



FORENSIC AND VALUATION SERVICES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Fraud, Forensic and Valuation disputes and litigation are common in the construction industry, so it's important for contractors to surround themselves with experts that can help. With specialized expertise in assisting contractors, developers, supply, manufacture, equipment dealers and other construction industry professionals, our forensic and valuation services team is integral to building a successful case.

FORENSICS AND WHITE-COLLAR INVESTIGATIONS

There is an unlimited number of ways that fraud can occur at any point in a construction project, from collusion during the bidding process to overbilling or falsifications of payment applications during project completion. Whether you suspect or have confirmed improper actions that affect your organization, Withum's forensic accountants can respond to meet your needs with expert investigative services:

■ Internal investigations

- Employee embezzlement or theft of corporate assets
- Collusion and kickback schemes

■ Forensic investigations

- Subcontractor overbilling
- Tracing trust/escrow accounts

■ White-collar criminal defense

- False Claims Act (government funded contracts)
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- Construction fraud
- Diversion of construction funds



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BUSINESS VALUATIONS

The valuation of a construction company requires a solid understanding of the industry's unique attributes, such as backlog, financing capacity, litigation risk and business cycle. Construction company owners may need a business valuation for a variety of reasons:

■ Business acquisitions and sales
■ Shareholder disputes/buyouts
■ Estate planning and gift tax
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gift tax/multi-generational family ownership transfers• Estate tax valuation
■ Stock value
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employee stock ownership plans• Phantom stock valuation• Issuance of options to management

BUSINESS DISPUTES AND ECONOMIC DAMAGES

Most construction projects come with a risk of cost overruns, delays, and contractual disputes, which can lead to a loss in profits, lost opportunities, additional operating expenses, and a need for increased financing. A forensic accountant with experience quantifying construction-related damages is integral in the assessment of:

■ Lost profits and economic damages
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cost overruns• Construction delays• Lost opportunities
■ Contract disputes
■ Insurance claims
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business interruption
■ Shareholder Disputes/Buyouts





OTHER FORENSIC, VALUATION, AND LITIGATION SUPPORT SERVICES

After spending countless hours and resources to grow your construction business, it is important to protect it. Additional services provided by Withum's Forensic and Valuation Services team include:

■ Matrimonial Services

- Business valuation
- Cash flow and lifestyle analysis
- Assistance with mediation and settlement

■ Bankruptcy and Solvency Services

- Bankruptcy and reorganization consulting and advisory
- Preference action defense
- Solvency determination

■ Litigated Tax Matters

- Tax modeling for transactions or alternatives
- Tax attribute assessment
- Assessment of potential criminal vs. civil exposure
- Assist counsel with defense

Withum's Construction Services Team (CST) is led by five Certified Construction Industry Financial Professionals (CCIFP), who work closely with Withum's Forensic and Valuation Services (FVS) professionals. In addition to being certified public accountants (CPAs), Withum's diverse team includes former FBI agents, certified fraud examiners (CFE), certified in financial forensics (CFF), certified anti-money laundering specialists (CAMS), accredited in business valuation (ABV), certified valuation analysts (CVA) and master analysts in financial forensics (MAFF), amassing years of forensics and valuation experience.



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