

Forensics



Combating fraud and resolving disputes

Dealing effectively with sensitive and contentious situations keeps you out of trouble and helps improve your business.

While you focus on increasing the value of your business, it is critical to prevent that value leaking away through unwanted activity. You therefore need to respond effectively to the risk of fraud, comply with ever-changing and ever-increasing regulation, and take the right approach to business disputes.

Our Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services (FIDS) group develops strategies to pre-empt, manage and resolve the risks of business conflict that can emerge across organisations.

We also assist in investigating alleged misconduct, fraud and non-compliance with regulation.

Our FIDS professionals are a select group of highly skilled and experienced financial investigators, fraud examiners, forensic accountants, accounting experts, business intelligence specialists and electronic data analysts.

We advise clients on accounting and financial issues in disputes of all kinds, whether they arise from transactions, alleged breaches of contract, or any other causes.

We provide assistance in negotiations, in discovery and disclosure issues, and in formulating and defending claims, and we also provide expert witness services in courts and tribunals when required.

We also investigate unusual financial activity, perform electronic evidence discovery, and review financial reports – all with the sensitivity, confidentiality and urgency you require.

We have a wealth of experience across many industries and an excellent track record in assisting some of the major companies and law firms on some of the largest investigations and disputes in the world.

Dispute Services

Due to an increasingly litigious environment and wider scope of activity of various regulatory and governing bodies, disputes are becoming ever more frequent.

We provide accounting expertise on financial issues affecting liability, causation and quantum of losses incurred or likely to be incurred.

We also provide support during settlement negotiations and can act as expert witnesses in court, should a settlement not be reached.

We have a wealth of experience in a wide range of dispute areas including international investment treaties, intellectual property and competition.

Transaction Dispute Advisory

Transactions to acquire or sell businesses represent a balance of risk and reward for the parties. Whilst most deals are completed successfully, some inevitably lead to disputes between the parties.

We provide advice throughout the transaction process, from a review of the draft sale and purchase agreement to the resolution of disputes over the purchase price.

In so doing, we help you reduce risk and provide greater certainty that the post-completion outcome of a transaction is in line with your commercial expectations.

Fraud & Investigations

Mitigating the risks associated with fraud, bribery and corruption and other types of misconduct is not a new phenomenon. However, continual advances in technology and the broadening activity of regulators at home and overseas mean the financial and reputational consequences of not doing enough to tackle these problems are ever more serious.

Our multidisciplinary teams, which include a specialist financial services team, are experienced in forensic accounting, financial and securities regulation, technology systems and risk management and can investigate a wide variety of situations where you suspect you may have a problem.

We can also help you take preventative measures and minimise the risk of such problems occurring in the first place by assessing, validating and helping improve your current anti-fraud programme.

Forensic Technology & Discovery Services

Businesses today are often overwhelmed with data. A common challenge is to locate relevant information quickly and cost effectively from a myriad of sources to manage risk and cost and to improve business performance.

The challenge may be to identify potentially fraudulent or anomalous transactions from millions of business records, or it may be to collect and identify emails and other data relevant to a dispute, regulatory or other investigation.

The challenge may also be to conduct a detailed forensic investigation of the electronic evidence trail from a perpetrator of fraud.

Our dedicated team of forensic technology professionals can help in these and other situations.

Our team has a wide breadth of experience including data analytics, IT forensics, IT consulting, legal and law enforcement professionals. Using sophisticated tools and established forensic techniques, we blend these skills to find the right solution for the individual client challenge.

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About Ernst & Young's Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services

Fraud, unethical conduct and commercial disputes may present major reputational and financial risks to your business, as well as detracting from your company's efforts to achieve its potential. We offer forensic and IT skills, knowledge, tools and methodologies to conduct investigations and help resolve disputes quickly, effectively and globally with minimal impact on "business as usual." Better management of fraud risk and compliance exposure is a critical business priority - no matter the industry sector. Working closely with you and your legal advisors, we bring an objective approach to these sensitive and contentious situations. It's how Ernst & Young makes a difference.

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