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# Don't Miss The Red Flags: Hot Topics in Anti-Money Laundering













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# Agenda

- Corporate Transparency Act Implementation  $\bullet$
- Proposed AML Rule for Investment Advisers  $\bullet$
- Using Section 314(b) of the Patriot Act  $\bullet$
- Implementing Effective Compliance Programs  $\bullet$ 
  - Importance of AML, Cyber and SIU Teams Working Together ullet
  - Role of AI -- Monitoring Programs •
  - Real World Examples of Money Laundering through Insurers  $\bullet$
  - **Annual Risk Reviews**
  - Vendor Monitoring
- **Current Areas of Regulatory Focus**  $\bullet$















# Corporate Transparency Act





- A reporting company is either:
  - a domestic company created by the filing of a document with a secretary of state or similar office under the law of a U.S. state or Indian tribe; or
  - a foreign company formed under the law of a foreign country and registered to do business in the United States by the filing of a document with a secretary of state or similar office
- 23 types of entities exempted from definition of reporting company
- Reporting requirements effective:
  - January 1, 2024 for newly created entities
  - January 1, 2025 for pre-existing companies



### No grandfathered entities





### WHAT information must be reported?

Reporting companies must submit to FinCEN information about:

- Each individual who is a **beneficial owner**
- Individuals who directly or indirectly
  - Exercise substantial control over a reporting company; or
  - Own or control at least 25% of the ownership interests of the company
- **Company applicants** (only for entities created on or after January 1, 2024) 2.
- The individual who directly files the document that creates or first registers a reporting company; and
- The individual who is primarily responsible for directing or controlling such filing (if more than one individual is involved in the filing)
- The **reporting company** itself 3.







# WHAT information must be reported? (cont.)

- Full legal name
- Trade or "doing business as" names
- Street address of its principal place of business in the **United States**
- Jurisdiction of formation/first registration to do business in the United States
- TIN/foreign tax identification number and name of the issuing jurisdiction

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Residential street address (or business address for company applicant)
- Identifying number + issuing jurisdiction from a nonexpired U.S. passport, state or local identification document or driver's license or foreign passport
- Image of document from which the unique identifying number was obtained

This information, once submitted, must be kept up to date.







### WHEN is a report due?

- Entities created or registered to do business *before* January 1, 2024 must file an initial report by January 1, 2025
- Entities created or registered on or after January 1, 2024 must file an initial report within 90 days of the date of notice (to the company or the public) that the company has been created or registered to do business

Date of Creation or Registration	Initial Repo
Before Jan. 1, 2024	January
Jan. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2024	Within 90 da of creation of
On or after Jan. 1, 2025	Within 30 da of creation of

Updates or corrections to BO reports must be submitted within 30 days, including an initial report after an entity no longer qualifies for an exemption



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## **Exemptions from Reporting Company Definition**

1.	Securities reporting issuer	12.	Insurance co
2.	Governmental authority	13.	State-license
3.	Bank	14.	Commodity Ex
4.	Credit union	15.	Registered pu
5.	Depository institution holding company	16.	Regulated put
6.	FinCEN-registered money services business	17.	FSOC-designation
7.	Broker or dealer in securities	18.	Pooled invest
8.	Securities exchange or clearing agency	19.	Tax-exempt e
9.	Other SEC-registered entity under Exchange Act	20.	Entity assisting
10.	SEC-registered investment company or investment adviser	21.	Large operatir
11.	Venture capital fund adviser	22.	Subsidiary of
		23.	Inactive entity





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### FinCEN January 12, 2024 FAQ:

#### L. 6. Does a subsidiary whose ownership interests are partially controlled by an exempt entity qualify for the subsidiary exemption?

No. If an exempt entity controls some but not all of the ownership interests of the subsidiary, the subsidiary does not qualify. To qualify, a subsidiary's ownership interests must be fully, 100 percent owned or controlled by an exempt entity. A subsidiary whose ownership interests are controlled or wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by certain exempt entities is exempt from the BOI reporting requirements. In this context, control of ownership interests means that the exempt entity

entirely controls all of the ownership interests in the reporting company, in the same way that an exempt entity must wholly own all of a subsidiary's ownership interests for the exemption to apply.









