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# Goals and Objectives - Fraud's Impact on Organizations: - What happens? - Who does It? - Why did they do it? - What can you do about it?



### **Fraud Headlines**

- Iona College Fires 2 Employees After Discovering \$800,000 Fraud, The Chronicle of Higher Education. Oct 10, 2010
- Palm Beach Atlantic University ex-president pleads guilty to fraud, money laundering, By Scott Travis, Sun Sentinel, March 07, 2011
- Probe finds fraud, deception at for-profit colleges, <u>USA Today</u>, Aug 4, 2010
- Wire fraud, money laundering at center of Hardin CaSe (at the University of Central Arkansas), By David McCollum, <u>Thecabin.com</u>, March 7, 2011

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### **New Economic Realities**

- · Revenues are down.
- · Funding is down.
- · Cost-cutting is required or has happened.
- · Service delivery is at risk.
- · Financial controls are at risk.

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## **ACFE 2010 Report to the Nation**

### **Summary of Findings**

- Survey participants estimated that the typical organization loses 5% of its annual revenue to fraud. Applied to the estimated 2009 Gross World Product, this figure translates to a potential total fraud loss of more than \$2.9 trillion.
- The median loss caused by the occupational fraud cases in our study was \$160,000. Nearly onequarter of the frauds involved losses of at least \$1 million.
- The frauds lasted a median of 18 months before being detected.

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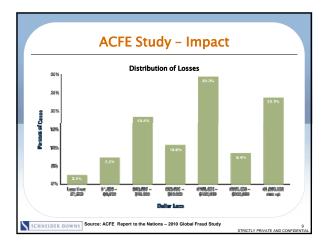
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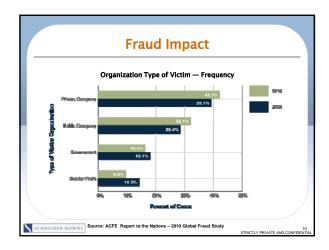
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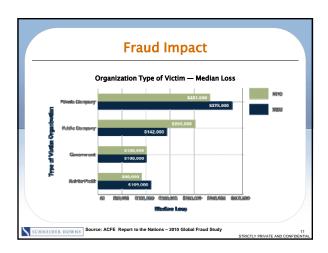
- The industries most commonly targeted were the banking/financial services, manufacturing and government/public administration sectors.
- Anti-fraud controls appear to help reduce the cost and duration of occupational fraud schemes. We looked at the effect of 15 common controls on the median loss and duration of the frauds. Victim organizations that had these controls in place had significantly lower losses and time-to-detection than organizations without the controls.

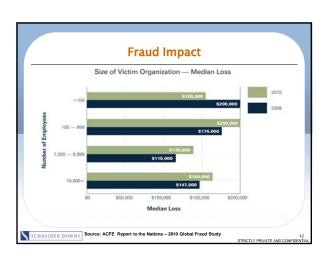
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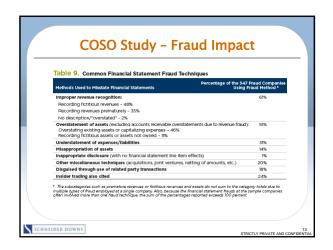
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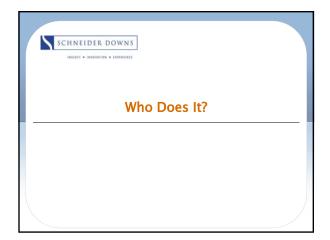


