



Forensic accounting is the application of business skills and accounting knowledge to the solution of legal problems. The term was first used by the Canadian accountant Robert Lindquist in the 1980's to describe the combination of accounting, business experience, investigation and expert testimony.

Personal and commercial disputes are increasingly the subject of litigation. This has been a fact of life in North America for some time. This trend is growing in Australia. There is now a recognised need for a specialist to consider business or financial disputes.

The Forensic Accountant meets this need.

When to use a Forensic Accountant

The experience and skills of Polemic Forensic Accountants, can be used in any dispute that has a financial or business aspect. Typical examples of the cases we are involved in include:

- Personal injury and loss of earnings
- Product liability
- Contract disputes
- Negligence actions
- Fraud and white collar crime
- Franchise termination
- Business valuation
- Shareholder or partnership disputes
- Patent infringement
- Professional negligence or malpractice
- Arson
- Breach of contract
- Insurance claims
- Matrimonial and separation proceedings

Why a Forensic Accountant?

There are many reasons for using a Forensic Accountant to examine the financial and business aspects of a dispute. Listed below are some of the benefits.

No conflict of interest

The accountant of the company or of an individual may not be seen by the Court to be independent. We do not do other professional work for our Forensic Accounting clients e.g. Audit, Accounting and Taxation.

Experience and Objectivity

We specialise in Forensic Accounting and bring our past experience to bear on each new case or dispute. Our independence helps to ensure our approach is always objective.

Evidence

You will benefit from our structured approach in preparing financial evidence. Our reports are thoroughly researched and we are prepared to support our conclusions by providing courtroom evidence as expert witnesses.

Quick response

Cases frequently need the financial assessment or a report prepared quickly. We have the ability and experience to meet tight deadlines.

Teamwork

We are accustomed to working as part of a multi-disciplinary team and fully understand our role as Expert Witnesses

Our Services

Early involvement of a Forensic Accountant to examine the financial and business aspects of disputes often leads to speedy and cost efficient resolutions. Our analysis draws upon both our accounting and commercial experience in the assessment of facts.

We provide expert input and support at the pre-trial, trial and settlement stages of disputes, including:

- Detailed pre-trial investigation
- Advice on technical accounting, taxation and business matters
- Assistance with Discovery
- Analysis of financial evidence
- Evaluation of taxation and business implications of settlements.

The initial review of a dispute is without obligation and takes the form of a short report detailing what facts and areas need to be considered further. Our fees are based upon the time spent in performing the investigation, preparing our report, consultations and attendance at Court.

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