

# Forensic Accounting Services Investigation Process

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### Step I

Initial Background and Assessment



### Step II

Data Collection



### Step III

Examination and Analysis



#### Reporting

#### **Step I - Initial Background and Assessment**

- Develop work plan and initial information request
- Perform a high-level financial analysis
- Conduct interviews with management

### Step II - Data Collection

- Conduct interviews with relevant financial and operational personnel
- Review available documents and prepare supplemental information requests
- Visit site(s) and review accounting systems and internal controls including policies, procedures and processes

#### Step III - Examination and Analysis

- Perform an in-depth analysis of issues and data
- Conduct analytical review of financial information and perform various tests
  - Determine irregularities and related issues
- Quantify preliminary loss amounts and impacts

#### **Step IV - Reporting**

- Summarize findings with expert report
- Present results to client and counsel
- Report on internal controls and make recommendations for improvements to mitigate risks and weaknesses
- Assist with law enforcement, regulators and insurance recovery issues
- Assist in litigation



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