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Re: Northern New Mexico College

Investigation of Title III funds concerning possible embezzlement

Dear President Bailey and Mr. Bejarano,

Thank you for the opportunity to assist Northern New Mexico College ("College" or "NNMC") with the investigation into concerns of embezzlement. We performed an investigation to determine whether or not probable cause exists to believe that Henrietta Trujillo, the former Northern New Mexico College Financial Services Director, participated in a felony embezzlement scheme, specifically resulting in the theft or loss of Title III Federal grant funds.

We conducted on-site fieldwork for interviews and document acquisition on August 8, 2017, September 5, 2017, September 6, 2017, November 7, 2017 and November 29, 2017. We interviewed numerous staff in finance and accounting, procurement, administration and information technology ("IT") departments.

We acquired and analyzed the following documents as part of our investigation:

- Bank statements for all accounts for Fiscal Year ("FY")16 and FY17
- Grant award notifications for FY15, FY16 and FY17
- Grant budget documents for FY15, FY16 and FY17
- Payroll detail for fund 41144 (Title III's fund number) for FY15, FY16 and FY17
- Expense line item detail for fund 41144 for FY15, FY16 and FY17
- Human resource files for selected employees
- Personnel Action Forms for selected employees
- Check stubs for selected payments
- Purchase orders or other purchase documents for selected items
- Invoices, receipts and documentation for selected items
- Daily cash deposit verifications
- Details regarding certain transactions such as journal entries and voids
- IT access and user data for all NMMC employees
- All available documentation related to whistleblower complaints

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- NNMC policies and procedures
- Other financial and human resource information

# Background and assignment:

We were engaged after former employee Henrietta Trujillo resigned from Northern New Mexico College, via a letter in which she confessed to embezzling College funds. Agent Mitchel Bengston of the New Mexico State Police investigated the matter, and determined that probable cause existed to believe that Ms. Trujillo committed felony embezzlement against Northern New Mexico College. However, Agent Bengston's investigation did not attempt to differentiate between the funding sources involved in the embezzlement.

Per the request of Max Rudmann of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Post Audit Group, US Department of Education ("DOEd"), NNMC needed to determine whether or not Title III Federal grant funds were part of the embezzled funds. Thus, with the permission of the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor ("NM OSA"), McHard Accounting Consulting LLC was engaged.

We were originally contracted to perform the following scope of work:

Testing of Title III grant funding for FY17 to include:

- Interview key employees as appropriate
- 100% testing of all travel
- 100% testing of all reimbursement requests at or over \$1,000
- 100% vendor testing on the reimbursements described above
- payroll testing as appropriate
- Report any internal control issues and defalcations identified, if any
- Provide recommendations for improvement
- Coordinate with NM OSA & NM State Police
- Provide interim oral reports
- Provide a final written report/letter outlining our work, interviews, findings, recommendations and opinions

Our contract was then amended to include the additional scope below:

Testing of Title III grand funding for FY16 and FY 15 to include:

- Interview key employees as appropriate
- 100% testing of all travel
- 100% testing of all reimbursement requests at or over \$1,000
- 100% vendor testing on the reimbursements described above
- payroll testing as appropriate
- Report any internal control issues and defalcations identified, if any
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We were also requested to include in our investigation information from whistleblower complaints regarding possible supplanting, or misuse of Title III funds as alleged by complainants.

Throughout the engagement we were requested to provide oral reports to NNMC management, and to cooperate with the NM OSA, NM State Police and US Department of Education.

Ultimately, our work resulted in this report, as well as the recommendations for improvement report that will follow, and two confidential human resource ("HR") reports regarding HR issues which were revealed during our investigation.

# **Testing and Analysis:**

NNMC received the following funds for Title III:

Fiscal Year	Funds Received
2017	\$838,984.00
2016	\$1,374,072.00
2015	\$1,196,159.00

Because the Title III grant is an expense reimbursement grant, the funds received were all reimbursements for expenditures incurred by NNMC. The expenditures reimbursed included invoices paid through accounts payable, payroll expenses and amounts paid to the University of New Mexico and Santa Fe Community College as subrecipients of grant funds.

We used the following scope for our testwork:

- All payments to vendors or subrecipients over \$1,000
- All payments to vendors for travel regardless of amount
- All travel reimbursements paid to employees regardless of amount
- Payroll records for employees with more than \$1,000 in payroll expenses charged to the grant in any of the fiscal years
- Any other significant or unusual items

This scope resulted in the following coverage for expenditures:

Fiscal Year	Amount Tested	Coverage
2017	\$808,757.85	96.40%
2016	\$1,088,793.84	79.24%
2015	\$1,144,231.63	95.66%

# Invoices paid through Accounts Payable (excluding subrecipient payments):

As stated above, the Title III grant is an expense reimbursement grant. NNMC pays the grant-related expenses and then submits a draw down request to the granting agency for



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reimbursement. This process is used for expenses paid via accounts payable and for payroll expenses. To test the expenses paid via accounts payable, we requested a general ledger detail for all expenses charged to the grant in fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015. We sorted the detail to segregate the expenses paid via accounts payable and selected our sample using the scope described above.

For each transaction selected, we tested the following items:

- The transaction was included in a draw request.
- A purchase order, purchase requisition or other approval was created.
- The purchase order, purchase requisition or other approval indicates the expense was for the Title III STEM (which is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and math) program.
- The purchase document contains appropriate approvals.
- The amount of the purchase document is equal to or greater than the expense amount.
- An invoice or receipt exists from a vendor for the transaction.
- The vendor appears to be legitimate.
- The expense appears to be allowable under grant contracts and applicable regulations.

We were able to locate appropriate documents for all transactions selected for all three fiscal years. All transactions tested had purchase documentation and approvals. None of the transactions tested appear to be falsified or otherwise fraudulent.

However, we did encounter transactions that did not appear to be allowable or that did not have sufficient documentation to determine if the expense was, in fact, allowable. We have categorized these amounts as "Questioned Costs" as that term is defined in 2 CFR Part 200 Section 200.84:

Questioned cost means a cost that is questioned by the auditor because of an audit finding:

- (a) Which resulted from a violation or possible violation of a statute, regulation, or the terms and conditions of a Federal award, including for funds used to match Federal funds:
- (b) Where the costs, at the time of the audit, are not supported by adequate documentation: or
- (c) Where the costs incurred appear unreasonable and do not reflect the actions a prudent person would take in the circumstances.

These Questioned Costs are summarized below with the reason for the determination shown in the table:

	Appears	Insufficient		
Fiscal Year	Unallowable	Documentation	Total	Exhibit
2017	\$749.17	\$7,126.74	\$7,875.91	Α
2016	\$304.59	\$897.93	\$1,202.52	В
2015	\$2,095.00	\$431.64	\$2,526.64	С



Detailed lists of these transactions, including discussion regarding our determinations, are included in **Exhibits A, B and C** of this report. While we did encounter Questioned Costs in our testwork, these transactions do not appear to be fraudulent and these transactions are not significant when compared to the total amount of grant expenditures. We calculated Questioned Costs as a percentage of total expenditures for each fiscal year:

		Questioned Costs as a
Fiscal Year	Questioned Costs	% of total expenditures
2017	\$7,875.91	0.94%
2016	\$1,202.52	0.09%
2015	\$2,526.64	0.21%

Since we used sampling, we also extrapolated the Questioned Costs and calculated the extrapolated costs as a percentage of total expenditures for each fiscal year:

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		Extrapolated	Extrapolated Questioned Costs
	Fiscal Year	<b>Questioned Costs</b>	as a % of total expenditures
	2017	\$8,170.03	0.97%
	2016	\$1,517.57	0.19%
	2015	\$2,641.27	0.24%

Thus, even when extrapolated to cover 100% of transactions, Questioned Costs are less than 1% of all Title III grant expenditures in each fiscal year. While these Questioned Costs are not significant, lapses of internal controls existed at NNMC that allowed these Questioned Costs to be incurred. Please see our recommendations for improving internal controls at NNMC later in this report, as well as in our separate recommendations for improvement report.

# Payroll:

Payroll expenses, including salaries and fringe benefits, are included in the expenditures that were reimbursed as part of the Title III grant. The reimbursement of salaries and fringe benefits is allowable under the grant documents and appropriate regulations. We tested payroll paid as part of the Title III grant for cumulative amounts over \$1,000 per employee for FY15, FY16 and FY17.

To test payroll expenses, we obtained a detailed listing by employee of salaries and fringe benefits charged to the grant. For each employee selected we tested the following items:

- Obtained personnel action forms ("PAFs") for all employees selected. Analyzed forms to determine if actions were approved and if salary and benefit expenses were allocated to the grant.
- Compared total authorized expenditures per the PAFs to the actual expenditures charged to the grant.



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We found no exceptions or Questioned Costs during our payroll testing. However, we did find that human resource files were incomplete and did not contain PAFs that were separately kept in the payroll department. Please see our recommendations related to this issue later in this report.