# Proposed AML/SAR Requirements for Investment Advisers







### Investment Adviser AML Proposal

Proposal would cover –

- SEC-registered investment advisers
- Exempt reporting advisers

Proposal would result in such Covered IAs being included in the definition of "Financial Institution" for purposes of the Bank Secrecy Act

- AML program requirements (all 5 pillars)
- SAR requirements
- Section 314(a)/314(b) reporting
- Section 312 requirements
- Section 311 special measures
- CTR reporting
- Travel Rule and Recoordkeeping obligations







### AML Proposal – Key Open Items and Issues

- Will this proposal be finalized?
- This is FinCEN's 3d attempt at this rulemaking
- There is little time before the election to take comments and finalize
- Is the scope correct?
- Does the proposal adequately recognize the differences between the business models of advisers vs other financial institutions?
- Will advisers be able to outsource requirements/obligations?
- In the funds context, can offshore administrators/service providers be used?
- Comment period ended on April 15















# Using 314(b) of the Patriot Act





Section 314(b) of the U.S.A. P.A.T.R.I.OT. Act which allows financial instructions (including) banks, credit unions, MSBs, securities broker-dealers, insurance companies, etc.) to share information with one another in order to identify for reporting financial activity possibly involving money laundering\* or terrorist financing.

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Includes specified unlawful activity (SUA) federal crimes that are in addition to classic money laundering offenses.







# **314(b)** Participation Among FIs Is Low

Type of Financial Institution	Total Number	Number Filing SARs	Percentage Filing SARs	Number Participating in 314(b) Program	Percentage Participating in 314(b) Program
Depository Institutions (Banks and Credit Unions)	10,422	8,171	78.4%	4,235	40.6%
Money Services Businesses	22,736	2,069	9.1%	448	2.0%
Securities Futures (Broker Dealers)	4,269	587	13.8%	1,852	43.4%
Casinos*	2,148	667	31.1%	293	13.6%
Insurance Companies**	5,965	129	2.2%	153	2.6%
All Others	13,000	525	4.0%	218	1.7%
Total***	58,540	12,148	20.8%	7,199	12.3%

\* total number from World Casino Directory

\*\* total number from Insurance Information Institute

\*\*\* total number does not include the seven 314(b) Associations







# **Dec 2020 FinCEN Fact Sheet**

#### What are the Benefits of 314(b) Voluntary Information Sharing?

While information sharing pursuant to Section 314(b) is voluntary, it can help financial institutions enhance compliance with their anti-money laundering/counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT) requirements, most notably with respect to:

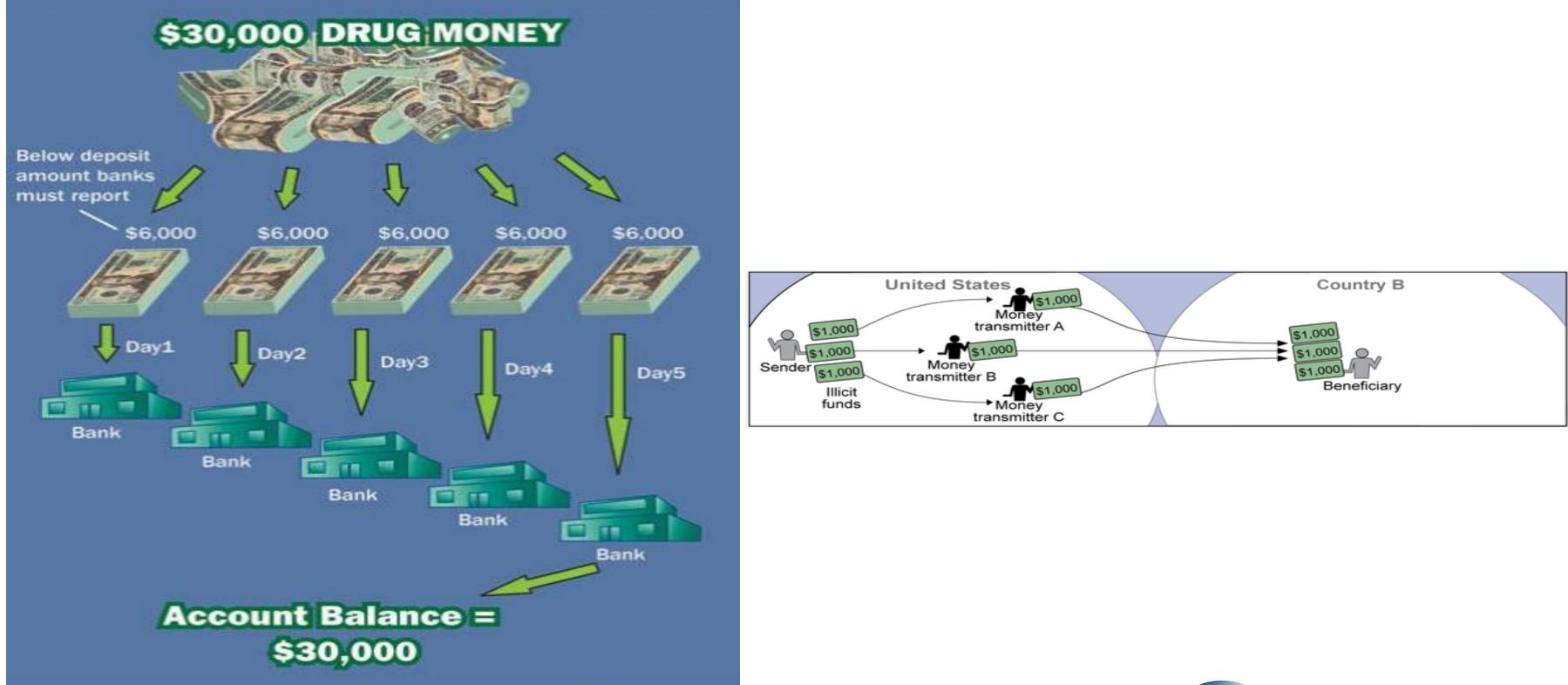
- Gathering additional information on customers or transactions potentially related to money laundering or terrorist financing, including previously unknown accounts, activities, and/or associated entities or individuals.
- Shedding more light upon overall financial trails, especially if they are complex and appear to be layered amongst numerous financial institutions, entities, and jurisdictions.
- Building a more comprehensive and accurate picture of a customer's activities that may involve money laundering or terrorist financing is suspected, allowing for more precise decision-making in due diligence and transaction monitoring.
- Alerting other participating financial institutions to customers of whose suspicious activities they may not have been previously aware.
- Facilitating the filing of more comprehensive SARs than would otherwise be filed in the absence of 314(b) information sharing.
- Identifying and aiding in the detection of money laundering and terrorist financing methods and schemes.
- Facilitating efficient SAR reporting decisions for example, when a financial institution obtains a more complete picture of activity through the voluntary information sharing process and determines that no SAR is required for transactions that may have initially appeared suspicious.







### Possible Structuring in Transactions









### 314(b) can also be used for SUAs!











## SUA Examples

#### List of Specified Unlawful Activities (SUA)

Violations of federal and state or foreign law identified as "specified unlawful activity" under 18 U.S.C. § 1956(c)(7)

#### Title: Section: Violations of Federal Law Relating to:

18	152	Bankruptcy (concealment of assets; false oaths and c
18	1001	Fraud and False Statements
18	1014	Fraud And False Statements (fraudulent loan and cre
18	1341	Mail Fraud (frauds and swindles)
18	1343	Wire Fraud (fraud by wire, radio, or television) Invol Offense
18	1344	Bank Fraud (defrauding a federally chartered or insu institution)
18	1956	Racketeering (laundering of monetary instruments)
18	1957	Racketeering (engaging in monetary transactions in p from specified unlawful activity)
21	841	Drug Abuse Prevention And Control (felony violatio prohibited acts)
21	842	Drug Abuse Prevention And Control (subsequent vio subparagraph (A) after one or more prior convictions offense)



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21	846	Drug Abuse Prevention And Control (attempt a any felonious offense defined in Subchapter I)
21	848	Drug Abuse Prevention And Control (continuin
21	854	Drug Abuse Prevention And Control (investme obtained from a felonious violation of either Su II)
21	856	Drug Abuse Prevention And Control (established operations)

Any Act Or Threat (chargeable under State Law and punishable by imprisonment for more than one year) Involving:

- Murder
- Kidnapping ٠
- Gambling .
- Arson •
- Robbery .
- Bribery .
- Extortion •
- Dealing In Obscene Matter .
- Dealing in a Controlled Substance or Listed Chemical (as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802) ٠



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# Implementing Effective Compliance Programs







