



# FORENSIC ACCOUNTING AND LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES



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Our forensic accounting and litigation support specialists have extensive experience in dealing with disputes and investigations in commercial, contractual and insurance disputes and in criminal matters such as fraud and money laundering.

### Our services

All our forensic accounting and litigation support services are tailored to meet the specific requirements of the case. These services generally fall into the following categories:

#### Commercial and Contractual disputes

- Business interruption
- Consequential loss of profits
- Breach of warranty claims
- Disputes over royalties

#### Investigations

- Suspected or known fraud
- Tax investigations
- Central Bank / Financial Regulator
- Money laundering
- Conduct of directors
- Proceeds of crime
- Asset tracing

#### Valuations

- Business valuations
- Partnership disputes
- Security for costs
- Share valuation disputes

#### Individual and family disputes

- Personal injury and fatal accident claims
- Medical negligence
- Matrimonial disputes
- Libel claims

### Sector experience

Whilst all cases demand extensive knowledge of accountancy, or some other associated professional discipline such as tax or insolvency issues, experience of a particular industry may be a crucial factor in the credibility of an accountancy expert's evidence.

### Global reach

International and commercial disputes may require work to be carried out in different jurisdictions. Through the Moore International network we can provide information and carry out local investigations without incurring expensive travel costs. Where major assignments require senior members of the team of travel, we will draw wherever possible, on the support of junior staff from a local Moore International member firm to ensure that the assignments are carried out in the most cost-effective way.

### Our approach

In order to meet the complex and varied needs of the legal teams who require our assistance, we have developed an approach which draws upon:

- a core team of dedicated partners and senior professionals with extensive experience of dispute resolution and providing expert evidence in court;
- a backup team of experienced accountants with in-depth technical and industry specific expertise; and
- international support from member firms of the Moore International network.

#### Client relationships

We are well aware of the pressures of litigation and the essential needs of court imposed deadlines. Beyond that, we also appreciate the ultimate client's expectations. We therefore encourage prospective instructors to contact us at the earliest opportunity to discuss whether we have the appropriate skills required and have no conflict of interest. All such pre-contractual exploratory discussions will be on a strictly "no cost or commitment basis".

### Versatility

In litigation support, accountants must quickly gain an in-depth understanding of the business sector to which the case relates. Understanding the key financial metrics requires an understanding of the fundamentals of the underlying business dynamics. We have unrivalled sectoral experience with case history across a broad spectrum of industries. This experience enables us to adapt and quickly react to new industries.

### Communication

Litigation is an interactive process and high standards of communication skills are a prerequisite. We place significant emphasis on writing high quality reports. High quality reports in turn position us to display robustness and confidence in settlement negotiations/legal proceedings.

### Timing

Court imposed deadlines must be met, and we rigorously timetable and schedule our work to meet expectations without exception and enable readers of our report to have adequate opportunity to digest our findings.

We are aware of the fluid nature of cases, and will ensure that the instructing legal team are kept fully informed, and therefore in control, of the work we have done and the costs incurred. We can, at no expense to the ultimate client, ensure that the most appropriate cost reporting regime is established.

The importance of client relationships is paramount, and our past successes, and subsequent re-instructions, reinforce this obvious overriding principle.

### Reporting

We place significant emphasis on delivering a report that is comprehensive, yet in a style that can enable a lay-person to gain a full understanding of the financial issues that surround a case. Our reports follow a structured approach as follows:

- An Executive Summary;
- Terms of Reference;
- Approach to Our Engagement;
- Results of Our Engagement; and
- Any other information that may be relevant.

### Forensic assignments

Our forensic accounting specialists are involved in numerous assignments each year, many of them involving multi-million euro claims. We are, therefore, familiar with taking instructions from and working with solicitors in the intense pressure of major litigation. The team is experienced in reporting as expert witnesses in accordance with Civil and Criminal Court Proceedings in a manner that is suitable for use in dispute resolution.

### Mediation

In commercial disputes, mediation is becoming increasingly popular as part of or as an alternative to legal proceedings. The benefits of reaching agreement through mediation are often very significant. Our experienced CEDR accredited mediator allows us to offer an independent professional service to assist legal firms in cases where an accountancy or commercial background would be appropriate.

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