# Subrecipient payments:

NNMC makes payments to the University of New Mexico ("UNM") and Santa Fe Community College ("SFCC") who are subrecipients of the Title III grant. Both OMB Circular A-133 and the Uniform Grant Guidance require grant recipients to perform certain monitoring procedures over subrecipients of grant funds. The Title III grant awarded to NNMC is a collaborative agreement that includes both UNM and SFCC. As such, the Federal oversight agency is already aware of the existence of these entities and both entities are already monitored by the oversight agency. Because of this agreement, NNMC is only required to review subrecipient awards for allowable costs.

To test subrecipient payments, we requested a general ledger detail for all expenses charged to the grant in fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015. We sorted the detail to segregate the expenses paid to UNM and SFCC. The population accounted for 100% of subrecipient payments, and the entire population was tested.

For each subrecipient transaction we tested the following items:

- An invoice was received from the subrecipient.
- Supporting documents were attached to the invoice.
- The invoice amount matches the amount of the payment.

Out of 97 items tested totaling \$2,201,065.12, two invoices were not located. These expenses appear to have been entered as a journal entry. One of the transactions occurred in fiscal year 2017 for \$5,746.18 and one occurred in fiscal year 2015 for \$19,599.36. These two invoices represent 2% of the 97 items tested and 1.15% of the dollar amount tested. We were able to view check copies for these payments and there is nothing on the check copies that would indicate these payments were fraudulent. In fact, we found no evidence of fraudulent payment or defalcation in any of the 97 items tested.

However, we were unable to determine if all payments to subrecipients were allowable. While the vast majority of transactions tested had invoices, not all of the invoices included documentation to support the amounts invoiced. Some invoices had no documentation attached at all and some had partial documentation attached. See table below for a summary of the items without full documentation, by fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Number of items	Dollar amount
2017	2	\$114,367.25
2016	7	\$181,013.65
2015	29	\$614,426.15
Total	38	\$909,807.05
Total as a % of population	39.18%	41.33%



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While none of these payments appear to be fraudulent, NNMC should to take steps to ensure these invoices are being properly monitored for allowable costs and that evidence of these procedures are maintained with the payments. Please see our recommendations later in this report.

#### Concerns of Whistleblowers:

Mr. Rudmann of the DOEd Post Audit Group, noted that one or more court cases had been filed and settled; in another case, the individual went to trial and won their case. He noted that one or more of the allegations in a particular complaint may have concerned the use of Federal funds. Therefore, Mr. Rudmann requested that we analyze available information to determine if any of these complaints involved allegations that would require investigation as part of this inquiry, or in a separate investigation.

Northern New Mexico College received complaints from several individuals, usually employees, who had various human resources issues and other general allegations of wrongdoing against NNMC, or NNMC employees, but most of these cases did not involve allegations of misuse of Federal funds.

We are not in the position to determine whether or not any of these individuals is a "whistleblower" under either the Federal or New Mexico state statutory definitions. To do so would be well outside the scope of this investigation. Because this report is likely public, we are not going to reveal the identities of the individual complainants in this report, even if their identity has been made public elsewhere. Thus, for the purposes of this report, we will identify and discuss the allegations of each individual under a pseudonym of Complainant A, Complainant B, and so on.

The NNMC Human Resources Department gave us access to several boxes of material, involving many complainants. Most had nothing to do with Title III STEM funding, or Federal funds at all, but rather complained about personality conflicts, allegations of favoritism, lack of promotion, job loss or other HR complaints which are outside of the scope of this investigation. There were 3 complaints which in some way mentioned Federal funds whether Title III or not; these three are discussed below.

<u>Complainant A:</u> This employee alleged that they were illegally being paid from Federal grant funds, which, per Complainant A were designated for new faculty members only, not existing staff; Complainant A was an existing staff member who sought permanent non-Federal grant-related funding. Complainant A alleged that these issues of improper payment under the grant were reported to the DOEd Inspector General. The other allegations made by this complainant concern personnel grievances and issues of the award of tenure. This complaint was eventually filed in NM District Court. Complainant A filed a joint motion with NNMC to dismiss this case, after a settlement was reached.

<u>Analysis and findings:</u> The reimbursement of salaries and fringe benefits is allowable under the grant documents and appropriate regulations. We tested payroll paid as part of the Title III grant for cumulative amounts over \$1,000 per



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employee for FY15, FY16 and FY17. Complainant A was not paid more than \$1,000 under Title III during the years tested as part of this examination.

Although it was outside our scope, we tested this complainant's personnel action forms throughout their career and determined that Complainant A was paid under the Title V Aspire grant for a portion of FY12, and was paid under the Title III STEM grant for a portion of FY13.

Complainant A was initially set to be paid through the STEM grant for a portion of FY14, but prior to the end of FY14, Complainant A's payroll was corrected retroactively to the beginning of FY14 to remove Complainant A's payroll from the STEM grant. An email attached to the PAF dated April 29, 2014 stated that it was determined that the Title III STEM grant would not cover Complainant A's salary. It appears on its face that NNMC corrected any error that occurred with the Title III grant funding, which may have occurred during part of FY14. However, if the DOEd Inspector General has indeed received a complaint about this matter and begun an investigation, they should complete their investigation.

Complainant B: This employee alleged that NNMC lacked internal controls, including controls over service contracts, which were unilaterally approved by Ms. Trujillo with little oversight. It was also alleged that NNMC lacked inventory control over equipment "in the extreme", and that it was difficult if not impossible to distinguish between equipment purchased with Federal grant funds, or other funding, and that much of this equipment could not be accounted for by the College. The complainant alleged that \$5,000,000 of Title V Federal grant money had been spent on equipment, much of which was possibly missing. It was alleged that of 585 items of college property, only 60 of those items were entered into the College's property-tracking system. Concerns were also expressed over IT and security of data, including personal information of students, faculty and staff. Complainant B also alleged personnel issues which were not related to Federal funding. Complainant B filed a joint motion with NNMC to dismiss this case, after a settlement was reached.

Analysis and findings: Some of the issues reported by Complainant B are consistent with our findings, such as lack of internal controls over accounting. However, the allegation regarding missing or unaccounted-for inventory of equipment purchased with Title V Federal funds is beyond the scope of this examination. We recommend that a complete inventory be conducted of all equipment purchases over \$5,000, concentrating on those purchased with Title III or Title V Federal grant funds. If requested, McHard Accounting Consulting could perform this task, however, a firm specializing in inventory management and control would also be appropriate, and as part of their engagement, could implement a new inventory control system if one is needed.

We tested payroll paid as part of the Title III grant for cumulative amounts over \$1,000 per employee for FY15, FY16 and FY17. Complainant B was not paid under Title III during the years tested as part of this examination. Additionally, although it was outside our scope, we tested this complainant's personnel action forms



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throughout their career and determined that complainant B never received any Federal grant-funded payroll at any time during their NNMC employment.

<u>Complainant C</u>: This employee alleged that equipment purchased with Title V Federal grant money was removed from service and "essentially abandoned". This individual also complained about various HR issues. This complainant's case went to trial, and a jury awarded \$400,000.

<u>Analysis and findings:</u> We tested payroll paid as part of the Title III grant for cumulative amounts over \$1,000 per employee for FY15, FY16 and FY17. Complainant C was not paid under Title III during the years tested as part of this examination. Complainant C's complaints did not appear to involve Title III funding, but rather equipment purchased primarily from Title V funds.

Although it was outside our scope, we tested this complainant's personnel action forms throughout their career and determined that Complainant C was not paid under Title III STEM funding at any point during their NNMC employment.

The allegation regarding missing or unaccounted-for inventory of equipment purchased with Title V or other Federal funds is beyond the scope of this examination. However, we recommend that a complete inventory be conducted of all equipment purchases over \$5,000, concentrating on those purchased with Title III or Title V Federal grant funds. If requested, McHard Accounting Consulting could perform this task, however, a firm specializing in inventory management and control would also be appropriate, and as part of their engagement, could implement a new inventory control system if one is needed.

Only one of these individuals complained about Title III funding, and that complaint concerned payroll reimbursement outside the scope of this investigation (prior to FY15). Despite being outside our scope, we looked into those allegations, and it appears that any error with that complainant's grant-funded salary was corrected at the time, and within the appropriate fiscal year.

As a general observation regarding these complaints, throughout NNMC, there are misunderstandings of the terms of the Title III STEM grant in particular, and Federal funding in general. Many staff members think that they know the rules, but are misinformed. Others misunderstand the application of the grant terms as a reimbursement grant. We recommend that staff and faculty who are paid through Federal grants being given training about the terms of the grant under which they work, so that they will understand how to properly document payroll and other reimbursements, and avoid both violating the terms of the grant, and well as misunderstanding their responsibilities. Such training is frequently available through the grantor, at no charge to the grantee; NNMC should avail themselves of such training.

### Conclusions:

We found no evidence that Title III Federal grant funds were embezzled, within the scope of our investigation, as detailed above. During our investigation, we determined that



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probable cause exists to believe that a felony embezzlement of Northern New Mexico College's funds occurred, and that Henrietta Trujillo left a letter confessing to that embezzlement. However, we found no evidence that Title III Federal grant funds were stolen.

