Speaker Bios

Dora Gomez, Moderator

Dora Gomez has over 25 years of experience in financial services, including 17 years at AXA where she completed an expat assignment in Paris, France. Dora held pivotal roles at AXA Technologies as the Global Fraud Officer, Audit Director, and Risk Officer at AXA Technologies, establishing global departmental practices and governance. She was also the Director of Internal Controls at Wolters Kluwer's Corporate Legal Services division, managing their risk and control testing environment across the division to ensure regulatory requirements were met. Currently, Dora brings her wealth of experience and expertise to EY's IT Consulting – Financial Crimes, Fraud, and Compliance division, where she serves as a Team Leader and provides invaluable guidance and strategic anti-fraud solutions to her clients in the financial services sector, solidifying her reputation as a trusted advisor.

Dora earned her Master of Science in Business and Information Systems at NJIT and BBA in Accounting from Pace University. She holds various professional certifications: Certified Fraud Examiner from the ACFE, Certification in Risk Management Assurance from the IIA, and Governance, Risk and Compliance Auditor (GRCA) and Professional (GRCP) from OCEG.

Beyond her professional commitments, Dora is deeply engaged in fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing within her industry. She is the current Chairwoman of the Board of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners New York Chapter (NYCFE), Audit Committee Chair for the High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA), Chairwoman of the BOD for the Justice for Fraud Victim Project, and Advisory Board Member of Pace University's Cyber Security. In 2023, she was honored with the prestigious Distinguished Achievement Award by the ACFE's President and CEO, a testament to her exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to combating fraud and enhancing financial integrity.

Michael Paskin, Panelist

Michael Paskin is Manager with FINRA'S Vulnerable Adults and Seniors Team (VAST). The mission of the team is to detect, deter and investigate financial exploitation and abuse of vulnerable adult and senior investors. Prior to joining the team in 2016, Mr. Paskin was an Assistant Director in FINRA's New York Equities section within the Market Regulation department supervising a team responsible for conducting reviews of customer complaints and aberrational trading activity. Prior to his regulatory career, Mr. Paskin was a Specialist on the Floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Richard Vitale, Panelist
Rich is an enthusiastic leader with 30+ years of business, law enforcement, and financial crimes investigations experience. He is currently the Head of Investigations and Assistant Director of Fraud Risk Management at Valley National Bank.

Rich leads the daily operation of the fraud team involving various first- and second-line fraud functions including multiple forms of internal and external Investigations. He has been instrumental in the workflow design and rollout of multiple payment platforms and programs, and in enhancing fraud reporting and feedback across the enterprise.

Rich was previously a member of the Enterprise Fraud Risk team at Investors Bank. During his law enforcement career, he collaborated with numerous financial institutions of all sizes to prevent, mitigate, and respond to financial crime. He holds a Master's degree in Administrative Science, a Bachelor's degree in Finance and Business Administration, and is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE).

Chris Jordan, Panelist
Chris Jordan is a dedicated VCA Risk Practices Director at VISA, based in San Francisco, CA. He has a strong understanding of Fraud and Identity Risk with over 12 years of experience building, leading, and managing fraud operation teams from the ground up and providing advisory services to clients regarding various risk factors. Chris holds both a master's degree in criminal justice with a focus on global issues from Kaplan University and a bachelor's in economics from Ave Maria University. Before starting as a Director of Identity Risk at Visa, he gained valuable experience across multiple entities, including Cardless, Booz Allen Hamilton, Purchasing Power, and Citi.

Chris specializes in fraud and financial crimes and am highly skilled at navigating the complexities of identity risk and overall credit risk. He is committed to helping clients achieve secure, safe platforms for their clients and employees.

In his free time, he enjoys golfing, watching sports, coding, and traveling. He is always looking for opportunities to expand knowledge within the realm of fraud and cyber events to better help his clients and provide valuable assistance.

Chris Jordan, along with crypto expert Scott Gallup, recently published a book called *Navigation the Crypto Minefield: Strategies for Risk Management and Security*. This book provides strategies to and tools to protect your digital investments along with providing standard risk mitigation practices that are applicable to life in general.