

THE ROLE OF EXPERT FORENSIC ACCOUNTANTS IN PROCEEDS OF CRIME CASES

Sympathy for criminals is often scarce, particularly when individuals are found guilty of profiting from illegal activities. In such cases, there are usually demands for full restitution. However, when it comes to proceeds of crime cases—wherein the court aims to recover the financial benefits gained from criminal acts—a balanced and just approach is essential.

This is where forensic accounting services play a crucial role. They rely on concrete facts and figures to determine the actual amount gained by the defendant through criminal activities. Whether it involves individuals operating illegal businesses alongside legitimate ones or concealing assets acquired fraudulently, forensic accounting can be vital in calculating appropriate restitution under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA).

At CavanaghKelly's Forensic Accounting division, we are frequently engaged to prepare expert accounting reports for defendants. These reports meticulously detail assets or funds acquired lawfully versus those obtained through illicit means.

Prosecution estimates often tend to be inaccurate or exaggerated in their pursuit of justice. Our forensic experts have a proven track record of significantly reducing these figures by presenting clear, comprehensive, and evidence-based reports to the court. This ensures that only the correct amount is repaid during proceedings of a proceeds of crime case. In addition, the figures established can often have a direct impact on the level of the defendant's sentence.

For expert assistance in criminal cases involving proceeds of crime or any financial dispute, contact CavanaghKelly's Forensic Accounting division for an impartial evaluation. We provide support to individuals, companies, legal professionals, and accountants in conducting thorough investigations into financial affairs, ensuring a fair resolution for both prosecution and defence.

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