As of this writing, criminal charges have been neither filed nor adjudicated against anyone in this case, so we use care to discuss these allegations as just that: allegations. Our investigation and interviews were quite revealing about the lack of internal controls at NNMC, and it is easy to see how the embezzlement allegedly perpetrated by the former Financial Services Director could have occurred.

Internal controls at NNMC were severely lacking; at many times during the period covered within the scope of this investigation, the former Financial Services Director had unrestricted access to cash, bank accounts, the HR system, the procurement system and the accounting system, and was in a position to create and approve her own entries, including journal entries which could change or delete transactions during the current fiscal year, or even prior years. At most times germane to this investigation, she effectively had no supervision, and no oversight of any transactions or approvals.

Employees who questioned her or requested documentation were given excuses, or demeaned or even bullied by her, until they stopped asking for documentation, and simply gave up or forgot. Employees in a position to notice problems were, and in some cases still are, underqualified and lacking appropriate training. This is a contributing factor in the perpetration and cover-up of the alleged embezzlement. We will be reporting a number of confidential human resources matters to NNMC which contributed to the ability of the former employee to commit an embezzlement. These reports will be dealt with as confidential personnel issues by NMMC.

Past auditors did not question carried-forward unreconciled cash balances which were a red flag for fraud. Although the amount of these unreconciled cash balances were below the financial statement audits' materiality levels, missing or unreconciled cash is always a red flag for fraud. Indeed, when the FY16 auditors pressed for details about these unreconciled cash balances, with the backing of the NM Office of the State Auditor, Ms. Trujillo resigned her position with a letter admitting that she had embezzled funds.

During our investigation, while we found no evidence to suggest that Federal funding was embezzled, we did find evidence to suggest that additional currency may have been stolen as part of this embezzlement. This information has been passed along to the New Mexico State Police investigator.

### **Recommendations:**

We are preparing a separate recommendations report for NNMC, which covers in detail our numerous recommendations for improvement in a myriad of areas, including accounting and finance, IT, and others. Thus, in this report, we limit our recommendations to major findings and those uncovered specific to the scope of our testing of Title III funds. Many of the changes we recommend in this report have already been implemented by Mr.



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Bejarano, or are in the process of approval and implementation. We do not attempt to differentiate between which issues have been resolved, and which are ongoing.

<u>Issue</u>: NNMC has lacked even the most basic internal controls. Single individuals have had access to the entire accounting, finance and banking system without supervision or oversight. This lack of controls allowed a significant defalcation to occur, and to continue undiscovered for a period of years.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Mr. Bejarano has the expertise to remedy NNMC's internal control deficiencies. Mr. Bejarano should work to ensure that appropriate internal controls and systems are put into place and to ensure that these appropriate controls are actually used. The College's financial statement auditors should rigorously test these new systems and controls to ensure continued compliance.

<u>Issue</u>: NNMC staff is unable to generate even the most routine reports and data downloads from their accounting system to perform tasks required of them. NNMC uses the Banner accounting system, but even longstanding employees, who have allegedly used the Banner system for years, cannot generate what we would consider to be basic accounting reports or data dumps, including an inability to generate a full detailed general ledger or detailed trial balance report. NNMC has a single IT person responsible for Banner who is also unable to generate these reports.

Recommendation: NNMC should have a complete evaluation of their accounting system, followed by intense training for all users. The person originally hired to do the training has failed to perform those duties, and has taken on other duties instead. We are unaware of anyone on staff at NNMC who is adequately trained in the Banner system, including the person responsible for administration of the system. Until employees are able to appropriately use and monitor the accounting system, another defalcation could occur and remain undetected for a long period of time.

<u>Issue</u>: Training issues aside, the Banner system has never been properly implemented, with appropriate modules and security features. The system currently allows anyone with approval authorization to approve their own entries, including journal entries into prior years. The only way to safeguard someone from approving their own changes is to ensure that approvers cannot themselves make entries, which can become problematic in a small department. Mr. Bejarano has made changes to ensure that approvers cannot themselves do entry, but those changes have been done manually, rather than through appropriate and automatic system controls.

Furthermore, security issues abound with users receiving access to modules and forms to which they are not entitled. When we asked about these, we were told that it was okay because "people don't know they have access". This absurd notion of security essentially assumes that employees are too stupid to figure out that they have access, and also assumes that nobody accidentally or purposefully tries to complete a form or transaction outside their area. Underestimating people's intelligence is not an IT security control.



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Additionally, no users access is ever entirely removed from the IT system, instead, their user name is changed to include the words "Do Not Use", but access remains and is never completely eliminated.

We heard numerous stories regarding employees who had inappropriate material on their computers, and used NNMC computers for non-College business. We were told that such individuals were generally not disciplined, and system controls to prevent such usage were never put into place.

We would consider these to be among the most basic IT security system and accounting controls, and NNMC appears to have none of these controls in place.

Recommendation: NNMC should have a complete evaluation of their software systems and security controls, which must be completed by a competent outside professional. Appropriate security and access modules must be immediately installed or upgraded, and employees' access limited to those modules for which they have appropriate business purpose. Former employees, or those for whom access is no longer needed, must have their access terminated (but prior transactions not deleted). NNMC computer users should not be able to access inappropriate material or perform non-business-related activities on their work computers. NNMC may also need to update computer use policies, and ensure that employees are trained and sign a confirmation understanding appropriate computer use. Appropriate HR action must be taken against those who abuse College computer access privileges.

<u>Issue:</u> Testing of grant expenditures uncovered Questioned Costs. These Questioned Costs included both expenses that appeared unallowable, as well as expenses that did not have enough documentation included to determine if the expense was allowable. Some of the Questioned Costs include excessive amounts paid for travel, alcohol included in one meal reimbursement, meal reimbursements without appropriate receipts and purchase of promotional items without documentation showing how the items were used for the STEM program.

Recommendation: Employees overseeing approval and payment of grant expenses should have training to recognize costs that are unallowable. Unallowable costs are discussed in both the Uniform Grant Guidance and regulations promulgated by the Department of Education. Employees overseeing approval and payment of grant expenses should be very familiar with these requirements. If an employee who is traveling incurs costs that are not allowable, the employee should not be reimbursed for these costs. We would also recommend NNMC send a communication to all employees who travel about which costs are allowable and therefore will be reimbursed and which costs will not be reimbursed.

<u>Issue:</u> Human resource files were incomplete and missing certain PAFs. Fortunately, the separate files kept by the Payroll Manager, Tessie Trujillo Lopez, were complete.

<u>Recommendation:</u> Employees in the human resources department should perform an audit of all employee files to ensure each file has all necessary documentation.



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Any items that are missing should be collected and properly filed. We also recommend the human resource department create a checklist for the employee file which documents all items that should be included in this file. The checklist should be completed and signed by the appropriate human resources employee each time there is a change in employee status.

<u>Issue:</u> It is unclear from our testing if NNMC employees are properly reviewing payments to subrecipients for allowable costs.

<u>Recommendation:</u> Employees overseeing payments to subrecipients should have training to recognize costs that are unallowable. Subrecipients should be required to provide supporting documentation for all reimbursement requests. The supporting documentation should be kept with the invoice for future review by NNMC employees and auditors.

It is unclear why Northern New Mexico College, which is a small institution with fewer finance employees and essentially one grant compliance staff member is administering the Title III STEM grant with UNM, and others, as subrecipients. UNM has many more resources and, presumably, a more robust finance and grant compliance department. In the future, if the grant is to continue, we recommend that UNM be the recipient organization, and NNMC and others be subrecipients of the UNM grant.

<u>Issue</u>: During our interviews, as well as during our examination of written complaints, we learned of complaints around inventory for, and accounting of, fixed assets. It was alleged that few assets are listed in the NNMC property and inventory tracking system. It was further alleged that items purchased with Title V Federal funding have been disposed of, are missing or unlocated, and/or that items purchased with Federal funding have been disposed of improperly. Technology has a short life, and it is likely that certain technology purchases made with Federal funds in prior years are now obsolete, those should be properly disposed of and accounted for as required in the grant documents or per policy.

Recommendation: We recommend that a complete inventory be conducted of all equipment purchases over \$5,000, concentrating on those purchased with Title III or Title V Federal grant funds. If requested, McHard Accounting Consulting could perform this task, as part of a separate scope of work. However, a firm specializing in inventory management and control would also be appropriate, and as part of their engagement, could implement a new inventory control system if one is needed.

Once such an inventory is complete and correct, NNMC should adjust their fixed assets in a way that comports with Generally Accepted Government Accounting Standards. At the end of the inventory, Federal grant funders should be notified of the results, including any items which are determined to be lost, missing or misappropriated.

<u>Issue:</u> We found that NNMC has no policy requiring disclosure of familial relationships among employees or requiring the disclosure of potential conflicts of interest, nor is there



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any policy precluding someone from supervising their own spouse or family member, or requiring the disclosure of a potential conflict of interest with a vendor or other party. Northern New Mexico and the Espanola Valley are small, tightly knit communities. It would be difficult to remove all potential conflicts of interest, but these should at least be disclosed, so that the person with the conflict can be replaced in a particular role. For example, someone with a potential conflict of interest should not be making a purchasing decision involving a family member or former employer.

