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# FORENSICS

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# SPECIALIST FORENSICS ADVICE AND LITIGATION SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

Corporate forensics is a specialised field that blends accounting, auditing, witnessing and investigative skills. In times of uncertainty, it plays a pivotal role in uncovering financial complexities.

As businesses scale and expand, the risk of fraud, employee theft, and legal disputes can increase. This technical advisory service goes beyond traditional financial analysis. It involves meticulous investigation, data scrutiny, and fraud detection to unearth financial irregularities, discrepancies, or fraudulent activities within an organisation.

Businesses with the right forensic advice can minimise financial losses and reputation damage from litigations.

Olvera's dedicated team of advisors are well-equipped to assist you in unravelling financial mysteries, preventing fraud, and making informed decisions. With decades of combined experience, we can help your business navigate complex financial scenarios, conduct meticulous investigations, and offer expert testimony in legal proceedings.

## FORENSICS

# HOW WE CAN HELP

With decades of industry experience, our team has helped organisations across various industries turn uncertainties to their advantage. Our forensic services include:

### FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

Get the answers you need in complex accounting investigations with Olvera's Forensic Accounting services.

### INVESTIGATIONS

Our licensed forensic investigators can help you uncover any corporate misconduct, delivering high-quality results across all jurisdictions.

### ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING

Olvera's Anti Money Laundering services secures businesses with comprehensive solutions to minimise risks from criminal activities.

### DISPUTE ADVISORY

Navigate complex financial disputes with Olvera Advisors' Dispute Advisory services. Expert guidance at all stages of litigation, ensuring value preservation.

### EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES

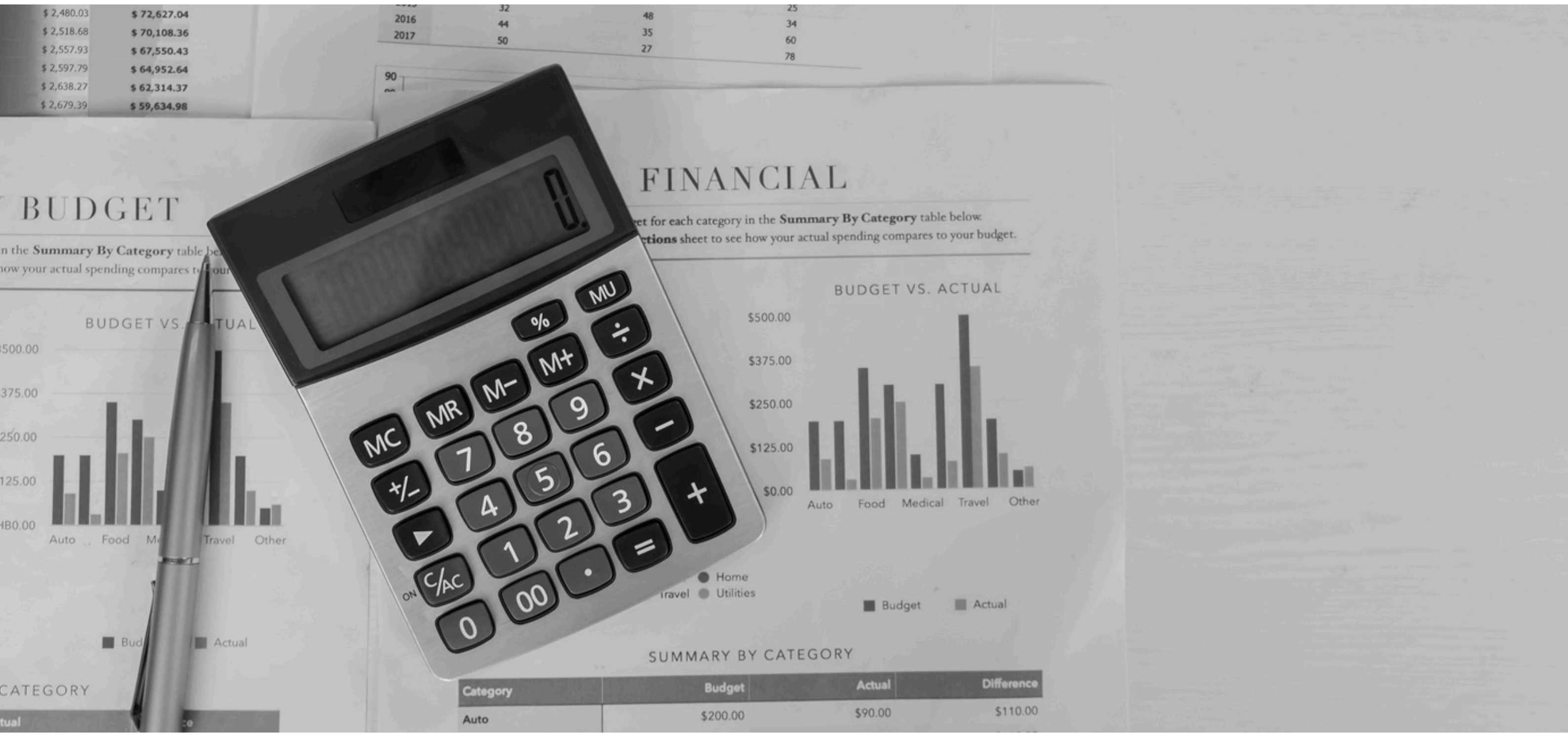
Stay ahead with comprehensive Expert Witness services for fair and compliant corporate transactions.

