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How do I support the profession?

Over the years, I've had many conversations about the significance of supporting our dynamic and rapidly evolving profession, and I've been asked many versions of: "How can I support the profession?" Though my answer depends on the positioning and experience of the inquirer, it always revolves around some basic principles.



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▶ **Join the Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE).**

Mike Scher, senior editor of the FCPA Blog, described the preeminent compliance organization as "our powerful friend."¹ By joining the SCCE, you join other committed

compliance professionals supporting the development of the profession and the rise of Compliance 2.0.² At our flagship conference in Las Vegas this October, compliance pros can: (1) find a mentor, (2) build their thought circles, (3) share thought leadership, and (4) learn and promote best practices. That's just a start! The SCCE has events throughout the year, all around the world.

- ▶ **Use your resources.** As noted in this great post,³ compliance pros should know and use their resources! The SCCE maintains an unparalleled inventory of assets that defines our common thinking and practices. Using, contributing to, and promoting this body of knowledge supports the continued growth of our profession.
- ▶ **Build your networks.** As Mike Scher observed: "Compliance officers at SCCE forums are standing on each others' shoulders, learning from each other about innovative

management techniques and professional expertise to make the new role a reality."⁴ By actively building your networks and mentoring the next generation, you will take and discharge your role in building and supporting the profession.

- ▶ **Choose your roles carefully.** As I've written before, there is "No Crying in Compliance."⁵ So when compliance professionals understand and champion the advancement of Compliance 2.0,⁶ it helps the profession take its rightful spot on the corporate landscape.
- ▶ **Be outstanding and build outstanding programs.** By carefully building your networks and using your SCCE resources, you can achieve success on the corporate landscape, which supports the profession on so many levels. Now that generations before you have worked to clear the way for Compliance 2.0, it remains for the current generation to forge ahead and succeed by designing, implementing, and overseeing robust compliance programs. We are in a building phase. The profession and "our powerful friend," the SCCE, are there to help. *

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