<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend that NNMC immediately implement a policy of requiring full disclosure of all familial relationship among faculty, staff and students. We also recommend that family members be precluded from supervising a spouse or family member. All conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest must be disclosed to the Administration, so that appropriate actions can be taken to eliminate or mitigate concerns.

<u>Issue:</u> Throughout NNMC, there are misunderstandings of the terms of the Title III STEM grant in particular, and Federal funding in general. Many staff members think that they know the rules, but are misinformed, others misunderstand the application of the grant terms as a reimbursement grant.

Recommendation: We recommend that staff and faculty who are paid through Federal grants being given training about the terms of the grant under which they work, so that they will understand how to properly document payroll and other reimbursements, and avoid both violating the terms of the grant, and well as misunderstanding their responsibilities. Such training is frequently available through the grantor, at no charge to the grantee; NNMC should avail themselves of such training.

Additional issues and recommendations will be discussed in our recommendations for improvement report, which will follow in a separate letter.

### Technical notes:

Our work is not a financial statement audit and should not be relied on for such purposes. We did not conduct any review of financial statements, as the term "review" is defined in accounting professional standards. We offer no assurance, as that term is defined in accounting professional standards, as to any financial reporting of Northern New Mexico College, in general, or as to federal grant funding, in particular. This engagement has been completed under the Statements of Standards on Consulting Services as published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In conducting this examination and investigation, McHard Accounting Consulting LLC was provided with the documents listed at the beginning of this report. We relied on these documents during this examination and on the interviews we performed, in conducting this analysis and investigation, and in forming our opinions as to this matter. If documents or other information later becomes available which supersede, update or correct the documents and information we relied on, we reserve the right to examine the new



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documentation and information to inform and potentially revise relevant facts and our opinions as stated here.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Our curriculum vitae are Attachment A, B and C to this letter.

Sincerely,

Janet M. McHard, CPA, CFE, MAFF, CFF

Founding Partner

Beth A. Mohr, CFE, CAMS, CCCI, PI<sup>1</sup>

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Partner

cc: Kevin Sourisseau, NM Acting Deputy State Auditor, via email to

Kevin.Sourisseau@osa.state.nm.us

- and -

Max Rudmann, Post Audit Group, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, US

Department of Education, via email to <a href="mailto:Max.Rudmann@ed.gov">Max.Rudmann@ed.gov</a>

Exhibits as noted

Attachments as noted



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NM-Private Investigator License #2878

Document	Description	Transaction Date	Questioned Cost?	Questioned Amount	Category	Notes
17-0848	Holiday Inn-Title III	4-Aug-16	Y	\$ 99.10	Appears unallowable	Rooms were booked for conference, which was an approved grant expense. The conference was moved and the hotel reservations were not cancelled. Rooms were charged as no shows. This is not allowable as these expenses did not further the grant and other expenses were incurred for the conference.
17-0848	Holiday Inn-Title III	4-Aug-16	Y	99.10	Appears unallowable	Rooms were booked for conference, which was an approved grant expense. The conference was moved and the hotel reservations were not cancelled. Rooms were charged as no shows. This is not allowable as these expenses did not further the grant and other expenses were incurred for the conference.
10077795	American Association of University	22-Aug-16	Y	334.00	Appears unallowable	(2) \$167 memberships; provides assistance to members related to "academic freedom", including advocacy for faculty and human resources issues. Does not appear to be allowable under grant guidelines.
10080526	Salazar, Leanne C.	6-Mar-17	Υ	10.00	Appears unallowable	Parking for NNMC day at State legislature.  Documentation does not state how this charge is related to STEM.



Document	Description	Transaction Date	Questioned Cost?	Questioned Amount	Category	Notes
10081082	Salazar, Leanne C.	18-Apr-17	Y	130.00	Appears unallowable	Included on check 82188 with 872.92 reimbursement. No documentation included for the \$130 - which is described on the check stub as a registration fee for AERA. Registration fee for AERA included in reimbursement paid by check 82224. This is a duplicate payment.
10081339	Salazar, Leanne C.	4-May-17	Y	76.97	Appears unallowable	Partial questioned cost. Ms. Salazar took a personal vehicle to San Antonio instead of flying. Quoted airfare was \$587.96, mileage paid was \$544.96 however additional parking charges of \$42.00 and an additional night of hotel totaling \$77.97 were incurred resulting in questioned costs of \$76.97. It appears Ms. Salazar was accompanied by family members.
10077831	Homeboy Goes To Harvard	24-Aug-16	Υ	4,150.00	Insufficient documentation	Pur Doc. is Stipend/Honorarium Form; invoice for \$3,500 does not include travel reimbursements which totaled \$650 per the stipend agreement. Documentation does not state the content of the presentation or who attended the presentation. Unable to determine allowability.



# Bejarano re NNMC FY 2017 - Questioned Costs

Document	Description	Transaction Date	Questioned Cost?	Questioned Amount	Category	Notes
10078160	4 Imprint Company	13-Sep-16	Υ	1,259.17	Insufficient documentation	Purchase of promotional items - 100 bags. Documentation does not reflect how items were used for Hispanic Students or for STEM program.
10078268	ProSource Specialties	21-Sep-16	Y	1,717.57	Insufficient documentation	Purchase of promotional items - 250 notebooks. Documentation does not reflect how items were used for Hispanic Students or for STEM program.
		_	Total	\$ 7,875.91		
		Appears unallowable Insufficient documentation		,		

		Transaction	Questioned	Questioned		
Document	Description	Date	Cost?	Amount	Category	Notes
10075935	Salazar, Leanne C.	5-Apr-16	Y	\$ 86.50		Receipts were not turned in for \$86.50 worth of reimbursed meals. Unable to determine if items purchased were reasonable and allowable. Substitute "receipts" were prepared but were not approved by anyone other than Ms. Salazar.
10076215	Hira, Ajit S.	26-Apr-16	Υ	77.16		One meal receipt at Bistro 300 included wine purchased for \$8.50. Alcohol is not an allowable expense. Meal receipt for Noodles & Co was missing. Cost is listed at \$8.25. A receipt for Bistro 300 for \$20.41 is not itemized. Airport parking was paid at a rate of \$10.00 for the airport parking garage. Off airport lots are a fraction of the cost. Parking charge does not seem reasonable.
10076216	Hira, Ajit S.	26-Apr-16	Y	60.93		Travel reimbursement - missing receipt for one meal totaling \$10.93. Also, parking at airport was \$50 for 5 days. Fee paid was for lost parking ticket. Parking was paid for garage at airport instead of off airport lots which cost less than \$5 per day. Parking fee does not seem reasonable.

# Bejarano re NNMC FY 2016 - Questioned Costs

		Transaction	Questioned	Que	stioned		
Document	Description	Date	Cost?	Am	nount	Category	Notes
10076236	Salazar, Leanne C.	27-Apr-16	Y		80.00		Payment is reimbursement for travel to Nashville. Nashville travel was reimbursed in full and paid previously. Documentation shows previous travel request with \$80 circle. There is no indication why the additional funds were paid.
10076376	4 Imprint Company	4-May-16	Υ		897.93	documentation	Promotional items - pens/highlighters. Does not state the items were specifically for STEM or how they would benefit the program.
			Total	-	,202.52		
		Appears unallowable		\$	304.59		
		Insufficient documentation		\$	897.93		

Document	Description	Transaction Date	Questioned Cost?	-	uestioned Amount	Category	Notes
10068668	Dominos Pizza L L C	19-Aug-14	Y	\$	74.00		Pizza for new students orientation. Unclear if this charge is allowable under the grant or how it would support the program goals.
10069217	Suarez, Maria D.	29-Sep-14	Y		2,000.00		Per documentation attached, relocation expenses are allowable only if the college has a "well-managed recruitment program" and this was not only offered to one staff member. Unclear as to the recruiting program and if it would meet this definition.
10069282	Mehta, Vishal R.	2-Oct-14	Y		21.00		Airport parking paid for parking garage at a rate of \$7 per day. Airport parking is available for lower than \$5 at off airport lots. Parking charges are unreasonably high.
10068790	Comfort Suites	26-Aug-14	Υ		431.64	documentation	Documentation does not include invoice showing room charges. Unclear if additional items were charged to the rooms or that the rooms were for the listed employees.
			Total	\$	2,526.64		
		Appears unallowable			2,095.00		
		Insufficient documentation			431.64		

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JANET M. McHARD, MBA, CPA, CFE, MAFF, CFF, CGMA, PI

# **EDUCATION:**

Bachelor of Arts - December 1994 University of New Mexico

Master of Business Administration - August 1997 Robert O. Anderson Graduate School of Management University of New Mexico

### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS:

Certified Public Accountant State of New Mexico – August 1998 State of Arizona – June 2013 State of California – December 2015

Certified Fraud Examiner - December 1999 Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Master Analyst in Financial Forensics, as of April 2013, formerly known as Certified Forensic Financial Analyst as of March 2007, originally awarded as Certified in Fraud Deterrence in January 2004 National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts

