



## Where it all began . . .

The first major corporate fraud is known as the South Sea Bubble. The South Sea Company was formed in England in 1711 with exclusive trading rights to Spanish South America. The owners drove the price up through trickery of having agents spread tales of huge successes and having cohorts pay higher and higher prices for the stock. The truth started coming out and the inflated price of over £1,000 dropped down to something nearer to £100. When the scandal reached Parliament in 1720 and Parliament was recalled, they hired the first external auditor, Charles Snell, to examine the books of the South Sea Company. His efforts became famous and led to what we now know as the profession of Certified Public Accountants. Thus, CPAs owe their professional recognition in large part to fraud.

In 1721, Snell submitted his report. He uncovered widespread corruption and fraud among the directors and among company officials and their friends at Westminster Abbey. It is from this significant beginning



that we chose our company name: from this cornerstone of fraud awareness, we take our identity.

## About Us

There is a pervasive need in our society for the resources to combat the fraudulent activities of unscrupulous predators who are costing society billions of dollars annually. We, at Westminster, bring our expertise to your organization in the prevention and detection of fraud, as well as providing businesses with the expertise that builds efficiency and effectiveness within those organizations. Our firm is a tremendous global resource for economic growth and protection of the assets which create that growth.



Westminster Investigative Consultants joins the education, experience, and expertise of accountants and business professionals with over 150 years of combined experience. Our management team and staff is a highly qualified group of individuals who have the experience and education to meet the needs of our clients in combating fraud and providing business consulting services to the public and private sectors.

## Our Vision

“Sustainable growth and prosperity for the company and its partners comes from:

- ◆ Being a global leader in the fight against fraud.
- ◆ Maximizing service opportunities while providing the highest level of professional performance and advice to our clients.
- ◆ Fostering a win-win business environment that is based on mutual business growth.
- ◆ Establishing a team-based work environment where all employees are valued and encouraged to learn new skills and excel.
- ◆ Providing society with the resources to protect and defend itself from the ravages of unscrupulous predators,
- ◆ Sharing our expertise with others in an educational environment so that our global society benefits from increased awareness and an expanding group of advocates.”

## Our Services

Westminster offers professional services in the area of fraud investigation and forensic accounting, specifically white-collar crime, organizational crime, occupational crime, and fraud prevention. Investigative areas include:

- ◆ Bribery and corruption
- ◆ Financial statement fraud
- ◆ Theft of intellectual property
- ◆ Financial Institution fraud
- ◆ Check and credit card fraud
- ◆ Insurance fraud
- ◆ Healthcare fraud
- ◆ Bankruptcy fraud
- ◆ Tax fraud
- ◆ Securities fraud
- ◆ Money laundering
- ◆ Consumer fraud
- ◆ Computer and Internet fraud
- ◆ Public Sector fraud
- ◆ Contract & Procurement fraud
- ◆ Cash theft
- ◆ Fraudulent disbursements
- ◆ Theft of inventory & other assets



## Our Management Team

Our management team and staff is a highly qualified group of individuals who have the experience and education to meet the needs of our clients in combating fraud and providing business consulting services to the public and private sectors. Specific areas of education and experience include:

- ◆ General Accounting and Auditing
- ◆ Forensic Accounting
- ◆ Fraud Investigation
- ◆ Business Management
- ◆ Marketing
- ◆ Theories of Criminal Behavior
- ◆ Criminal Justice System
- ◆ Legal System
- ◆ Civil Justice System
- ◆ Rules of Evidence
- ◆ Employee Rights
- ◆ Search and Seizure Laws
- ◆ Executing Search Warrants
- ◆ Document Analysis
- ◆ Data Analysis
- ◆ Covert Investigations
- ◆ Computer Forensics
- ◆ Interview and Interrogation
- ◆ Written Reports
- ◆ Confession Statements
- ◆ Export Management
- ◆ Executive and Legislative Processes

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### *Our Mission*

*“Unwavering commitment to the prevention and detection of fraud and providing business advice that builds effectiveness and efficiency in order to grow and protect our clients’ assets as well as benefit society as a whole both in the United States and abroad.”*