COURSE SYLLABUS

Making Your Case to Prosecute Fraud Course

Learn how to gather, plan, and present evidence professionally to support prosecution efforts in fraud task forces across government cases.

> Group classes (Live Online) and onsite training are available for this course. For more information, email onsite@graduateschool.edu or visit: https://sdfm.graduateschool.edu/courses/making-your-case-to-prosecute-fraud



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Course Outline

Module 1: Understanding the Fraud Case

- Learn the five essential elements of a prosecutable fraud scheme.
- Explore prosecutorial criteria for making litigation decisions.
- Identify different forms of fraudulent behavior and how lies are interpreted legally.
- Understand the importance of intent and how it's established in fraud investigations.
- Examine real-world examples and apply analytical reasoning through class exercises.

Module 2: Audit/Investigation Joint Efforts

- Understand the need for and structure of joint task forces to combat fraud.
- Examine the roles of auditors and investigators in coordinated investigations.
- Discuss key benefits and challenges of multi-agency collaboration.
- Identify your responsibilities as a task force participant.

Module 3: Audit in the Legal Environment

- Differentiate between auditing standards and legal evidence standards.
- Explore rules for gathering and handling evidence in audits and court cases.
- Learn what evidence is admissible and how it should be documented.
- Understand legal limitations on evidence collection for prosecutions.

Module 4: Applying the Fraud Elements to the Audit Plan

- Integrate fraud detection elements into a structured audit plan.
- Use legal criteria and investigative techniques to evaluate fraud indicators.
- Develop audit strategies aligned with prosecutorial needs.

Module 5: A Guide to Audit Planning, Implementation, and Court

- Translate audit findings into trial-ready documentation.

- Understand the audit process from planning through courtroom testimony.
- Prepare for roles as a government witness and address defense tactics.
- Learn trial procedures and your responsibilities in a legal setting.