FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT

Job Description:

**Forensic accountants** are experienced auditors and investigators of legal and financial documents that are hired to look into possible suspicions of fraudulent financial activity within a company. They can be hired by a company looking to prevent fraudulent activities from occurring, or to determine the cause and location of lost funds. Often they are hired to determine illegal and fraudulent actions. They can also provide consulting services in areas of accounting, damages, and valuation. Forensic accountants are also used in divorces, bankruptcy, insurance claims, personal injury claims, construction, and tracking terrorism. Many forensic accountants work closely with law enforcement, government agencies, and lawyers during investigations and often appear as expert witnesses during trials.

Job Responsibilities:

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* Report on revenue losses and damages from contract breaches
* Investigate complex business cases to minimize risk
* Provide litigation support and present findings to be used as trial evidence
* Perform regular financial record audits to ensure compliance with the law
* Ensure all accounting procedures follow legislation
* Keep organized files of all legal cases
* Attend court, when needed
* Maintain confidentiality as appropriate

Job Qualifications:

* Bachelors in Accounting, Finance, or related field
* Masters in Accounting, Finance, or related field preferred
* Certification in Forensic Accounting
* Additional certifications preferred
* Experience in forensic accounting

Opportunities in forensic accounting are available for applicants without experience in which more than one forensic accountant is needed in an area such that an experienced forensic accountant will be present to mentor.

Job Skills Required:

* Thorough knowledge of accounting and payroll procedures
* Understanding of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
* Proficiency in accounting and payroll software
* Proficiency in Microsoft Office
* Strong investigative and analytical skills
* Excellent numeracy skills with an ability to spot inaccuracies
* Strong attention to detail
* Integrity
* Awareness of laws and regulations related to accounting, finance, banking, and other related areas.