# Channing Sophia Mavrellis

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An internationally-recognized policy expert in the field of illicit financial flows, transnational crime, and international trade.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Global Financial Integrity (GFI)** (40 hours/week) — Washington, D.C.
Illicit Trade Director — January 2018 to Present
Transnational Crime Analyst — January 2014 to December 2017

- Conduct research and strategic analysis of national, regional, and international trends of financial crime and illicit trade, evaluate current responses, and develop effective AML/CFT policy solutions and products.
- Engage stakeholders from the public, private, civil society, and media sectors to maintain awareness of significant emerging trends, policies, and advances related to AML/CFT risks and issues.
- Project lead for three-year grant to advance corporate (beneficial ownership), professional (gatekeeper), natural resource and trade integrity in Belize. Responsible for maintaining relationships with two subgrantees as well as designing activities, programs and products to i) identify effective AML/CFT and regulatory policy solutions and support their implementation, ii) build capacity among civil society and the media to address these issues; and iii) promote increased collaboration/information sharing between stakeholders.
- Assist with the preparation and production of written reports to funding organizations (e.g. Department of State, Norwegian Agency for International Development) to document the status and results of major program goals/initiatives.
- Communicate to external stakeholders the organization's strategies and plans to meet its goals and objectives.
- Provide expert senior-level advice and assistance to U.S. and foreign government officials, working groups, and civil society organizations on mitigating trade- and tax-based illicit financial flows (IFFs) and transnational crime.
- Draft reports on complex AML/CFT, BSA, financial crime, and illicit trade issues, including identifying risks and threats, developing typologies and red flags, and formulating recommendations.
- Testified as an IFF and environmental crime subject matter expert before the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services hearing From Timber to Tungsten: How the Exploitation of Natural Resources Funds Rogue Organizations and Regimes, 2021.
- Participated in the DHS Public-Private Analytic Exchange Program, working with a team to develop a risk-based approach to prioritizing resources to detect, deter, and mitigate drug trafficking operations and co-author the report *Emerging Threats to Cargo and Port Security*.
- Co-Chair of the Nature Crime Alliance working group focused on the intersections of financial crime and nature crime (start Q1 2023).
- Member of the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crimes' MENA Chapter's TBML Initiative, serving as the lead editor for a report on trade-based financial crime in the MENA region.
- Invited as an expert speaker/panelist at open and closed-door events on topics such as detecting and combating financial crime (British Consulate General of New York; Borders, Trade and Immigration Institute at the University of Houston); impacts of transnational crime (OECD; FishCRIME); and environmental crime (CBP; DOD; TraCCC and CINA at George Mason University).

**New England Federal Credit Union** (40 hours/week) — Williston, VT
Retail Floater — January 2008 to February 2011

- Served as a head teller, teller, and member service representative floating between five branches.
- As head teller, responsible for the operation of the teller line, including supervising up to six tellers, branch reconciliation, auditing accounts and maintaining records.
- Across all positions, carried out AML/CFT, BSA, CDD, and fraud detection processes/controls, including completing SARs and CTRs.
- Created and updated institution-wide standard operating procedures and helped test, implement, and train staff for new software and procedures.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Independent ESL instructor at Dar Chabab Salé youth club, Hôpital Maternité Souissi public hospital, and private elementary school Institution Toubkal. 40 hours/week. Rabat, Morocco. March 2011 to August 2012.
- Public school ESL teacher at Shingal Middle School. 40 hours/week. Yongin, South Korea. August 2006 to August 2007.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Channing May. *Transnational Crime and the Developing World*. GFI, 2017.
- Christine Clough and Channing May. *Illicit Financial Flows and the Illegal Trade in Great Apes*. GFI, 2018.
- Yansura et al. *Financial Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean*. GFI, 2021.
- Channing Mavrellis and John Cassara. *Made in China: China's Role in Transnational Crime and Illicit Financial Flows*. GFI, 2022.
- Channing Mavrellis. *Financial Fraud in the Caribbean*. GFI, 2022.

## EDUCATION

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| May 2016 | Master of Arts in International Affairs – American University, Washington, D.C. |
| Dec. 2013 | Graduate Certificate in French Translation – American University, Washington, D.C. |
| May 2006 | Bachelor of Arts in Hebrew Studies – University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI |

## SKILLS

- Native English speaker; proficient in French; basic proficiency in Greek, Hebrew, Arabic and Korean.
- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (ACAMS), 2017-2020.