



William Rustin Pounds, CFE

Manager

An experienced criminal investigator, auditor and corporate consultant for over 19 years, William is a Manager in Cherry Bekaert's Fraud & Forensics practice. He specializes in consulting assistance to clients in numerous industries, with an emphasis on fraud investigation, public corruption, embezzlement, fraud prevention, mortgage fraud and financial crime enforcement operations. William is also a member of the Firm's Fraud and Forensics group, assisting clients with forensic accounting, fraud examination services, fraud risk management, litigation support of financial crimes and defalcations and data analysis.

William's background includes working on several federal task force cases with the Internal Revenue Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, and state agencies and prosecutors. Prior to joining Cherry Bekaert, he was a Special Agent within the Financial Crime Investigation Unit of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. In this capacity, William conducted criminal investigations involving embezzlement, false pretense, conspiracy, forgery and extortion, as well as violations of the U.S. criminal code to include bank fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, the Hobbs Act and money laundering.

A sought-after speaker, William has developed and presented several lectures on identify theft, investigations of white collar crimes, and other financial crime topics.

Areas of Expertise

- ▶ Fraud & Forensics
- ▶ Forensic Accounting & Analysis
- ▶ Fraud Investigation & Prevention
- ▶ Risk Assessment & Mitigation
- ▶ Financial Crime Investigation
- ▶ Internal Investigations
- ▶ White Collar Crime
- ▶ Fraud Risk Management

Professional Involvement

- ▶ Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
- ▶ International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI)

Let's Talk

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Profile

Education

B.S. in Business Administration
with concentration in Finance,
graduated Cum Laude,
Barton College

North Carolina State Bureau
of Investigation Special Agent
Academy

Industry Expertise

Real Estate & Construction
Government
Professional Services

Service Line

Advisory

Specialties

Entrepreneurial Services
Fraud & Forensics
Litigation Support
Risk Management/Advisory
Fraud Risk Management
Financial Crime Investigation