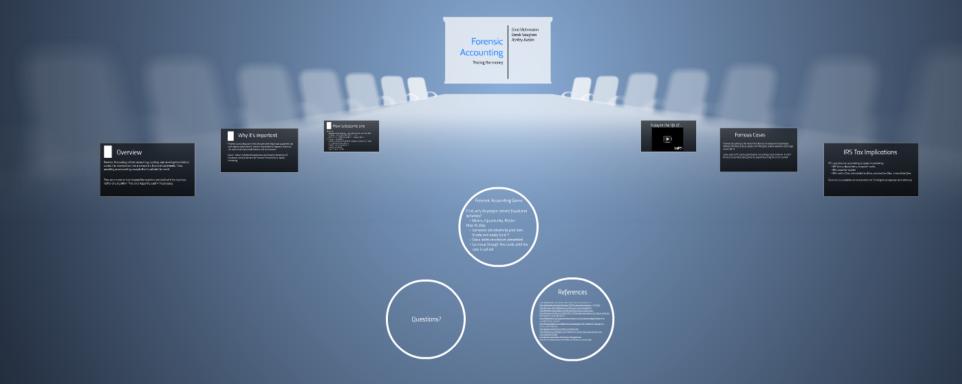
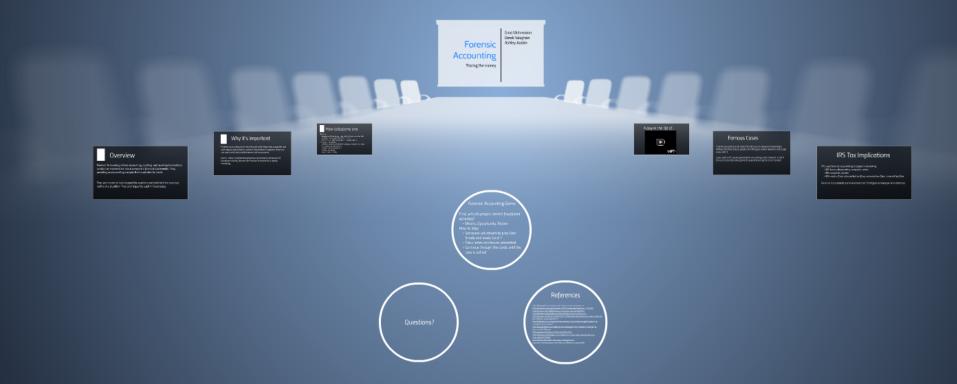
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Forensic Accounting

Tracing the money

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Overview

Forensic Accounting utilizes accounting, auditing, and investigative skills to conduct an examination into a company's financial statements. Thus, providing an accounting analysis that is suitable for court.

They are trained to look beyond the numbers and deal with the business reality of a situation. They are frequently used in fraud cases.



Why it's important

- Forensic accounting use to only be used when fraud was suspected, but with regular audits done to prevent fraud before it happens, they now can assist with high profile divorces and tax evasions
- Due to today's heightened awareness and growing intolerance of fraudulent activity, demand for Forensic Accountants is rapidly increasing.



How to become one

Education:

- Bachelor or Master degree in accounting, finance, or related field
- Criminal Justice or law enforcement is a plus
- CFE, CPA, or CA (CFE has significant increase in salary)

Knowledge, skills, abilities:

- White-collar crimes, GAAP/GAAS violations, embezzlement, fraud
- Testifying as an expert witness
- Excellent communication skills
- Attentional to detail
- High standards of ethics



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