

# INVESTIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES



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Sikich will provide sophisticated, resourceful and objective expertise to your business with our forensic accountants, auditors, certified fraud examiners, former city government inspector general, cyber security and computer forensic specialists, data analytics experts, and credentialed valuation experts.

We provide sophisticated, creative and objective expertise to clients and their outside counsel to solve forensic accounting and technology challenges in dispute advisory and investigative matters, which enables clients to navigate challenges, protect and improve their businesses in an efficient manner.

- Increasing trend of litigation and investigation plans given a strict (increasingly) regulatory environment
- Greater risk exposure and ramifications
- The choice of advisor in legal proceedings and investigations could effect the value of the business

### INVESTIGATION SERVICES

The Sikich investigations team provides an invaluable set of investigative skills to help companies that conduct business in an increasingly complex technical landscape quickly find the truth and gather evidence that withstands the scrutiny of public perception and regulatory bodies. These skills protect the company and quickly quantify the impact of any wrong-doing suffered by the company. The investigative skills, obtained over decades of experience between our highly experienced team members with backgrounds in public accounting include:

- Financial investigations, such as embezzlement and accounting
- Irregularities
- Digital forensics
- Corruption investigations
- Interviewing witnesses and subjects
- Comprehensive document review
- Forensic accounting
- Forensic data analytics
- Anti-fraud advisory

In collaboration with our highly specialized forensic technology team, we are able to effectively identify, capture and analyze evidence in a timely and cost-effective manner.

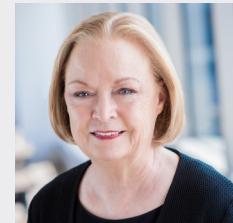
### DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

Our litigation support team has a proven track record of providing thorough financial and accounting analysis across a wide range of areas, including:

- High-stakes litigation
- Accounting disputes
- Trade secrets
- Construction real estate
- Complex damages
- Intellectual property infringement
- Tortious interference
- Professional liability and malpractice
- Lost profits
- Breach of contract
- Securities litigation
- Marital dissolution matters
- Unjust enrichment
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Fraud
- Marital dissolution matters
- Economic damages
- Class action matters
- Bankruptcy litigation
- Valuation litigation
- Diminution of value
- Misappropriation of
- Insurance claims
- Reasonable royalty

Additionally, our team members have served as an accounting neutral, accounting arbitrator or an expert witness in post-acquisition disputes. With significant experience in the preparation of expert reports, our team assists clients in all phases of complex litigation, including early case assessments, discovery, document review, damages analysis, complex financial modeling, and demonstrative exhibits. Our team members have been qualified as expert witnesses in federal district, bankruptcy courts and state courts across the U.S.

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## WHY SIKICH?

### Multi-disciplinary platform

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### Significant technology capabilities

Sikich has deep forensic technology resources to meet client needs for projects involving information security consulting, fraud management, risk mitigation, and vulnerability detection and prevention. Our experts specialize in performing compliance audits, penetration tests, computer security assessments, computer forensic investigations, and data analytics.

### Enhanced flexibility as to scale of project and fee arrangements to meet unique client needs

Sikich's entrepreneurial culture is much easier to work with compared to the global accounting and consulting firms.

### Integrated and collaborative approach to service client needs

Sikich has a one-firm culture, which results in the appropriate resources being allocated to projects.

### Fewer conflicts

Sikich is significantly smaller in size than other global accounting firms and Sikich has a much higher concentration of consulting business versus audit (which causes independence conflicts). In most situations, we can clear conflicts within 48 to 72 hours.

## OUR CREDENTIALS

### OUR TEAM HOLDS THE FOLLOWING LICENSES AND/OR CREDENTIALS:

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF)
- Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)
- Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA)
- Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV)
- Certified Inspector General (CIG)
- Certified Global Management Accountant (CGMA)
- PCI Forensic Investigator (PFI)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)

**Our experts have testified in hundreds of cases at deposition and/or trial for matters filed in in federal and state courts, including arbitration.**

*For more information about our services, visit [www.sikich.com/forensics-valuation/](http://www.sikich.com/forensics-valuation/).*

Sikich currently practices in an alternative practice structure in accordance with the AICPA Professional Code of Conduct and applicable law, regulations, and professional standards. Sikich CPA LLC is a licensed CPA firm that provides audit and attest services to its clients. Sikich LLC has a contractual arrangement with Sikich CPA LLC under which Sikich LLC provides Sikich CPA LLC with professional and support personnel and other services to support Sikich CPA LLC's performance of its professional services, and Sikich CPA LLC shares certain client information with Sikich LLC with respect to the provision of such services.

Securities offered through Sikich Corporate Finance LLC, member FINRA/SIPC. Investment advisory services offered through Sikich Financial, an SEC Registered Investment Advisor.

