



William D. Brown, JD, CPA

Forensic Accountant - Consultant

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William Brown has over 40 years of forensic accounting/investigative experience which includes the FBI, a national law firm, a Big 4 accounting firm and a state agency. Mr. Brown's Forensic and Litigation practice specializes in forensic accounting, investigations, litigation support, and compliance and ethics program design and implementation.

EDUCATION

Bachelor Degree in Accounting, 1976
Arizona State University

Juris Doctor Degree (with Distinction), 1990
University of Oklahoma

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Public Accountant, Texas
Certified Compliance and Ethics Professional

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

W. D. Brown & Associates, Dallas, Texas

July 2017 – Present

- Provides forensic accounting/litigation support services regarding a variety of matters, including healthcare providers, false claims act, bankruptcy related Ponzi scheme, residential contractors and food wholesalers. Provide expert testimony regarding forensic/investigative matters.

Managing Director, FTI Consulting, Inc., Dallas, Texas

December 2015 – June 2017

- Provided forensic accounting/investigative services to a variety of clients, including public university, healthcare provider and a wholesale grocery company. Provided expert sworn testimony regarding damages and causation.

Partner-Weaver LLP, Dallas, Texas

September 2005–December 2015

- Partner-in-Charge of the Forensic/litigation practice for the largest regional CPA firm in the southwest. Was appointed receiver by United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas in SEC v. Amerifirst Funding, Inc., et al, July 2, 2007. The receivership involved over 540 investors primarily from Florida and Texas who had invested in excess of \$60 million. As Receiver was involved in the identification and marshaling of over \$58 million in assets, including used car dealerships, sub-prime auto finance operations and real estate. Managed four major investigations involving public school districts in Texas resulting in referrals to law enforcement. Investigated the embezzlement of over \$6 million in repatriated funds, tracing the funds through a maze of 16 bank accounts. Over \$770,000 was traced to would be hit men hired to murder culprit's wife.



RECENT SIGNIFICANT CASES

Saucedo v. Vazquez

Conducted a forensic investigation arising out of a contract dispute and determined the amounts owed each of the partners. The lack of detailed financial information required the reconstruction of financial records and relevant transactions from numerous bank accounts. I provided an expert report which facilitated the settlement of the lawsuit.

State Bar of Texas

Performed a forensic examination of previously reported theft of over \$500,000 by former employee. The examination involved identifying how the theft occurred and was successfully concealed for several years. I further analyzed the effectiveness of procedural changes taken by the Bar in the aftermath of the theft. I reported my findings to the Bar's Board of Directors.

Securities and Exchange Commission v. 4D Circle LLC, et al.

Provided forensic accounting services to Court appointed receiver. Analyzed financial information relating to the business and prepared quarterly status reports for the Court, including profit and loss, balance sheet and equity. Services are ongoing.

Siragusa v. Rajpal, et al

Acted as Court appointed receiver in a state court action. Took control of an online retail business during the pendency of a lawsuit. Managed the daily operations, including online sales, receiving product and shipping purchases. During the 6 months acting as receiver, turned monthly net losses into net profits.

Estate of Brian Loncar

Hired by the executor of the estate to identify over \$15 million in assets diverted by family members and employees. Analyzed computerized financial records covering a 5-year period, many of the files were corrupted and had to be reconstructed. Assisted the executor in recovering estate assets.

Rio Grande Consolidated Independent School District

Conducted a public corruption and procurement fraud investigation regarding the School District. Provided investigative reports to the FBI and local District Attorney.

Beaumont Independent School District

Investigated allegations of fraud involving the proceeds of a \$388 million bond program by an independent school district in southeast Texas. The investigation involved the detailed analysis of over 40 construction projects, focusing on procurement practices and performance of the contractors and subcontractors. As a result of the investigation, referrals were made to the joint local and federal task force investigating the school district.

Plano Independent School District

Investigated a scheme between an outside vendor and District personnel to defraud the District by submitting over \$2.7 million in bogus invoices for repairs and maintenance of the District's fire safety system. Our investigative results were provided the FBI which prosecuted the individuals involved.