# FORENSICS ACCOUNTING

Forensic accounting is necessary in cases where there’s consequential loss, breach of contracts, fraud, and cybercrime. Olvera’s dedicated team includes experienced professionals, certified fraud examiners, chartered accountants, data analysts, and forensic practitioners to help your business in investigative cases.

With a wealth of local and international knowledge, we are here to get the answers you need in the best way possible.

- **Financial Crime Detection and Advisory:** Identifying and mitigating financial crimes with expert guidance to protect businesses from reputational and legal risks.
- **Forensic Audits and Data Analytics:** Conducting forensic audits with data analytics to uncover financial irregularities with clear insights and evidence.
- **Fraud, Corruption, and Misconduct Investigations:** Investigating fraud, corruption, and misconduct thoroughly to maintain compliance and uphold organisational integrity.
- **Fraud Management Training:** Training managers and employees in fraud prevention skills to reduce risk and strengthen internal control measures.
- **Audits and Investigations Compliance:** Ensuring regulatory compliance through comprehensive audits, addressing potential issues before they escalate.
- **Claims Forensics:** Preparation of Loss of Profits claims for insurance purposes during business closures. Includes preparation of damages claims both direct and consequential for breach of contract



# DISPUTE ADVISORY

Organisations and their directors can be at risk from a number of litigations, from legal disputes with suppliers or contractors to tax disputes and family breakdowns. Our financial accounting experts advise at all stages of a litigation dispute, taking an independent view while gathering and reviewing evidence.

Olvera Advisors can help your business in all dispute stages, from its outset, where the possibility of a positive outcome is higher, through to court proceedings.

- **Complex Loss Quantification Claims:** Expert assessment of financial losses to support accurate and fair claims in complex legal cases.
- **Professional Negligence Disputes:** Providing expertise in resolving negligence disputes, safeguarding reputation, and ensuring accountability in professional standards.
- **Family Court Testimony:** Offering impartial financial testimony in family court to support equitable asset division and settlements.
- **Superannuation and Insurance Valuations:** Delivering precise valuations for superannuation and insurance matters, helping secure fair and compliant outcomes.
- **Payroll Disputes:** Resolving payroll disputes by ensuring accurate assessments, compliance, and fair compensation for all parties involved.
- **Class Action Litigations:** Supporting class action cases with financial expertise, strengthening client claims through comprehensive data and analysis.
- **Out-of-Court Settlement Negotiations:** Facilitating settlement negotiations to reach efficient, mutually beneficial resolutions without prolonged litigation.

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# EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES

Expert witnesses services ensures that businesses are supported and protected during litigation, equipping them with credible, third-party assessments that strengthen their stance in legal proceedings.

Olvera's team of seasoned professionals is committed to delivering clear, concise, and effective insights, assisting organisations and their directors in making informed decisions regarding complex transactions, mergers, acquisitions, or disputes.

- **Contractual Testimony:** Testifying on corporate contract interpretation and assessment
- **Dispute Testimony:** Valuation testimony during legal disputes, estate settlements, or mergers and acquisitions, as well as shareholder disputes and claims.
- **Fraud Testimony:** Testimony on financial frauds or misappropriation of assets
- **Due Diligence:** Due diligence reports on a company's financial health, including asset valuation on bankruptcy proceedings
- **Corporate Compliance:** Assessment on corporate transactions, including regulatory compliance assessment and review

# ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

Olvera Advisors offers a full range of anti-money laundering services, from designing AML and CTF risk assessments and compliance programs to working on audits and training. Our specialist anti-money laundering service has helped countless businesses and financial institutions minimise risks from criminal activity.

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## RISK IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

Conducting organisation investigation to identify and assess the extent of any risks that may be present, taking into account new technologies, identity fraud, and overseas trends.

2

## INDEPENDENT REVIEWS

Conducting AML/CFT independent reviews for regulated institutions to ensure they comply with their independent review requirements under the AML/CTF Act. Olvera Advisors will also help clients respond to any irregularities raised by AUSTRAC and assist clients with their preparations.