Certified in Financial Forensics – November 2008 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Private Investigator State of New Mexico – Firm – License 2878 State of Arizona – Associate – License 1639940 State of California – President – License 29074

Chartered Global Management Accountant – August 2014 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

# PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

McHard Accounting Consulting, LLC – July 2009 to present Founding Partner Albuquerque, New Mexico

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – October 2003 to present Faculty
Austin, Texas

City of Albuquerque – February 2010 to September 2010 Inspector General Albuquerque, New Mexico

Meyners + Company, LLC - November 2000 to July 2009 Senior Manager, Business and Tax Services Albuquerque, New Mexico

Meyners + Company, LLC - August 1998 to November 2000 Senior, Audit Department Albuquerque, New Mexico

Arthur Andersen LLP - August 1997 to August 1998 Staff Accountant, Economic and Financial Services Albuquerque, New Mexico

Law Offices of E. Justin Pennington - July 1994 to January 1997 Legal Secretary and Paralegal Albuquerque, New Mexico

John M. H. Allen, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Orthopaedic Surgeon - January 1988 to July 1994 Business Manager Albuquerque, New Mexico

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
Past Treasurer, NM Chapter Assoc. of Certified Fraud Examiners
Past President, NM Chapter Assoc. of Certified Fraud Examiners

National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts

Association of Government Accountants (National and New Mexico) - past

Institute of Internal Auditors (National and New Mexico) – past

### PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Board of Regents Advisory Working Group, member

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Professional Development Committee, past member

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#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

McHard, Janet M. & Mohr, Beth Anne. September/October 2012. Career Connection: Hanging out your Shingle, Part 2. Fraud Magazine.

McHard, Janet M. & Mohr, Beth Anne. *Vol 27, No. 4, July/August 2012.* Career Connection: Hanging out your Shingle, Part 1. *Fraud Magazine.* 

McHard, Janet M. & Mohr, Beth A. *Vol. 26, No. 4, July/August 2011.* Hotlines for Heroes: Making a Fraud Hotline Accessible and Successful. *Fraud Magazine.* 

McHard, Janet M. (2007). They Didn't Know Jack. In J. T. Wells (Ed.), Fraud Casebook: Lessons from the Bad Side of Business (pp. 137-144). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

### **HONORS:**

2017 James Baker Award – Speaker of the Year at 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Conference

2016 Woman to Watch – Experienced Leader, New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants.

2016 Inductee to the University of New Mexico Anderson Schools of Management Hall of Fame.

### PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING:

Date: December 2017

**Group:** American Bar Association: 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National

Institute on Criminal Tax Fraud and the 7th Annual

Institute on Tax Controversy

**Topic:** Tools and Toys: How an Internal Investigator Can

Help

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: November 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners **Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud – custom course

Location: San Diego, California

Date: October 2017

**Group:** Hawaii Chapter of Association of Certified Fraud

Examiners

**Topic:** Fraud Case Studies and Ethical Considerations in

Fraud Examinations

Location: Honolulu, Hawaii

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Date: September 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Greater

Kansas City Chapter

**Topic:** Ethical Considerations, Case Studies and Expert

Witness Seminar

**Location:** Kansas City, Kansas

Date: September 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Interviewing for the facts: Getting from "Yes" to "No"

to Resolution and Beyond

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: August 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Financial Statement Fraud

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: August 2017

**Group:** Oklahoma State Auditors

**Topic:** Anatomy of Fraud: Insights from Real Cases

Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Date: June 2017

**Group**: 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Association of Certified Fraud

**Examiners Annual Conference** 

**Topic:** Auditing/Investigating Fraud Seminar

**Location**: Nashville, Tennessee

Date: June 2017

**Group:** 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Association of Certified Fraud

**Examiners Annual Conference** 

**Topic:** Bad Accounting or Criminal Act: The Challenge of

Proving Intent

**Location:** Nashville, Tennessee

Date: May 2017

**Group:** Keshet Center for the Arts - KIIC

**Topic:** Accounting for Artists **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Knoxville

Chapter

**Topic:** Detecting Fraud through Vendor Audits

**Location**: Knoxville, Tennessee

Date: April 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course

**Location**: Austin, Texas

Date: January 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Ottawa

(Ontario, Canada) Chapter

**Topic:** Conducting Internal Investigations and Auditing for

Internal Fraud

**Location**: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Date: December 2016

**Group:** American Bar Association: 33<sup>nd</sup> Annual National

Institute on Criminal Tax Fraud and the 6th Annual

Institute on Tax Controversy

**Topic:** Addressing Employment Tax Issues in Sensitive

Examinations

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: October 2016

**Group:** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**Topic:** Fraud Examinations: Methodology, Interviews & Case

Studies

Location: Prescott, Arizona

Date: September 2016

**Group:** Paralegal Division – New Mexico State Bar

**Topic:** Financial Discovery: Dealing with what you do and

don't have

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: September 2016

**Group:** First National Rio Grande and First National Santa Fe **Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud: What to look for and how to

control fraud in your business

**Location**: Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico

Date: June 2016

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Panel Participant: Expert (and Fact) Witness

Seminar

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: June 2016

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Chapter Leaders' Meeting: Success Begins at the

Top: Creating Leaders in Your Chapter – Beyond the

"Strategy of Hope"

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: May 2016

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – El Paso

(Texas) Chapter

**Topic:** Ethical Considerations in Fraud Examinations & Fraud

in Governmental Entities: Case Studies and Other

Fun Stories

Location: El Paso, Texas

Date: May 2016

**Group:** Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Defender

Services Office, Training Division, Federal Defender

Investigator and Paralegal Seminar

**Topic:** Forensic Accounting Part 1: Dealing With What You

Don't Have

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Date: May 2016

**Group:** Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Defender

Services Office, Training Division, Federal Defender

Investigator and Paralegal Seminar

**Topic:** Forensic Accounting Part II: Dealing With What You

Do Have

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Date: March 2016

**Group:** The Conference That Counts!

**Topic:** Ethical Considerations in Fraud Examinations & Fraud

in Governmental Entities: Case Studies and Other

Fun Stories

Location: Albany, New York

Date: January 2016

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Financial Statement Fraud – International Financial

Reporting Standards Version

Location: Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Date: December 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Specialized Knowledge Course **Location:** Washington, District of Columbia

Date: December 2015

**Group:** American Bar Association: 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual National

Institute on Criminal Tax Fraud and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual

Institute on Tax Controversy

**Topic:** When the Past Isn't the Past: How To Correct Past

Wrongdoing

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: November 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Panel Participant: The Witness Stand

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: November 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Raleigh

Chapter of the ACFE

**Topic:** Investigating Conflicts of Interest

Location: Raleigh, North Carolina

Date: October 2015

**Group:** New York Chapter of the Association of Certified

Fraud Examiners – Investigations 2015

**Topic:** Case Study: Ethical Obligations in Examinations

**Location:** New York, New York

Date: August 2015

**Group:** New Mexico State Bar, 2015 Tax Seminar

**Topic:** Kovel Accounting

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: June 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Using Tax Returns in Investigations

Location: Baltimore, Maryland

Date: April 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Financial Statement Fraud – International Financial

Reporting Standards Version

**Location**: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Date: March and April 2015 (various dates)
Group: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course

**Location**: Via Webinar

Date: March 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Case Study: Ethical Obligations in Examinations

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners **Topic:** Using Tax Returns in Examinations

Location: Via Webinar

Date: February 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course **Location:** Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: February 2015

**Group:** Wells Fargo Specialty Markets Group **Topic:** Anatomy of Theft & Personality of a Thief

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date**: February 2015

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Fraud Risk Management **Location:** New Orleans, Louisiana

Date: January 2015

**Group:** United Way of Central New Mexico – Center for

Nonprofit Excellence

**Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud for Nonprofit Organizations

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: January 2015

**Group:** New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association **Topic:** Gaining Trust in Your Trust Account; Ethical and

Practical Issues of Accepting and Accounting for

Client Funds, Co-Speaker and Panelist

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: January 2015

**Group:** Association of Governmental Accountants –

Albuquerque Chapter

**Topic:** An Update on AU-C 240: Today's Name for

Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: December 2014

**Group:** American Bar Association: 31<sup>st</sup> Annual National

Institute on Criminal Tax Fraud and the 4th Annual

Institute on Tax Controversy

**Topic:** Eggshell Audits in a Comprehensive Tax Enforcement

Environment

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: November 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course **Location:** San Antonio, Texas

Date: November 2014

**Group:** Central Carolina Chapter of Certified Fraud

**Examiners** 

**Topic:** Effective Report Writing for Fraud Examiners

Location: Raleigh, North Carolina

Date: October 2014

Group: San Juan Basin Chapter, New Mexico Society of

Certified Public Accountants

**Topic**: Red Flags of Fraud

**Location:** Farmington, New Mexico

Date: October 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic**: Fraud Risk Management **Location**: Seattle, Washington

Date: September 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners **Topic:** Effective Report Writing for Fraud Examiners

