
Preface

When we were approached to write this book, several facts were considered before entering into the endeavor. First and foremost, it was an opportunity to work with some good friends and colleagues on a project. Second, it was to show our sincere dedication to this discipline.

Our inspiration has been garnered from many years of being associated with financial crimes in either a law enforcement capacity or the corporate investigative world. Through the efforts, in part, of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators, our task forces, and similar involvements, we have been privileged to be associated with and trained by some of the most recognized experts in the world. For this we say more than thank you and show our gratitude by sharing some of this knowledge throughout this textbook. The text is our cookbook, full of basic information. It is not designed to be a “how to” or to show you the “only” way to conduct an investigation; rather, it is intended to create an awareness of and a technical understanding for the discipline.

Financial crimes are growing daily and have directed investigators to the need for a better understanding as to the scope and impact of such crimes. The days of the few, quick investigative notes on a memo pad are gone. The year 2000 will shed new light on how the age of technology will play a major role in how criminals do business. The investigator, lawyer, and judiciary officer need to stay abreast of technology and criminal trends to understand, investigate, or adjudicate financial and related crimes.