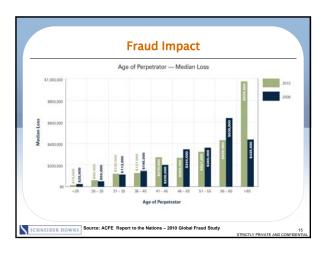


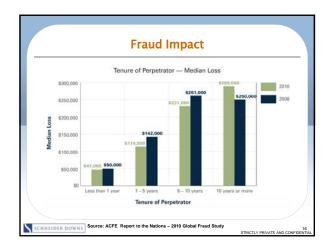


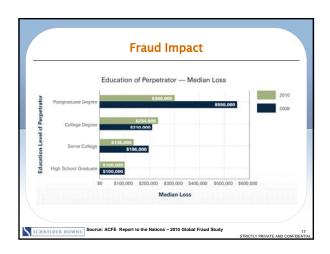


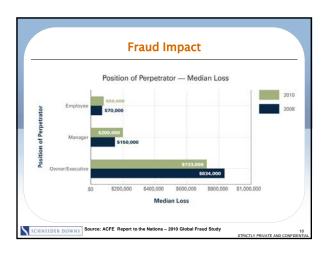




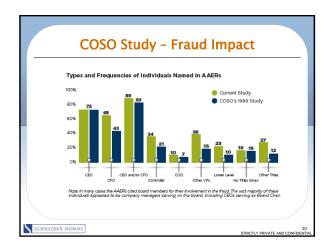


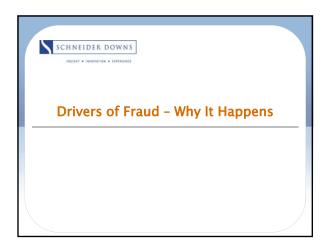


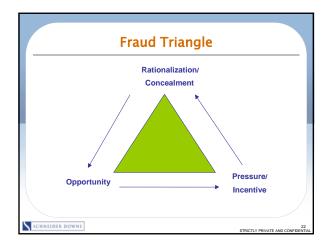




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Number of Cases Based on Perpetrator's Department				Median Loss Based on Perpetrator's Department			
Department	# of Cases	Pct. of Cases	Median Loss	Department	# of Cases	Pct. of Cases	Median Loss
Accounting	731	28.9%	\$200,000	Legal	8	1.0%	\$1,100,000
Executive / Upper Management	142	17,8%	\$853,000	Executive / Upper Management	142	17.8%	\$853,000
Operations	129	16.1%	\$80,000	Purchasing	22	2.8%	\$600,000
Sales	93	11.6%	\$106,000	Research and Development	7	0.9%	\$562,000
Customer Service	49	6.1%	\$45,000	Human Resources	7	0.9%	\$325,000
Finance	31:	3.9%	\$252,000	Finance	31	3.9%	\$252,000
Vitirehousing / Inventory	24	3.0%	\$100,000	Accounting	231	28.9%	\$200,000
Purchasing	22	2.8%	\$600,000	Sales	93	11.6%	\$106,000
Manufacturing and Production	19	2.4%	\$100,000	Warehousing / Inventory	24	3.0%	\$100,000
Information Technology	16	2.0%	\$90,000	Manufacturing and Production	19	2.4%	\$100,000
Marketing / Public Relations	1	1.0%	\$80,000	Information Technology	16	2.0%	\$90,000
Legal	1	1.0%	\$1,100,000	Board of Directors	8	13%	\$93,000
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# **Quantitative Red Flags**

- · Inadequate working capital / undercapitalized
  - Analyze:
    - · Quick/Current Ratios
    - · Aging Accounts Receivable
    - · Related-Party Transactions
- · Compensation tied to financial goals
  - Example: CFO/upper management bonuses tied to financial performance
  - Incentive: Cook the books to make bonus

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## **Quantitative Red Flags**

- · Disconnect between earnings and cash flow
- · Maximized lines of credit
- · Late financial statements or compliance reporting
- · Weak internal controls over hard and soft assets

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# **Qualitative Red Flags**

- · Failure to set the proper tone at the top
  - Entity viewed as personal asset/piggybank
- · Financial control vested into too few individuals
  - Owner(s) not as informed as they should be
  - Failure to review
- · Failure to communicate unacceptable behavior

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# **Qualitative Red Flags**

- · Failure to review separation of duties
- · Failure to review favored relationships

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