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: September 2014

**Group:** 2014 Santa Fe County and Rio Arriba County

Treasurer's Affiliate Summer Conference

**Topic:** Fraud Prevention Case Study

**Location**: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Date: August 2014

**Group:** New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association – Women

in the Courtroom V

**Topic:** Are You Smarter Than An Expert Witness? Mounting

and Defending a Daubert Challenge

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: July 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Conducting Internal Investigations – State Fund of

California

Location: Vacaville, California

Date: July 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Financial Statement Fraud **Location:** San Francisco, California

Date: June 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Selling Your Services: Marketing Tips for CFEs

**Location**: San Antonio, Texas

Date: June 2014

**Group:** New Mexico Gaming Control Board

**Topic:** Understanding Financial Statements and Financial

Statement Fraud, Interactive Case Studies,

Conducting Investigative Interviews and Admission Seeking Interviews. *Course Certified for Law Enforcement credit by the NM Department of Public* 

Safety

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2014

**Group:** New Mexico Gaming Control Board

**Topic:** Fraud Basics, Basic Financial Investigations with

Case Studies, Using Tax Returns in Financial

Investigations, Casino Compliance, the Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering. *Course Certified for Law Enforcement credit by the NM Department of* 

Public Safety

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – NM

Chapter

**Topic:** ACFE Professional Standards – "Don't Let Your

Tongue Trip You Up"

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2014

**Group:** New Mexico Regulation – Securities Division

**Topic:** Interviewing and Interrogation

**Location**: Santa Fe, New Mexico



Date: March 2014

**Group:** The Conference That Counts!

**Topic:** Why Fraud Happens, Fraud Prevention and

Interactive Fraud Case Studies

Location: Albany, New York

Date: December 2013

**Group:** New Mexico Government Finance Officers Association **Topic:** Fraud Prevention through Process Improvement

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: October 2013

**Group:** McHard Accounting Consulting and Don Rabon

**Topic:** Contemporary Interviewing Dynamics

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: October 2013

**Group:** Institute of Internal Auditors – El Paso Chapter

**Topic:** Fraud Seminar: Case Studies

**Location**: El Paso, Texas

Date: July 2013

**Group:** DOE Contractors Internal Audit Directors **Topic:** Fraud Prevention: Tone at the Top

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: June 2013

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Taxation and Revenue Dept., Tax Fraud

Investigations Division

**Topic:** Conducting Internal Investigations

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2013

**Group:** New Mexico Chapter International Association of

Special Investigations Units

**Topic:** Forensic Accountants: An Aid to Claims

Investigations

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: January 2013

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course **Location:** Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: November 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Sandia

**National Laboratory** 

**Topic:** Legal Elements of Fraud and Professional

Interviewing Skills for Fraud Examiners

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

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October 2012 Date:

Group: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – NM

Chapter

Topic: Fraud Examination: Case Studies in Government

Albuquerque, New Mexico Location:

October 2012 Date:

Group: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Topic: Using Data Analytics to Detect Fraud

Los Angeles, California Location:

Date: October 2012

Group: United Way of Central New Mexico - Center for Non-

Profit Excellence

Red Flags of Fraud for Non-Profit Organizations Topic:

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: September 2012

New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Group: Topic: White Collar Crime Symposium: Thoughtcrime:

Defending on the Battlefield of Intent – Panel

Member

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: September 2012

Group: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Indiana

Gaming Commission

Custom two-day course Topic: Location: Indianapolis, Indiana

Date: August 2012

Group: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Oklahoma

State Auditor Training

**Investigating Conflicts of Interest** Topic:

Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Date: August 2012

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Jefferson Group:

County Public Schools

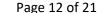
Conducting Internal Investigations Topic:

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

Date: July 2012

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Group:

Topic: Conducting Internal Investigations Location: Washington, District of Columbia



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Date: June 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Fraud Analytics: Taking Data Analysis to the Next

Level

Location: Orlando, Florida

Date: June 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Hanging Out Your Shingle Without Messing Up

**Location**: Orlando, Florida

Date: June 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners **Topic:** Chapter Representatives Meeting - Facilitator

Location: Orlando, Florida

Date: June 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – DCAA

**Custom Course** 

**Topic:** Using Data Analytics to Detect Fraud

**Location:** Denver, Colorado

Date: April 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Ethics for Fraud Examiners: Professional Standards

and Conflicts of Interest, Part II

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course **Location:** Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: April 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners **Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud – Custom Course

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: March 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Ethics for Fraud Examiners: Professional Standards

and Conflicts of Interest, Part I

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico





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Date: January 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Investigating Conflicts of Interest

**Location**: Los Angeles, California

Date: August 2011

**Group:** Association of Governmental Accountants – El Paso

Chapter, Professional Development Conference

**Topic:** Hotlines for Heroes **Location:** El Paso, Texas

Date: July 2011

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Habif,

Arogeti & Wynne, LLP

**Topic:** Specialized Knowledge

Location: Atlanta, Georgia

Date: June 2011

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Member - Audit Panel: Increasing Audit Effectiveness

in Deterring and Detecting Fraud

Location: San Diego, California

Date: June 2011

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Member - Fraud Risk Assessment Panel: Actions

Speak Louder Than Words

Location: San Diego, California

Date: May 2011

**Group:** United Way of Central New Mexico – Center for Non-

Profit Excellence

**Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud for Non-Profit Organizations

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2011

Group: Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Conducting Internal Investigations

**Location**: San Antonio, Texas

Date: April 2011

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Financial Statement Fraud **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico



Date: April 2011

**Group:** Association of Governmental Accountants **Topic:** Government Fraud Case Studies – NM PDC

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2011

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course **Location:** Providence, Rhode Island

Date: January 2011

**Group:** New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association **Topic:** Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New: Law Practice

Management 2011 - Fraud Basics

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: December 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners **Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud and Investigating

Conflicts of Interest

Location: Plano, Texas

Date: November 2010

**Group:** University of New Mexico School of Law **Topic:** Use of Experts in Litigated Matters

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: November 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Investigating Conflicts of Interest

Location: Orlando, Florida

Date: November 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – KMJ

Corbin and Company, LLP

**Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud Location: Costa Mesa, California

Date: September 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud

**Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah

Date: August 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course

Location: Chicago, Illinois





Date: August 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Prevention of Management and Occupation Fraud -

Hotlines

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: July 2010

**Group:** Institute of Internal Auditors – Albuquerque Chapter **Topic:** When Your Audit Takes a Left Turn into Investigation

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: July 2010

**Group:** Association of Government Accountants –

Albuquerque and New Mexico Chapters

**Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud **Location:** Santa Fe, New Mexico

Date: June 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** CFE Exam Prep Course

Location: McLean, Virginia

Date: May 2010

**Group:** Albuquerque Chapter of CPAs

**Topic:** Forensic Accounting: Basics to Case Studies

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – NM

Chapter

**Topic:** Procurement Fraud

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – IIA LA

Chapter

**Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud Location: Los Angeles, California

Date: March 2010

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud Location: New York City, New York

Date: January 2010

**Group:** New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association **Topic:** Financial Resolve: Saving Your Assets and Stay

Organized: Dealing with Your Trust Account

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico



Date: November 2009

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – San

Manuel Gaming Commission

**Topic:** Fraud Prevention/Auditing for Internal Fraud

Location: Highland, California

Date: November 2009

**Group:** University of New Mexico School of Law **Topic:** Use of Experts in Litigated Matters

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: September 2009

**Group:** American Payroll Association - Albuquerque Chapter

**Topic:** Portrait of a Thief

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: July 2009

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Fraud Prevention Tips: Best (and Worst) Practices -

Things My Clients Have Taught Me

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: June 2009

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – NM TRD

Fraud Investigation Division

**Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2009

**Group:** New Mexico Taxation and Revenue – General

Services Division

**Topic:** Fraud Basics

**Location**: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Date: May 2009

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – NM DVR

**Topic:** Fraud Prevention

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2009

**Group:** Association of Government Accountants

**Topic:** Fraud Prevention Tips: Best (and Worst) Practices -

Things My Clients Have Taught Me

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2009

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – NM DVR

**Topic**: Fraud Prevention **Location**: Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Date: April 2009

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners - UHY

Advisors

**Topic:** Report Writing & Conducting Internal Investigations

**Location**: Houston, Texas

Date: March 2009

Group: University of New Mexico
Topic: Forensic Auditing - Evidence
Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2009

**Group:** University of New Mexico

**Topic:** Auditor's Forensic Responsibilities - SAS 99

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: November 2008

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners-

Albuquerque IIA Chapter

**Topic:** Fraud for Internal Auditors **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: October 2008

**Group:** New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyer Association

-2<sup>nd</sup> Annual White Collar Crime CLE Conference

**Topic:** Creative Approaches in Litigating Fraud Cases

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: September 2008

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

-Albuquerque IIA Chapter

**Topic:** A Portrait of a Thief: Occupational Fraud War Stories

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: August 2008

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Fraud Prevention Conference **Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Date: July 2008

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Continuous Internal Auditing and Fraud Prevention:

SAS 112

**Location**: Boston, Massachusetts

Date: June 2008

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud

Location: Denver, Colorado

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Date: May 2008

**Group:** Casualty & Property Insurance Underwriters Society **Topic:** A Portrait of a Thief: Occupational Fraud War Stories