El Paso Independent School District

Investigated allegations of a widespread scheme by top administrators to avoid federal and state accountability standards. The investigation involved the interview of over 150 administrators and teachers and the analysis of over 30,000 District records. As a result, the Texas Education Agency instituted procedures to revoke the teaching certifications of 55 teachers. Our investigation provided the basis for the criminal prosecution of at least 7 former District Administrators and employees. I provided expert testimony for the U.S. Department of Justice in its trial of 7 defendants.



Securities and Exchange Commission v. Gemstar, et al.

Provided forensic accounting services to Court appointed receiver regarding a \$23 million estate. Identified assets belonging to the estate and traced investor funds through a series of bank accounts. Analyzed investor claims which included a number of investor groups each with its own set of investors. Assisted receiver with the Plan of Distribution and determined the amount owed each investor.

State of Texas v. John Franklin Howard

Identified a \$6 million theft from an international import company by its former CFO. Traced the stolen funds through a maze of 16 bank accounts and identified real estate, charitable contributions, payments to related parties and the payment of over \$775,000 the former CFO paid to individuals to have his wife murdered. Provided testimony at the trial of former CFO for the criminal solicitation of capital murder for which he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Securities and Exchange Commission v. AmeriFirst Funding, Inc., et al.

Appointed Receiver by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Managed a \$60,000,000 estate which included four car dealerships, a portfolio of sub-prime auto loans and real estate in Texas and Honduras. The case involved over 540 investors from the states of Texas and Florida. Mr. Brown was able to return about \$49 million to the investors which far exceeded the SES's average national return to investors of about 5%

Range Resources

Led a team of 10 forensic accountants investigating allegations of bribery and kickbacks paid to drilling supervisors working on \$1B drilling program in the Marsalis Shale in Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Ohio. Investigation lasted 10 weeks. Confirmed allegations and reported to Company.

Berkley Risk Administrators of Texas v. Texas Political Subdivisions

This was a breach of contract case involving a third-party administrator. In support of the defendant's counter-claim, we analyzed the financial reporting requirements under the administrative services agreements and the plaintiff's performance. We opined regarding the malfeasance in the performance of plaintiff. The case resulted in a multi-million dollar settlement for the defendant.

Guild Manufacturing, Inc. v. J. C. Penney Co

This case was a breach of contract case involving the Electronic Trading Partner agreement between the plaintiff supplier and J. C. Penney. The plaintiff also alleged fraud, conversion, usury and included a RICO claim. Plaintiffs' goal was to establish a basis for a class action suits against J. C. Penney Co by its over 9,000 suppliers. Mr. Brown testified regarding the fraud-based liability claims and alleged contract damages. At trial, the Federal Judge directed a verdict in favor of J. C. Penney on the RICO, fraud, conversion and usury claims. The contract claim was settled.

Guardsmark, Inc. v. Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Tennessee

This was a breach of contract case involving a third-party administrator for a self-funded health and benefit plan. On behalf of the plaintiff, we analyzed the performance of the defendant under the administrative services agreement and the fees charged. The case was settled.

Johnson County v. Harris Methodist Affiliated Hospitals, et al

This case involved the contract between Johnson County and Walls Regional Hospital for the provision of indigent healthcare to county residents. On behalf of the Johnson County we analyzed defendant's performance under the contract, including the eligibility determinations for over 9,000 patients. We testified as to damages and the case was settled.



LECTURES - FRAUD AND FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

- FBI Academy (Five lectures on Insurance Insolvency Fraud, 250+ FBI agents) - September 1992 to December 1994
- Florida Insurance Department - 1994
- National Association of Insurance Commissioners - August 1993
- Oklahoma Insurance Department - 1992
- Pennsylvania Insurance Department - May 1995
- Tennessee Insurance Department - 1993, 1994
- Texas Insurance Department - April 1995
- Numerous lectures at state universities on forensic accounting and fraud detection.
- Numerous lectures to independent school districts on forensic accounting and fraud detection.

ARTICLES

- "Fraud vs. The Auditor: No Contest", Spring 2006 (Weaver Insights)
- "War on Health Care Fraud Spreads to North Texas," *Dallas Business Journal*, May 12, 1995.
- "Healthcare Fraud: The Saga Continues," *Interlocutor - A Publication of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council*, May/June, 1995.
- "Insurance Fraud Surge Challenges the Justice System," *Business Insurance*, February 21, 1994.
- "Investigation and Prosecution of Insurance Fraud," *Insurance Fraud Manual*. 1992.