

Forensic Investigations

South Africa

FTI Consulting is an internationally recognised leader in independent investigation services to the business and legal community.

Our multi-disciplinary team of specialist investigators, forensic accountants, forensic lawyers, data analysts and computer forensic experts undertake investigations involving corporate fraud, whistle-blowing, employee negligence, white-collar crime, regulatory violations, financial misstatement and supply chain and bribery and corruption allegations. In addition, we can act as an expert witness in court.



An investigation requires immediate action. Data needs to be collected and analysed, key witnesses and suspects interviewed, and business intelligence gathered and reviewed. At the same time, the company should continue 'business as usual' whilst safeguarding its reputation.

“Whatever help you need, our multi-disciplinary team can assist at every stage of an investigation - tailoring our services to match the specific requirements of the case.”

Support at every stage of an Investigation

Investigations can vary widely, have sudden changes in scope and are often time-critical. They require immediate, decisive action and specialist support from experts, to help you respond effectively and efficiently.



We bring a multi-disciplinary approach to complex factual, financial and business-critical investigations, which includes:

Information Collection

- Search of publicly available material along with our own discreet source enquiries
- Conduct interviews
- Trace assets
- Investigate beneficial relationships
- Identify and preserve data from servers, computers, mobile phones and other forms of electronic media
- Manage hard copy evidence from end-to-end through collection and digitalization, eventually to be used in trial preparation and presentation in court

Fraud Prevention/Mitigation

- Evaluate compliance programs and make recommendations for enhancements
- Implement fraud prevention strategies
- Develop and participate in implementation of modified controls and corporate practices
- Monitor and test policies and procedures
- Train staff

Electronic Data Review & Analysis

- Use advanced analytics through document review and discovery platform, FTI’s document review platform, to help home in on the relevant documents quickly
- Uncover activity on devices, including recovery of deleted items and attempts to wipe data
- Use various tools to analyse structured data sets of any size to establish patterns and anomalies
- Reconstruct accounting records

Recommendations & Findings

- Produce a report for key stakeholders based on our investigation, that answers the who, what, where, when, how and why questions
- Provide information to assist lawyers on the appropriate case strategy and advise on possible next steps as well as manage and present large volumes of evidence
- Offer crisis communications support to create a communications strategy and tactical implementation plan

Our Unique Strengths



Internationally recognised leaders in forensic investigations



Ability to swiftly deploy teams anywhere in the region or the world to conduct a complete investigation



Integrated, multi-disciplinary team with a mix of specialist skills and industry expertise



Multi-lingual capabilities, with over 20 languages spoken



Innovative use of technology to streamline the investigation process



In-depth experience acting on pan-African and multi-jurisdictional investigations



Commercial, pragmatic approach focused on what's best for the client

Our Experience in Africa

Fraud Investigation in South Africa

FTI Consulting was retained by a mining company to investigate allegations of fraud in its South African subsidiary. FTI planned the investigation, reviewed evidence and assisted in conducting interviews with staff. FTI identified substantial sums as being potentially removed from the company and worked with lawyers to ensure that assets were frozen and recovery procedures were commenced.

Fraud Investigation in East Africa

FTI Consulting has assisted an East African Central Bank investigate allegations of fraud involving one of its mid-tier banks. The bank was placed into Receivership following disclosure by the bank's Board of alleged fraudulent activity and subsequent cover up, spanning at least 12 years, which upon discovery, revealed a significant hole in the bank's financial position. An FTI team, comprising of forensic accountants, data analysts, and forensic technology specialists have been on site since October 2015, preserving data, extracting information and analysing the bank's underlying accounting records. The FTI team work closely with the Central Bank and its lawyers to assist with numerous civil proceedings that have been commenced by multiple parties in relation to criminal investigations.

FTI Consulting has offices in Cape Town and Johannesburg, which are home to our Forensic & Litigation Investigations, Economic & Financial Consulting, Business Transformation, Corporate Finance and Strategic Communications teams.

And with offices in 29 major financial centres across the globe, we successfully serve clients wherever and whenever challenges and opportunities arise.

FTI Consulting Awards



WWL Investigations
Forensic Accounting Firm of the Year 2019



Lawyer International Global Award -
Best Forensic & Litigation Firm 2018 South Africa




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