### **Compliance Program Effectiveness**

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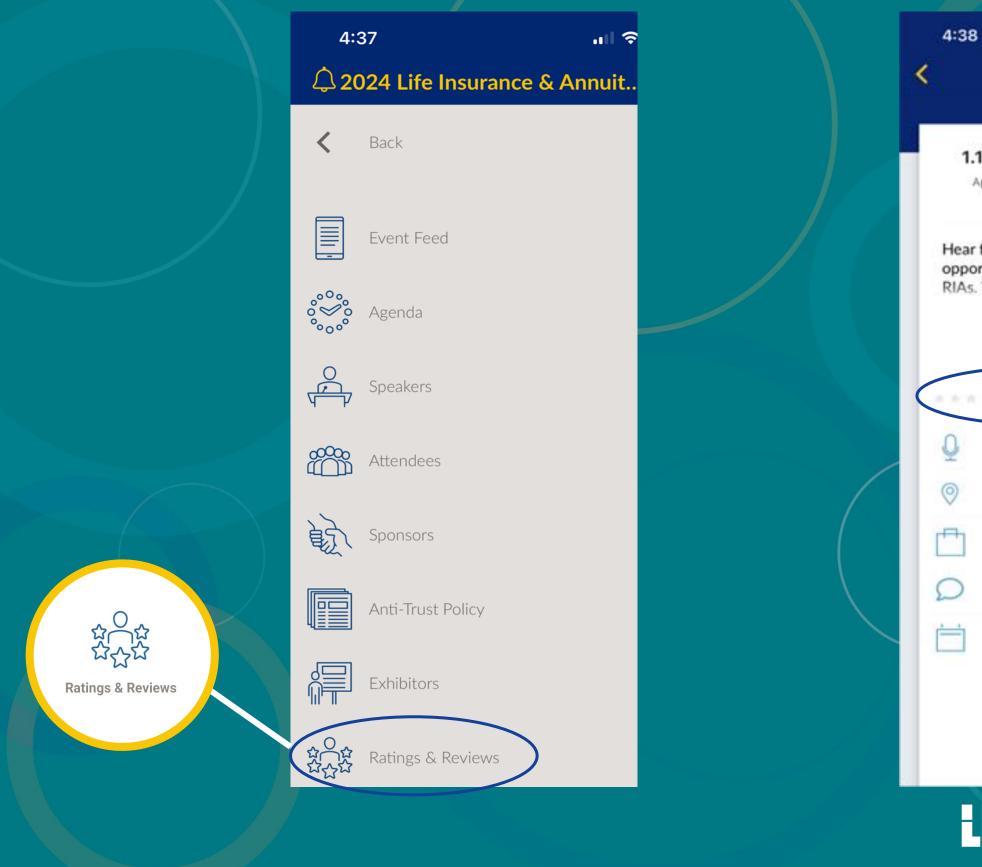




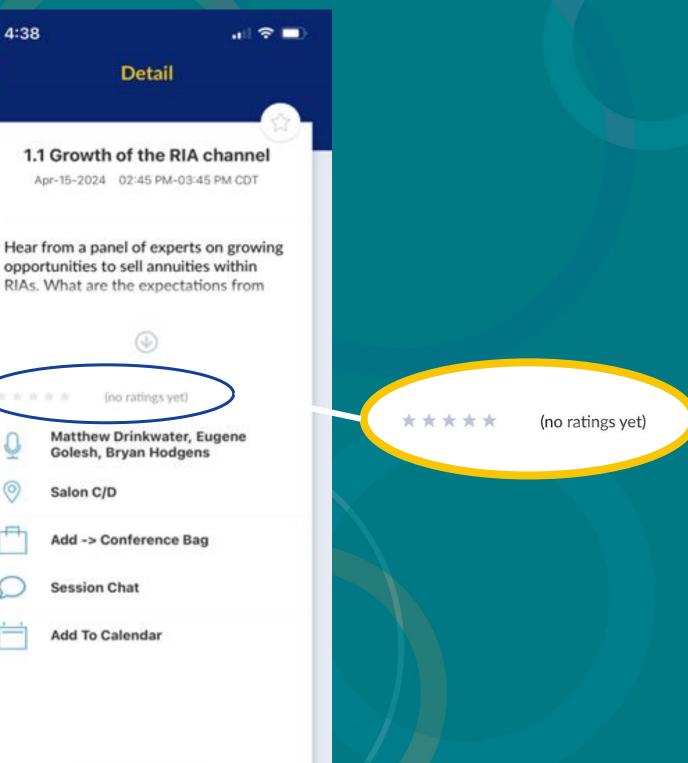


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#### **OPTION 1**



#### **OPTION 2**









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