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Economic and Litigation Consulting

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Nathaniel W. Curtis is a manager with the Phoenix based firm of EconLit LLC. Mr. Curtis holds his Masters in Business Administration from Babson College who was previously employed as a litigation consultant at a big four accounting firm.



Mr. Curtis applies his business and finance background on a variety of commercial litigation areas. Mr. Curtis is also experienced in business valuation, economic damages analysis, personal injury damages, fraud detection and prevention, forensic accounting, and solvency analysis.

Selected Experience

Commercial Litigation

- Performed multiple solvency analyses for one of the largest bankruptcies in history. Calculated valuations for multiple subsidiaries to determine the extent and timing of alleged fraudulent transfers.
- Performed earnings restatement calculations for a Fortune 1000 Enterprise Resource Planning software company. Analyzed vendor records and value added reseller agreements to reconcile revenue recognition issues.
- Quantified damages in a dispute between contractors and land owners. Used accounting records, cancelled checks, and bank statements to determine erroneous draws and fraudulent expenditures.
- Quantified lost wages in a dispute between a construction company and an injured police officer. Analytical work incorporated compensation trends and the Arizona State Retirement System.
- Provided litigation assistance to an external financial expert who was engaged to testify in an insurance fraud matter.
- Analyzed claims of excessive billing in a breach of contract dispute between a general contractor and its clients. Examined invoices for compliance with contract; tested for duplicate invoicing; and analyzed budget variances.
- Examined and rebutted opposing expert's methodologies and findings regarding the present value of lost earnings resulting from insured business interruptions.
- Assisted in the rebuttal of an opposing expert's report in a lost earnings personal injury matter.

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- Assisted in the rebuttal of an opposing expert's report in a lost profits and construction defects suit brought against a contractor and subcontractor.

Fraud Detection and Prevention

- Conducted a forensic investigation for a construction products operation, including thorough review of transactions with related parties. Analyzed compensation of the contractor and prepared financial model of interest due on misappropriated funds.
- Conducted a forensic investigation for a public school located in Colorado City, Arizona. Acted as Deputy Receiver, and in that capacity managed the day-to-day operations of the school district including all financial reporting.
- Investigated allegations of fraud between business partners of a landfill located in Glendale Arizona. Managed the landfill business including all personnel management, accounting operations, logistics, and marketing efforts.
- Consulted criminal defense attorney regarding his indicted client's possible defenses against charges of involvement in a large ponzi scheme. Reviewed financial records and interview transcripts maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the court appointed Receiver.
- Participated in an analysis of a Fortune 500 company's accounting records and internal communications. Assessed claims of accounting discrepancies made by the Company's board of directors and former C-level executives.

Other Consulting

- Created financial models to assist entrepreneurs in starting new business ventures. These models were used in business plan competitions, road shows, and other funding efforts. The models allowed entrepreneurs to estimate future earnings and capital needs for their new businesses.
- Analyzed return earned on multi-million dollar trust funds. Compared fund returns to comparable benchmark returns. Created portfolio forecasting scenarios to calculate expected risk/return profiles for investment mixes of stocks, bonds, real estate holdings, and mutual funds. Consulted trust administrators and beneficiaries on alternative investment opportunities.

Professional History

EconLit LLC, Manager
Simon Consulting LLC, Senior Manager
Ernst and Young, Senior Associate
Mellon Financial, Portfolio Analyst

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Education and Training

Masters in Business Administration, Babson College

Bachelors of Interdisciplinary Studies in Business Administration and Plant Ecology, Graduate School, Arizona State University