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## **Editorial Review**

### **From the Inside Flap**

Financial forensics and forensic accounting have become household terms, thanks to extensive media coverage of high-profile corporate failures, institutional collapses, and profligate government spending. The general public, investors, and decision makers have lost confidence in all manner of financial data and lack the tools to critique its content. Despite the chronic and compelling need for financial forensics expertise, the financial profession has yet to embrace or even offer a cogent and comprehensive forensic accounting tools-based methodology. That deficiency has plagued our economy . . . until now.

*Financial Forensics Body of Knowledge* is the most all-inclusive guide to forensic accounting available to date. It provides a one-stop source of financial forensics tools, techniques, methods, and methodologies that captures and codifies the myriad methods that define the profession's body of knowledge. Most of the content has never been previously published.

Part One features a foundational interactive Forensic Accounting/Investigation Methodology, as well as more than 250 +/- tools, techniques, methods, and methodologies applicable to virtually any large or small financial matter, whether civil, criminal, or dispute. Part Two explores Special Topics, including forensic accounting as a counterterrorism weapon, comparative civil and criminal law processes in financial forensics, and specific advice for anyone encountering a potential embezzlement in an organization.

*Financial Forensics Body of Knowledge* explains how to use:

- Aberrant pattern detection
- Background search
- BIC analysis
- Confirmation bias avoidance
- CRO testing
- Document map
- Expectations attributes
- Forensic financial analysis
- Forensic lexicology
- Forensic timeline
- FSAT
- Genograms
- ICE/SCORE©
- Interviewing and interrogation
- Investigative websites
- Kinetic communications
- Likert/MUA analysis
- Stylometry
- Valuation and forensic techniques
- 60-second method

The book also features a companion website where readers can find reports and samples illustrating the

situations and methodologies discussed throughout. Twelve different financial forensics reports from actual assignments are available through the website for download and application. In addition, an optional subscription-based Internet-resident software application supports the methodology, with continual updates, enabling you to put information to use immediately and stay abreast of changes in the field. It includes substantial downloadable tools, techniques, methods, and methodologies.

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