



## Auditors and forensic accountants: Differences in roles and skill sets

### About the topic

While the demand for forensic accounting services is growing rapidly, the boundary between the roles of auditors and forensic accountants remains unclear to many people. Both roles require the same accounting skills and an enquiring mind, but their objectives significantly differ from each other. While auditing focuses on detecting material misstatements, the focus of forensic accounting is more to do with specific investigations of fraud and misconduct, as well as advisory services.

A panel of three experienced forensic practitioners, including the moderator, will share with you the major differences from their experience, and some insights into the industry development. This event will, among other things, provide more information to accounting practitioners who are exploring a career change and fresh graduates who are deciding on the right career path for them.

### About the event

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	20 November 2017, Monday 1:00 – 2:00 pm
<b>Venue</b>	HKICPA training centre 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Wu Chung House 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai
<b>Fee</b>	HK\$150 per person for ForensIG members HK\$250 per person for Non-ForensIG members <i>Priority is given to ForensIG members. Not a ForensIG member? Click <a href="#">here</a> to join ForensIG. If you are a non-member of the Institute, please register as a new web member first before completing an online registration as a ForensIG member.</i>
<b>HKICPA CPD credit</b>	1 hour (subject to actual attendance)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Competency</b>	Forensic accounting*
<b>Rating</b>	Intermediate level*
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>18 November 2017</b>

#### Rundown

<b>12:30 pm</b>	Registration (Sandwiches and drinks provided)
<b>1:00 pm</b>	Introduction
<b>1:05 pm</b>	Panel discussion
<b>1:50 pm</b>	Q&A / Discussion
<b>2:00 pm</b>	Closing

#### Speakers

**Brian McGinley**  
Partner, Forensic Services, PwC

**Richard George**  
Partner, Deloitte Touche  
Tohmatsu

#### Moderator

**Katy Wong**  
Member, ForensIG Management  
Committee, and Partner, Forensic,  
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\* Please refer [here](#) for descriptions of the various ratings.



## About the speakers

**Brian McGinley** is a Partner in the Forensic Services practice of the Hong Kong and China firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Prior to returning to Hong Kong in 2016, Brian led PwC's Forensic practice in Beijing since 2007, advising companies on preventing, monitoring and responding to fraud and corruption issues. His experience includes investigations into a wide range of fraud and corruption matters including asset misappropriation, financial statement fraud and corruption and bribery. Brian has significant experience in the investigation of fraud in the financial services sector. Brian has advised on a wide range of commercial disputes, including performing forensic accounting analysis in respect of loss of profits, breach of contract/warranty, business interruption claims, completion accounts, joint venture and valuations disputes. Brian has recently given expert accounting evidence in an ICC Arbitration in Hong Kong.

He has significant experience working for a range of corporate clients, regulators and government bodies throughout Europe, USA, Latin America and Asia and across several industries.

Brian has authored articles and spoken on the risks of fraud and corruption in China. Brian is a fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

### **Richard George**

Richard George is a partner at Deloitte. He heads the Reputation & Risk Group in Hong Kong, overseeing quality and risk management across Deloitte's multi-disciplinary practice. Previously with Deloitte in London, he has been in Hong Kong for 22 years. In his role, Richard works closely with Deloitte's forensic accountants, particularly in relation to: forensic support in the planning and performance of audit engagements; the "shadowing" of investigations carried out by other firms' forensic accountants into Deloitte's audit clients; and investigations carried out into non-audit clients. Until earlier this year, Richard was the Chair of the HKICPA's Practice Review Committee, which oversees the inspection of audit practices in Hong Kong.

## Registration

- Complete online registration [by 18 November](#).

**Contact May Hung at 2287 7009 for enquiry.**



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