

Vern Meiring

Director in Perth

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Vern has over 18 years forensic investigation experience including investigations into fraud and corruption across a range of industries.

Vern has extensive experience leading fraud and misconduct investigations which include conducting interviews and performing analysis of large transactional data sets including emails and other documents. He joined McGrathNicol in 2017, having previously worked for Big 4 firms in Australia and Africa.

Vern is also a trained lawyer and was admitted to practice law in South Africa after completing his articles of clerkship. Since joining McGrathNicol, Vern has been engaged in numerous high-profile investigations which have led to criminal prosecutions.

Engagement Experience —

- Contractual dispute investigation in relation to mining construction, in particular analysis and calculation of labour hours, the application of rates as well as equipment and consumable costs.
- Fraud investigation on behalf of a large Australian mining company into allegations of fraud, overcharging and contractual non-compliance by a vendor with regards to mining consumables and the repair and maintenance of heavy machinery.
- Misconduct investigation on behalf of a public utility into various procurement practices involving the management of a preferred vendor by senior personnel.
- Fraud investigation on behalf of a State Government trading enterprise involving irregular procurement practices, fictitious vendors, collusion between suppliers and identification of payments made to various offshore bank accounts.
- Contractual compliance cost allocation review on behalf of a leading independent oil and gas producer in the Asia-Pacific region with regards to an analysis of its joint venture agreement and the accuracy of the apportionment of costs in relation to the contract.
- Fraud and misconduct investigation for a large resources company in respect of procurement personnel engaged in personal undisclosed business practices with various offshore vendors, which included commission structures, other profit-sharing arrangements and insider trading.
- Fraud investigation to identify potential irregular NDIS transactions and claims lodged by a service provider.



Qualifications & Memberships —

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Pretoria
- Certificate III in Investigations Services
- Certificate IV in Government Investigations
- WA Investigator licence number: 78567



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- Fraud and misconduct investigation on behalf of a mining equipment supplier in relation to falsified contracts and business records for the purpose of purchasing equipment.
- Fraud investigation on behalf of Indigenous corporations into allegations of conflicts of interest in relation to several lease agreements, irregular procurement practices and misuse of corporate credit cards.
- Misconduct investigation relating to an undisclosed conflict of interest and involving the operation of an employee's private business that provided services through a vendor engaged and managed by the employee.
- Misconduct investigation on behalf of a State Government Department, relating to the management of a disclosed conflict of interest and whether controls to manage the conflict had been implemented.
- Conflict of interest investigation on behalf of an engineering services company engaged in a major national infrastructure project and investigating whistleblower allegations of personnel providing services through vendors they were managing.
- Procurement investigation on behalf of a large resources company into the manipulation of procurement processes and the payments of kickbacks in exchange for awarding contracts.
- Fraud investigation on behalf of an equipment hire business to identify and quantify fraudulent invoices, unauthorised transactions and various undisclosed sublease and subcontracting arrangements.