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2008

**Group:** New Mexico State University – Beta Alpha Psi

**Topic:** A Portrait of a Thief: Occupational Fraud War Stories

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2008

**Group**: University of New Mexico – Beta Alpha Psi

**Topic:** A Portrait of a Thief: Occupational Fraud War Stories

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2008

**Group:** Association of Government Accountants **Topic:** Government War Stories: Anti-Fraud Training

**Location**: El Paso, Texas

Date: March 2008

**Group:** University of New Mexico

**Topic:** Fraud: SAS 99 and Sarbanes-Oxley

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2008

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic**: Fraud Prevention **Location**: Houston, Texas

Date: March 2008

Group: University of New Mexico
Topic: Forensic Accounting
Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: February 2008

**Group:** Association of Government Accountants

**Topic:** Government War Stories: Anti-Fraud Training

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: December 2007

Group: Meyners + Company, LLC

**Topic:** Fraud Basics

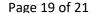
**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: December 2007

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**Group:** Manuel Lujan Agencies **Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico





Date: November 2007

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Auditing for Internal Fraud

**Location**: Des Moines, Iowa

Date: November 2007

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Fraud Prevention **Location:** Hollywood, California

Date: September 2007

**Group:** Non-Profit Financial Managers' Association

**Topic:** Non-Profit Update

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: September 2007

**Group:** Institute of Managerial Accountants

**Topic:** New Mexico Hall of Shame **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: July 2007

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Annual

Conference

**Topic:** Understanding Procurement Fraud

Location: Orlando, Florida

Date: June 2007

**Group:** Association of Latino Professionals in Finance &

Accounting

**Topic:** Fraud Basics & Fraud in Litigation

Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: June 2007

Group: Meyners + Company, LLC
Topic: Independence Issues
Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

## **ACTIVITIES:**

Commissioner, Vice-Chairperson, Past Chairperson Board of Commissioners

Albuquerque Housing Authority Albuquerque, New Mexico

Member, National Board of Advisors

Past Member, Past President, Board of Directors

Past Member, Finance Committee

Keshet Dance Company Albuquerque, New Mexico





Alexis de Tocqueville Society, Member Women in Philanthropy, Volunteer and Past Mentor United Way of Central New Mexico Albuquerque, New Mexico

Past Treasurer, Past President New Mexico Chapter Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Albuquerque, New Mexico

Past Member Board of Directors WildEarth Guardians Santa Fe, New Mexico

Past Treasurer Committee to Keep Judge Gerard Lavelle Albuquerque, New Mexico

Past Volunteer Mediator Settlement Week Court Alternatives Second Judicial District Court Albuquerque, New Mexico

Past Member, Board of Directors Albuquerque Softball/Baseball Hall of Fame Albuquerque, New Mexico

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# BETH A. MOHR, CFE, CAMS, CCCI, MPA, PI

#### **EDUCATION:**

Master of Public Administration – December 2007 School of Public Administration University of New Mexico

Bachelor of Science – February 1995 Administration of Justice Pacific Western University

#### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS:

Certified Cyber Crimes Investigator (CCCI) – September 2015 International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI)

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS) – June 2013 Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) – April 2011 Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Licensed Private Investigator State of New Mexico, License #2503 Expires 12/31/2019

Licensed Private Investigator State of Arizona, License #1639941 Expires 6/20/2019

Licensed Private Investigator State of California, License #28441 Expires 9/30/2019

New Mexico Department of Public Safety Certified Law Enforcement Instructor #NM14-63M

Certified Police Officer - December 1990 Intermediate P.O.S.T. Certification Police Officer Standards & Training State of California Certified Police Officer - February 1985 Basic P.O.S.T. Certification Police Officer Standards & Training State of California

# PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

McHard Accounting Consulting, LLC – July 2010 to present Managing Partner as of January 2011 Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mohr Investigations LLC – December 2010 to December 2014 NM Firm PI License #2505 Albuquerque, New Mexico

City of Albuquerque – July 2006 to December 2011 Performance Improvement Manager Albuquerque, New Mexico

City of Albuquerque – September 2001 to July 2006 Independent Review Investigator Independent Review Office of the Police Oversight Commission Albuquerque, New Mexico

Protection & Advocacy Systems – February 1997 to July 2002 Fair Housing & Investigative Trainer Albuquerque, New Mexico

ArcA Inc. - March 1997 to September 2001 Housing & Transportation Manager Albuquerque, New Mexico

Legal Aid Society of Albuquerque – March 1997 to March 1998 Investigator & Testing Coordinator – Fair Housing Project Albuquerque, New Mexico

Whatcom County Public Defender - January 1993 to February 1997 Criminal Investigator Bellingham, Washington

San Diego Police Department – October 1984 to February 1992 Senior Police Officer & Investigator San Diego, California

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS)

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International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI)

California Association of Licensed Investigators (CALI)

Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO)

New Mexico Chapter, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Arizona/New Mexico Chapter, International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI)

National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE)

International City/County Management Association, Past Member

American Society of Public Administration, Past Member

St. Joseph's Hospital/Ardent Central Institutional Review Board Past Member, IRB/Ethics Board

#### PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

Diverse Leaders 2017 Selection Committee Albuquerque Business First, Business Journal

Police Oversight Board, Past Chair City of Albuquerque, New Mexico Appointed February 2015 Chair February 2016-January 2017

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, New Mexico Chapter Past President Past Director of Education

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners ACFE Advisory Council, Member

California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) Designated Subject Matter Expert, Investigations

National Association for Schools of Public Affairs & Administration Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (NASPAA-COPRA) Site visit team – 2015: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY

Advisory Board on Graduate Education International City/County Management Association Past Board Member





University-Profession Connections Committee International City/County Management Association Past Committee Member

# **PUBLICATIONS:**

Mohr, Beth Anne. *In Press*. Combating implicit bias in Fraud Examinations, *Fraud Magazine* 

Mohr, Beth Anne. *June 2017*. Expert Briefing: Bitcoin Basics. *Financier Worldwide Magazine* 

Mohr, Beth Anne. *Summer 2015.* What Defense Attorneys need to know about Bitcoin, *For the Defense*, publication of the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Vol XIX, Issue 2

Mohr, Beth Anne. *July 2015*. What Private Investigators need to know about Bitcoin- Part 2, *The California Investigator Magazine* 

Mohr, Beth Anne. *April 2015*. What Private Investigators need to know about Bitcoin- Part 1, *The California Investigator Magazine* 

Mohr, Beth Anne. *March/April 2014*. Don't let your tongue trip you up: As an expert witness, avoid implicating in hypothetical situations, *Fraud Magazine* 

Mohr, Beth Anne. *July/August 2013*. CFEs Investigate This: Are you required to be licensed as a Private Investigator? *Fraud Magazine* 

McHard, Janet M. & Mohr, Beth Anne. September/October 2012. Career Connection: Hanging out your Shingle, Part 2. Fraud Magazine

McHard, Janet M. & Mohr, Beth Anne. *July/August 2012*. Career Connection: Hanging out your Shingle, Part 1. *Fraud Magazine* 

Mohr, Beth. Winter 2011. Leveraging the Expert: How Soon is too Soon? *For the Defense*, publication of the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. Vol XV, Issue 4.

McHard, Janet M. & Mohr, Beth Anne. *July/August 2011*. Hotlines for Heroes: Making a Fraud Hotline Accessible and Successful. *Fraud Magazine* 

Mohr, Beth Anne. 2009. Feeling Blue in the South Valley: A case study of nitrate contamination in Albuquerque's South Valley. *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society* 29 (5): 408-420. (Peer Reviewed Journal)

Mohr, Beth Anne. 2007. The Use of Performance Measurement in Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, School of Public Administration, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

### PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING:

**Date:** October 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Hawaii

Chapter

**Topic:** Ethical Considerations for Fraud Investigations,

Fraud Case Studies

**Location:** Honolulu, Hawaii

**Date:** September 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – Great

Kansas City Chapter

**Topic:** Ethical Considerations, Case Studies and Expert

Witness Seminar

**Location:** Kansas City, Kansas

**Date:** September 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Interviewing for the facts: Getting from "Yes" to "No"

to Resolution and Beyond

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: August 2017

**Group:** Oklahoma State Auditors

**Topic:** Anatomy of Fraud: Insights from Real Cases

**Location:** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Date: July 2017

**Group:** Century Bank Business Connector Group **Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud & Employee Investigations

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Ethics – The Game Show **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** February 2017

**Group:** Virginia Banker Association **Topic:** The Personality of the Fraudster

Location: Charlottesville, VA

Date: January 2017

**Group:** Institute of Managerial Accountants

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**Topic:** Bitcoin Basics: What you need to know

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** October 2016

**Group:** Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**Topic:** Fraud Examinations: Methodology, Interviews & Case

