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Originally from South Africa, Bronwenn started her career in external audit and has been working as a forensic investigator for seven years, leading engagements both domestically and internationally as well as having worked on one of Australia's largest fraud cases.

Bronwenn is an experienced forensic expert assisting clients to investigate complex fraud and corruption matters as well as serious workplace misconduct. A large focus of her work and passion is in proactive detection engagements in which analytics and an investigative analysis is applied to large data sets to identify trends and themes, potential suspicious transactions or control weaknesses.

Engagement Experience —

- Forensic investigation to support one of the highest profile criminal investigations in Australia. Examined allegations of corruption against a senior executive of a major financial institution and a contractor that required extensive examination of electronic data and financial records. Significant fraud and corruption were identified in relation to a \$120 million contract.
- Independent forensic investigation for an Australian subsidiary of a US-based company relating to allegations of deceptive and unauthorised conduct by a senior executive and other employees. Through a detailed analysis of financial data spanning many years, fixed asset reports, electronic data (including email, computer, mobile phones and credit card statements), and extensive interviews, the investigation identified and quantified an established practice of misappropriating assets and unauthorised use of company funds.
- Independent forensic investigation for an ASX-listed resources and energy entity, with respect to allegations of improper employee conduct (including a conflict of interest) as it related to the large national fleet of the company. The investigation was able to confirm the existence of the conduct over a period of at least 10 years.
- Investigation into allegations that an Accounts Payable officer at a mining and resources company was misappropriating company funds into their personal bank account. The investigation combined analytics, email review, and an interview, and was used to substantiate the existence of at least \$300,000 in misappropriated funds.
- Investigation into dishonest funding provided to an organisation. The investigation involved a site inspection, interviews and examination of financial data. The McGrathNicol team identified that \$2 million had been dishonestly claimed by falsifying qualifications and student records.

Qualifications & Memberships —

- Bachelor of Laws (North-West University of Potchefstroom)
- Bachelor of Law and Accounting (North-West University of Potchefstroom)
- Bachelor of Accounting Science (University of South Africa)
- Higher Diploma in Tax Law (IITF in association with Thomas Jefferson School of Law)
- Member of the Association of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
- Certified Fraud Examiner, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)
- Cert IV in Government Investigations



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- Investigation into a matter assessed by the state government regulator into workplace misconduct involving an aggrieved person who was subject to unfair workplace treatment. The matter was also the subject of an Industrial Relations Commission hearing. The investigation involved the interview of the complainant, several witnesses, extensive examination of emails and ultimately, six subject interviews.
- Confidential workplace investigation in relation to two senior officials in a Government department. The allegations related to inappropriate and bullying behaviour. The matter involved interviewing the complainant, several witnesses, and two subject officers. The McGrathNicol factual report enabled lawyers to provide legal advice to their client.
- Investigation into allegations of misconduct and corrupt conduct relating to senior officials of a state Government department. The allegations related to inappropriate recruitment practices, bullying and harassment, and failure to declare conflicts of interest. The investigation involved the examination of mailbox data, subject interviews, as well as detailed analysis of document metadata to establish facts around the allegations.
- Investigation into a matter assessed by the state government regulator on breaches of duty by government inspectors. The investigation required detailed interviews of complainants, witnesses, and two subject officers, as well as extensive documentation examination. McGrathNicol provided a detailed investigation report with factual findings.
- Confidential dispute advisory for a matter initiated by a Federal Government department. The engagement involved a detailed review of complex financial, banking and business data for a period of over 10 years. This required effective liaison with stakeholders and a final expert report suitable for litigation purposes.