss this opportunity!

Cancellation Policy:
Due to our commitments, the price is inclusive of all three sessions. A full refund for the three-session forum will be given for cancellations received prior to the first session. Any registrant who does not cancel before the first session will be billed the full registration fee and sent the materials. Substitutions are welcome at no additional charge.

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Session Dates: January 14, 2026 • July 15, 2026 • September 30, 2026

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