Studies

**Location:** Prescott, Arizona

Date: August 2016

**Group:** Financial Investigations

**Topic:** Bitcoin Basics: What investigators need to know

Course Certified for Law Enforcement credit by the

NM Department of Public Safety

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2016

**Group:** Nusenda Credit Union

**Topic:** Bitcoin Basics: What CFEs need to know

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2016

**Group:** ACFE-El Paso (Texas) Chapter

**Topic:** Fraud in Governmental Entities: Case Studies and

Other Fun Stories, Bitcoin Basics

**Location:** El Paso, Texas **Date:** February 2016

**Group:** ACFE-New Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Bitcoin Basics: What CFEs need to know

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** August 2015

**Group:** New Mexico State Bar, 2015 Tax Seminar CLE

**Topic:** Money Laundering

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: July 2015

**Group:** AGA Albuquerque Chapter **Topic:** Interviewing Techniques **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** February 2015

**Group:** Wells Fargo Specialty Markets Group **Topic:** Anatomy of Theft & Personality of a Thief

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: January 2015

**Group:** New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

**Topic:** Practice Management **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Date: October 2014

**Group:** San Juan Basin Chapter, New Mexico Society of

**Certified Public Accountants** 

**Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud

**Location:** Farmington, New Mexico

Date: August 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Ethics: New ACFE Professional Guidance – "The

Ethics Game Show"

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: June 2014

**Group:** New Mexico Gaming Control Board

**Topic:** Understanding Financial Statements and Financial

Statement Fraud, Interactive Case Studies,

Conducting Investigative Interviews and Admission

Seeking Interviews. *Course Certified for Law Enforcement credit by the NM Department of Public* 

Safety

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2014

**Group:** New Mexico Gaming Control Board

**Topic:** Fraud Basics, Basic Financial Investigations with

Case Studies, Using Tax Returns in Financial

Investigations, Casino Compliance, the Bank Secrecy Act and Anti-Money Laundering. *Course Certified for Law Enforcement credit by the NM Department of* 

Public Safety

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** ACFE Professional Standards – "Don't Let Your

Tongue Trip You Up"

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2014

**Group:** Virginia Bankers Association

**Topic:** Interviewing & Interrogation Basics

**Location:** Charlottesville, Virginia

Date: April 2014

**Group:** New Mexico Regulation – Securities Division

**Topic:** Interviewing & Interrogation

**Location:** Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Date: December 2013

**Group:** New Mexico Government Finance Officers Association **Topic:** Fraud Prevention through Process Improvement

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** October 2013

**Group:** McHard Accounting Consulting & Don Rabon **Topic:** Contemporary Interviewing Dynamics

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** September 2013

**Group:** Institute of Internal Auditors – El Paso Chapter

**Topic:** Fraud Seminar: Case Studies **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** September 2013

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** NM Private Investigations License – Who needs one?

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** May 2013

**Group:** International Association of Special Investigation

Units

**Topic:** Forensic Accounting: An Aid to Claims Investigations

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2013

**Group:** Admiral Beverage Corporation

**Topic:** Red Flags of Fraud

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** October 2012

**Group:** Institute of Internal Auditors – El Paso Chapter

**Topic:** Interview Techniques for the Auditor

**Location:** El Paso, Texas

Date: July 2012

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Essential Interview Secrets for the CFE

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** May 2012

**Group:** City of Albuquerque, Family & Community Services **Topic:** 2012 Management Retreat: Leveraging FCS Services

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** February 2011

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

**Topic:** Hotlines for Heroes: Creating an Approachable Fraud

Reporting Hotline

**Location:** Webinar; Albuquerque, New Mexico

**Date:** February 2008

**Group:** Meeting of the International Association for Science,

Technology & Society

**Topic:** Feeling Blue in the South Valley: A case study of

nitrate contamination in Albuquerque's South Valley

**Location:** Baltimore, Maryland

Date: October 2008

**Group:** National Organization for Civilian Oversight of Law

Enforcement

**Topic:** History of Civilian Oversight: 2002 BCE – 1970 CE

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio

#### **AWARDS:**

Albuquerque Business First Diverse Business Leader 2016 Albuquerque Business First, Business Journal

Phi Kappa Phi, December 2007 National Graduate Honor Society of Public Administration

Pi Alpha Alpha, May 2007

National Honor Society for Public Administration

Commanding Officer's Citation, July 1990 San Diego Police Department

Development of training program for SDPD

Commanding Officer's Citation, April 1987

San Diego Police Department

Investigation/arrests of serial burglary ring

Commanding Officer's Citation, June 1986

San Diego Police Department

Investigation/arrests of white collar crime syndicate

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

Alexis de Tocqueville Society, Member United Way of Central New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Operation from the Heart

Volunteer Agent

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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# ANNE M. LAYNE, CPA/CFF, CFE, CAMS, MBA

# **EDUCATION:**

Associates of Science - May 2004 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Bachelor of Science - September 2007 University of Phoenix

Master of Business Administration - December 2009 W.P. Carey School of Business Arizona State University

Master of Criminal Justice - December 2014 New Mexico State University

#### PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS:

Certified Public Accountant – October 2009 State of New Mexico

Certified Fraud Examiner – November 2010 Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Certified in Financial Forensics – January 2015 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist – March 2016 Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists

# PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

McHard Accounting Consulting, LLC – February 2017 to Present Partner Albuquerque, New Mexico

McHard Accounting Consulting, LLC – August 2015 to February 2017 Senior Manager Albuquerque, New Mexico REDW LLC – April 2013 to August 2015 Audit and Consulting Manager Albuquerque, New Mexico

State of New Mexico – September 2011 to March 2013 Regulation and Licensing Department – Securities Division Forensic Analyst Santa Fe, New Mexico

REDW LLC - January 2010 to September 2011 Audit and Consulting Senior Accountant Albuquerque, New Mexico

LarsonAllen - September 2007 to July 2009 Staff Associate Phoenix, Arizona

Sandia Resort and Casino- January 2005 to August 2007 General Ledger Accountant Albuquerque, New Mexico

Sandia Resort and Casino - January 2004 to January 2005 Accounting Clerk Albuquerque, New Mexico

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Director of Education, NM Chapter Assoc. of Certified Fraud Examiners Past Treasurer, NM Chapter Assoc. of Certified Fraud Examiners

Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists

# **HONORS:**

2014 New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants Leadership Academy

2016 New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants Women to Watch, Emerging Leader Award

2017 Albuquerque Business First 40 Under Forty honoree

2017 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Leadership Academy

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#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

Layne, Anne M. *May 2017*. Preventing expense reimbursement fraud: building a solid foundation, *Financier Worldwide* 

Layne, Anne M. *February 2017*. Stealing the corporate ladder: Preventing, detecting and investigation occupational fraud at all levels, *Financier Worldwide* Special Report: Corporate Fraud & Corruption

#### PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING:

Date: October 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Ethics in Your Office Space **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: October 2017

Group: Young Professionals of AlbuquerqueTopic: Top 10 Tips for Financial SafetyLocation: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2017

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Ethics: The Game Show **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2017

**Group:** The Conference That Counts!

**Topic:** Financial Investigations: Tips and Tricks; Ethical

Dilemmas & Protecting Government and Business

from Investment Fraud

Location: Albany, New York

Date: October 2016

**Group:** Investor Protection Trust and Investor Protection

Institute

Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation

(EIFFE) Prevention Program Summit

**Topic:** EIFFE Prevention Program for Financial Professionals

**Location**: Santa Fe, New Mexico

Date: August 2016

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter and New Mexico Office of the

Attorney General

**Topic:** Financial Investigations **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: June 2016

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

27th Annual Global Fraud Conference

**Topic:** Securities Fraud: An Overview and Case Studies

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Date: April 2016

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Ethical Decision Making **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2015

**Group:** Association of Governmental Accountants –

Albuquerque Chapter

**Topic:** Accountant's Role in White Collar Criminal

Investigations

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: March 2015

**Group:** National Indian Gaming Association

Topic: Occupational Fraud Location: San Diego, California

Date: November 2014

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Social Engineering

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: November 2014

**Group**: REDW – Tribal Finance and Leadership Conference

**Topic:** Occupational Fraud **Location:** Phoenix, Arizona

Date: April 2014

**Group:** Beta Alpha Psi – University of New Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Securities Fraud in New Mexico **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: November 2013

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Auditing and Fraud: Myths and Misconceptions

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: October 2013

Group: National Indian Gaming Association
Topic: Interviewing and Investigations
Location: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: September 2013

**Group:** Intel Corporation – Finance Division

**Topic:** Bribery and Corruption **Location:** Chandler, Arizona

Date: July 2013

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Securities Fraud in New Mexico **Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: May 2013

**Group:** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners – New

Mexico Chapter

**Topic:** Internal Audit

**Location**: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Date: April 2013

**Group:** Association of Governmental Accountants –

Albuquerque Chapter

**Topic:** Internal Audit

**Location:** Albuquerque, New Mexico

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

Director of Education, Past Treasurer

New Mexico Chapter

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners

Albuquerque, New Mexico

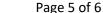
Events Committee, Chair Young Leaders Society

United Way of Central New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Professional Development Committee, Chair Young Professionals Association of Albuquerque

Albuquerque, New Mexico





Board of Directors, Vice-President Children's Grief Center Albuquerque, New Mexico