3

## PEP SCREENING

Undertaking politically exposed person (PEP) screening to ensure businesses can assist customers under high scrutiny while keeping to their compliance obligations.

4

## ADVERSE MEDIA SCREENING

Monitoring news and media releases to help institutions track the press regarding both individuals and entities.

5

## KYC ADVISORY

Olvera Advisors are experienced Know Your Customer (KYC) specialists, providing financial institutions with detailed analysis to build a profile of an individual customer or entity.

# FORENSICS SERVICES IN ACTION

Here are some examples of how forensics services can help businesses undergoing periods of insolvency

## ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING (AML) COMPLIANCE, FINANCIAL SERVICES FIRM

### PROBLEM

JA financial services firm faced regulatory scrutiny due to insufficient AML controls, risking severe fines, reputational damage, and potential loss of licenses.

### SOLUTION

A comprehensive AML risk assessment is conducted, implementing rigorous compliance protocols, staff training, and upgraded transaction monitoring systems to meet regulatory standards and safeguard the firm's integrity.

### RESULTS

The firm achieved full compliance, avoided penalties, strengthened its reputation, and improved its capacity to identify and prevent suspicious activities, ensuring long-term regulatory alignment.

## DISPUTE ADVISORY, CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT DISPUTE

### PROBLEM

A construction company was entangled in a high-stakes contract dispute over project delays and cost overruns, risking financial losses and damaged client relationships.

### SOLUTION

A dispute advisory team provided expert contract analysis, evidence gathering, and strategic negotiation support, aiming for an out-of-court settlement that preserved client relationships and minimised financial impact.

### RESULTS

The dispute was resolved through a favourable settlement, saving the company legal costs, preserving the client relationship, and safeguarding the company's reputation in the industry.

# OLVERA'S FORENSICS ADVISORY APPROACH

Olvera Advisors forensic accounting services are designed to uncover and mitigate potential threats to your business' financial integrity with precision and accurate insight.

## STEP 1 FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IDENTIFICATION

Identifying financial discrepancies is the foundation of effective forensic accounting. Through meticulous analysis, Olvera documents potential sources of fraud, financial misstatements, and compliance issues, ensuring that irregularities are accounted for.

## STEP2 INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSE

With the unique characteristics of each irregularity in mind, we design a tailored investigative response plan. This may include fraud prevention measures and corrective actions to support both immediate and long-term organisational resilience.

## STEP 3 MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Our forensic experts assist in implementing targeted strategies to address identified irregularities. Using methods backed by rigorous testing, Olvera provides actionable solutions designed to secure your financial operations against future threats.

## STEP4 ONGOING MONITORING

Financial threats are dynamic and evolve over time. Olvera's ongoing monitoring services ensure that your organisation can identify and address new financial issues proactively, keeping your financial systems secure and transparent.

# OUR CASE STUDIES

Olvera's lead advisers have relevant knowledge and experience across many industries and regions. Here are some of our engagements with Australian businesses.

HEDLEY GROUP

Advisor to Tom Hedley on the financial viability of its national portfolio of hotel, property and construction businesses, including its controlling interest in National Leisure and Gaming Limited (later Redcape Limited)

ABC LEARNING CENTRES

Advisors to the Board and Senior Management on the restructure of the business, including financial viability and working capital management of its operating centres prior to insolvency and advising in the acquisition by Goodstart Early Learning

Octaviar

Liquidator of the Octaviar Group of Companies which operated the Stella Travel and Tourism Group, Peppers Resorts, Mirage and Bale brands and various other property and hospitality assets.

LIBERTY

Advisors to the Board and Management on the financial impacts of the insolvency of one of its key financial partners Greensill Capital and the contamination effects across its portfolio of Australian steel manufacturing and mining assets.

LANDCOM

Advisor on financial viability of counter party risk in Landcom's land disposal and divestment programme under the NSW Government Panel Scheme.

# MEET OUR EXPERTS

No matter your challenges, our team of experts are qualified to develop a solution that's right for you. Talk to us today about Personal Insolvency or any other solution that can support your financial recovery.

## Damien Hodgkinson

PRINCIPAL

Damien develops strategic solutions for groups dealing in crisis management and/or distress investment. He has over 30 years of experience working with distressed companies in the financial assessment, recoverability, and sustainability of risk assets.

Damien's industry and strategic expertise focuses on two key markets:

- Retailing – Clothing and General Merchandise
- Property and construction

## Michael Billingsley

PRINCIPAL

With over 20 years of international experience in Insolvency and Reconstruction, Michael has distinguished himself as a trusted advisor for various stakeholders including banks, alternative lenders, and government departments.

Michael's expertise:

- Business recovery & turnaround
- Debt advisory
- Forensics & Financial Investigations
- Safe Harbour

## Robyn Karam

PRINCIPAL

Robyn specialises in forensic accounting and expert witness engagements and has been appointed to lead our Forensic practice.

