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Matt is a Partner of McGrathNicol Forensic and specialises in forensic investigations, dispute advisory and fraud risk management.

Matt has over 20 years investigative and consulting experience, which includes three years as a Partner with a 'Big 4' firm, five years as leader of a Forensic practice in Perth. Matt has developed an extensive portfolio of Forensic assignments over 11 years whilst advising public and private sector clients and working closely with legal advisors.

Matt advises clients dealing with commercial and contractual disputes, contract compliance, corporate investigations, financial analysis and forensic technology assignments, including proactive data analytic assignments to identify irregularities and control deficiencies.

Experience

Matt has provided testimony in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Industry Sector Experience

Matt has extensive industry sector experience including oil and gas, mining, financial services, construction, government, healthcare, information technology, retail and manufacturing, telecommunications and transport.

Some recent examples include:

- Numerous contract compliance assignments examining charges incurred under major oil and gas, mining, royalty and franchise contracts. Matt has acted for the principal and contractor in order to determine charges considered appropriate under the contracts.
- An investigation into allegations that assets were misreported in an acquisition of a business. This led to a post acquisition dispute and our investigation and quantification of the effect of the overstatement by the seller resulted in a \$10m settlement.
- A range of foreign corruption matters including an investigation into allegations against an Australian listed company that were raised by a foreign government that executives had acted corruptly. Matt mobilised Forensic teams in three continents to examine activities over a 6 year period. A report was prepared for management to respond to the allegations. The foreign government subsequently withdrew the allegations.
- A Forensic Audit, on behalf of five Federal Government funded indigenous organisations. This identified instances where grant funds were used for unauthorised purposes and the matter reported in Federal parliament.
- Various investigations into the release of sensitive market information, the largest of which involved advising a client, various investment banks and legal advisors in responding to a leak to the market prior to a large capital raising.

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Qualifications

Bachelor of Business, Majors in Accounting and Finance
Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia
Member, Financial Services Institute of Australasia
Member, Institute of Internal Auditors
Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors
Member, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners