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Michael Loughnane CFE, CAMS, ICI, is president of Loughnane Associates, LLC., providing online and in-person training in financial and counter-terror investigations as well as being active in mentoring and consulting. He has written on these topics and is a speaker and panelist in the US and internationally about anti-money laundering and financial crime. With a career that spans 43 years serving in a federal law enforcement, IT security, and training, Mike has an extensive experience in the government and private sectors.

Upon his 1981 graduation from Northeastern University with a BSc in Criminal Justice, Mike transitioned from an investigative intern role to that of Special Agent at the US Department of Transportation OIG. Mike was immediately assigned complex fraud allegations, including antitrust cases, automobile gray market, contract fraud, grant fraud, and public integrity cases. Based on his successful investigation resulting of one of the first fraud convictions of disadvantaged business enterprise fraud in highway construction, in 1985 was recognized as Investigator of the Year by the Association of Federal Investigators.

Mike worked in the DOT/OIG regional offices in San Francisco and then Baltimore, before opening a resident office in Boston where he was responsible for investigations throughout New England. While there he successfully investigated the first DOT/OIG case involving suspicious aircraft part sales which led to multiple investigations that impacted the entire airline industry. Later, in 1989, he was awarded DOT/OIG Investigator of a Year award for a successful fraud investigation of a Connecticut business impacting the US Coast Guard engine overhaul program.

In the 1993 Mike joined a specialized procurement fraud unit in Washington, DC, at the US Environmental Protection Agency, OIG. During that time, among his fraud cases was one of the first documented instances of identity fraud and he assisted in a case that became the genesis of what became the government purchase card fraud investigation programs. Then, in 2000, as lead investigator in a multiple year civil investigation supporting the Eastern District of Virginia, his team identified an elaborate misbilling scheme involving a major government contractor that went back 20 years, impacted over 14 agencies, that went to the hundreds of millions. The civil recovery, the largest at the time for DOJ, was almost \$300 million (all the money the company had) and the company bankruptcy. In 2001, Mike was awarded the Award for Public Service by the EDVA, as well as he and his team receiving Silver Medals from the EPA.

Mike was next tasked to develop the OIG computer forensics program. He was assigned oversight for the lab program and all cybercrime investigations. In 2003, he was promoted to Director of the Special Operations Directorate including oversight in the cybercrime/forensic program as well as all employee integrity investigations. In this role Mike received two awards from the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency for accomplishments in building cyber and management system developments.



Mike retired from government service in 2007 and joined Booz Allen Hamilton the same year as a subject matter expert in IT security. For his first three years where he managed computer network security teams positioned at various U.S. government clients. In 2010 he was assigned as an instructor and course designer at the Joint Military Intelligence Training Center, positioned at the Defense Intelligence Agency. In that role until 2016 he designed and delivered a highly regarded basic and advanced training in terror finance analysis and financial investigation to federal law enforcement, Military National Guard and the US intelligence community.

In 2016 Mike formed Loughnane Associates, LLC. continues to train law enforcement at all levels as well as the National Guard. He has been published in the Association of Certified Anti-money Laundering Specialist and Fraud Magazine and has provided recorded online training for ACAMS and the Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists. He has also contributed a chapter on financial investigations with respect to antiquities crime, published in **"Antiquities Smuggling in the Real and Virtual World"** Routledge Publishing as part of the Transnational Crime and Corruption Series (2021).

As a subject matter expert, Mike provides training to the US law enforcement community with two programs available through the National White Collar Crime Center. He and his team also provides training under contract for the National Guard training centers on the east and west coasts. He is a speaker at anti-money laundering and financial crime conferences online, in the US and internationally. He has presented as a subject matter expert in financial crime impacting the antiquities sector and has supported organizations and a task force who in turn support government efforts with respect to new US law related to the business of antiquities.

