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ACFI NEWSLETTER

ACFI Updates: New Resources, Insights & Opportunities

This month, we're excited to spotlight several key developments within the ACFI community. First, we're proud to feature David Debenham's Law textbook, *The Law of Fraud and the Forensic Investigator – Sixth Edition*, a leading resource for professionals committed to excellence in fraud examination and forensic practice. Alongside this, we're pleased to announce that ACFI 365 Annual Sponsorship Packages are now available—offering organizations year-round visibility, meaningful industry alignment, and the opportunity to support Canada's growing community of certified forensic investigators. Whether you're looking for professional knowledge, industry connection, or strategic partnership, ACFI has a valuable path forward.



AI Summit for Law Practices: A Strategic Forum

Step into a highly curated gathering designed exclusively for forward-thinking legal leaders. The AI Summit for Law Practices takes place April 22, 2026, from 10:00–5:00 pm (ET), offering a concentrated, expert-driven program for \$595.

This private summit brings together top voices from regulatory bodies, law societies, academia, and AI-adopting law firms to examine how artificial intelligence is transforming every corner of legal practice. From workflow efficiency and client service to ethics, profitability, and competitive positioning, attendees will gain a clear, strategic picture of where the legal profession is heading.

Participants will explore ROI, staffing shifts, client-communication changes, and real-world implementation lessons—while also addressing core risks such as confidentiality, bias, and evolving regulatory obligations. You'll leave equipped with actionable guidance for developing firm practices & strategies, enhancing data security, and safeguarding privilege.

This exclusive event also features practical training on querying AI for research, drafting, and summarizing, alongside live demonstrations that highlight efficiencies, pitfalls, and best practices already emerging in AI-forward firms.

Attendance is limited, ensuring a focused, high-caliber environment for influential decision-makers shaping the future of legal practice.

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Member Tip of the Month

If someone claims they can get lost crypto funds back for a fee, stop immediately. Legitimate recovery professionals do not charge upfront. Encourage anyone affected to report through the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.

Crypto “Recovery Agent” Scams: A Growing Threat

A troubling new fraud trend is targeting Canadians who have already lost money to cryptocurrency scams. Called “recovery scams,” these schemes promise to retrieve lost crypto funds — for a fee — but ultimately cost victims even more.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) reports that crypto recovery fraud increased by over 40% in 2024, with losses exceeding \$3.3 million. Fraudsters typically contact victims by email, text, or social media claiming to be “blockchain investigators,” “asset recovery specialists,” or even government agencies. They may present professional-looking documents or say they’ve “located” missing funds.

The catch: victims must pay upfront fees, often described as legal costs, taxes, or transfer charges. Once paid, communication stops and no funds are ever recovered.

Warning signs include:

- Requests for advance payment
- Claims of urgent deadlines
- Instructions to keep communications confidential

Provincial securities regulators are clear: legitimate agencies do not charge fees to retrieve lost investment funds.



About ACFI Membership

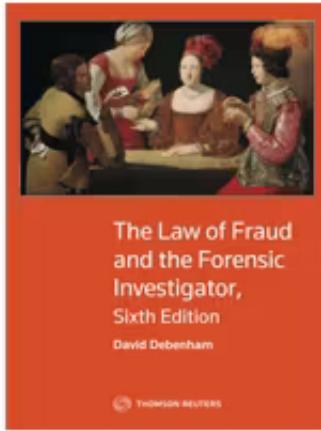
Members of the Association of Certified Forensic Investigators of Canada (ACFI) are seasoned fraud investigators who have met the Association's rigorous standards through a combination of education, professional experience, and examination. These individuals are recognized for their integrity, expertise, and commitment to excellence in the field.

ACFI awards two designations:

- CFI (Certified Forensic Investigator): Granted to those who meet all educational, examination, and experience requirements.
- CFT (Certified Forensic Technician): Awarded to individuals who have successfully completed the education and examination components and are in the process of gaining the necessary experience.

The ACFI also welcomes individuals interested in the prevention, detection, investigation, and mitigation of fraud. Affiliation serves as an entry point for those wishing to engage with the profession and is the first step toward earning the Certified Forensic Investigator designation.

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Introducing The Law of Fraud and the Forensic Investigator — 6th Edition

We're pleased to highlight a landmark resource for anyone working in fraud detection and forensic investigation: *The Law of Fraud and the Forensic Investigator, Sixth Edition* by David Debenham. This comprehensive guide delivers both a deep legal analysis of fraud and a practical, hands-on toolkit for investigators.

“David Debenham’s book is the most comprehensive book on fraud, the law, and investigation ever published. It is an essential reference guide for any forensic accountant, lawyer, or fraud investigator. Upon picking it up to research a topic, you will find yourself reading for hours, not able to put it down. It is well-written, easy to reference, and will aid you every step of the way in a white-collar crime case.”

— Diane A. Matthews, Associate Dean, Carlow University, School of Management, U.S.

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Sponsorship 365

NEW!! The Association of Certified Forensic Investigators of Canada (ACFI) is proud to introduce Sponsorship 365, a comprehensive annual sponsorship program designed to provide your organization with continuous visibility throughout the year.

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Save the date for the 2026 ACFI Fraud Conference - Oct 19-21, 2026

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