Robyn's expertise:

- Business recovery and turnaround
- Business insolvency
- Forensics
- Property and construction

## Tony Wright

PRINCIPAL

Tony is a highly experienced restructuring professional with over 15 years expertise in various restructuring and investigative engagements.

Tony's expertise:

- Independent Business Reviews
- Forensics & financial investigations
- Asset & money tracing
- Examinations and litigation

# OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

## Neil Cussen

PRINCIPAL

Neil is a respected expert in the Insolvency and Reconstruction industry, bringing a substantial tenure of over 35 years. As a Chartered Accountant and Registered Liquidator.

Neil's expertise:
- Asset Tracing
- Business insolvency
- Business recovery & turnaround
- Debt advisory

## Kate Barnet

PRINCIPAL

Kate is a well-regarded financial professional and FCA with a 25+ year career in professional services.

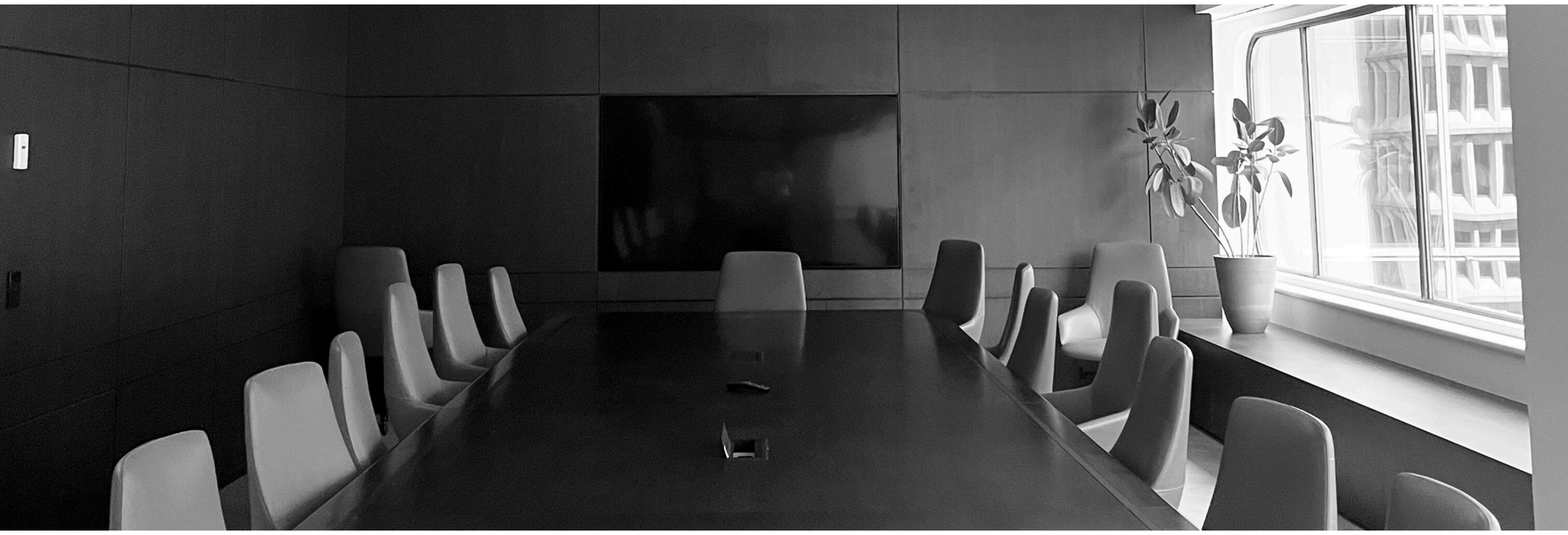
Kate's expertise:
- Financial Services
- Not-for-Profit & Public Sector
- Listed Company
- Property & Construction

## Kate Foy

PRINCIPAL

Kate Foy has over 25 years of experience in public service, having just retired from the NSW Government and completed her 12 months service exclusion in July 2024.

Her last position was as a Group Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Sport and Arts Group Dept Premier and Cabinet. Kate's role included overseeing $1.5 billion in arts infrastructure change, drawing from her 11 years as head of strategy and operations in the government transport division.



# CONCLUSION

“Olvera believes that a **good project team** is made up of **specialists with key focus** on the core issues. “

Dealing with litigations and disputes requires a bespoke solution that’s right to your own unique needs.

Our team brings independent specialists to a project to ensure that we have the forensics experience and knowledge necessary to provide our clients and partners with the most practical and executable recommendations.

Our people deliver sound and effective outcomes based on their personal market knowledge and transactional experience.

Contact our team of experts for a confidential discussion.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