



# EASTERN CAPE

**15 NOV 2023 | 09:00 - 14:00 | IN-PERSON**

**ADDRESS:  
THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE VENUE  
East London**

**(900m from the Merrifield School on the N6 on the right)**



# SPEAKERS

## BIO

## STEVEN POWELL

### TOPIC:

THE IMPORTANCE OF DETECTING, EXPOSING, AND GETTING CONVICTIONS FOR FRAUD, CORRUPTION, AND MONEY LAUNDERING IN THE CONTEXT OF SOUTH AFRICA'S "GREY LISTING".

#### Designation: Forensics Executive

- Professional qualifications: Admitted as an advocate of the High Court of South Africa; PECB Certified ISO 37001 Lead Implementer of Anti-Bribery Management Systems
- Academic qualifications: BProc (University of Cape Town); LLB (University of Cape Town)
- Experience: 32 years

Steven Powell is Head of ENSafrica's Forensics practice. He is a renowned specialist white-collar crime prosecutor and forensics lawyer. Steven specialises in leading financial crime investigations that result in successful disciplinary and criminal proceedings as well as the recovery of losses from offenders in both civil and criminal matters.

Steven has been appointed to act for the South African Asset Forfeiture Unit to execute a multitude of restraint and forfeiture orders to recover the proceeds of crime flowing from corporate fraud, drug and abalone smuggling. He has performed investigations in, amongst others, the financial, oil and gas, mining, insurance and retail sectors in multiple jurisdictions in Africa.

Steven's experience also includes anti-fraud and corruption matters and assisting clients to meet the anti-corruption compliance requirements in the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act, as well as the South African Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act. Steven also assists clients with anti-fraud and anti-bribery risk assessments, training, due diligence and compliance programmes. Steven has been commended for his contribution to the work of the judicial enquiry into State Capture led by Judge Raymond Zondo in South Africa.

Steven is also frequently invited to present on white-collar crime, fraud and corruption issues throughout Africa and lectures on these topics at the local universities.

Steven is recognised as a leading/recommended lawyer by:

Chambers Global Guide 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 - Corporate Investigations (South Africa). Best Lawyers® 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 - Criminal Defense (South Africa). ACFE SA Awards 2016 - Contribution to the Anti-Fraud Profession in South Africa (Advocacy) of the Year Award. SACA - Southern Africa Compliance Awards - Best Regulatory Lawyer of the year, 2014

## TOPIC:

- ACFE SA & FRAUD WEEK INTRODUCTION
- PROFESSIONALISATION
- ETHICAL CULTURE

**CFE****Director/Owner of D & S Forensic Investigations**

De Wet commenced full-time employment as an investigator within the Department of Defence, South African Air Force Police, investigating and identifying crime and specializing fraud and corruption investigations.

His postgraduate professional experience was enhanced by being appointed as a specialized investigator within the SA Air Force Specialized Investigation Branch, and later as a senior investigator within the Military Police Specialized Investigation Branch.

De Wet was thereafter employed as the Security Manager within Aveng Grinaker-LTA Mining, and focused his experience and education on Security related matters, and the investigation of Fraud and Corruption for the Aveng Grinaker-LTA Operating Group.

These tenures have provided him with the opportunity of expanding his proficiencies to include financial related investigations, risk and compliance, Law, identifying and verifying financial irregularities such as process flaws, fraud and corruption. These investigations conducted include court driven investigations with the aim to prosecute, discipline and to institute civil claims against those who caused losses to his employer, ultimately implementing corrective measures and procedures to pro-actively prevent, detect and combat fraud and other related financial irregularities. De Wet is experienced in conducting disciplinary enquiries, testifying in criminal court and presenting evidence in disciplinary enquiries. De Wet further has the necessary experience and expertise in instituting civil litigation to recover lost or stolen funds for his employer.

In 2011 De Wet was appointed Aveng Group Forensic Manager at Aveng where he established the Group Forensic Department to investigate, detect, prevent and combat Fraud and Corruption related to the Aveng Group as well as the Tip Off Anonymous System, and other preventative measures. During this period he managed to recover and seize equipment and stolen funds for the company amounting to several million rand's worth, and prevented countless potential losses through corrective measures and preventative campaigns. He furthermore ensured successful investigations where employees and external people were criminally prosecuted and disciplinary action taken against employees, and possible corrupt vendors were removed from the vendor system of the Group.

De Wet and the Group Forensic Department he managed was outsourced by Aveng according to section 197 of the LRA to Deloitte Forensics where he worked as a Forensic Manager, investigating mining and construction related fraud and corruption cases until his resignation in December 2014, to open his own Forensic Investigation business.

De Wet holds a M-Tech (Master's) degree, B-Tech Forensic Investigation (Hon) degree, Adv, Cert. Fraud Examination and is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), and is currently finalizing his PHD in Forensic Investigation with the study's focusing on the utilization of voice biometrics in the investigation and prosecution process in SA.

De Wet is very well known in the Forensic industry and currently serves as a Board and Exco member of the ACFESA since 2012 till 2016, and was recently re-appointed from 2019 and is currently the President of the ACFE SA Chapter, previously the Chair of the Pretoria Regional Committee and Chair of the Forensic Standards Committee for the past 2 years.

He has presented on various local and international platforms as guest speaker on several different forensic related topics for and on behalf of the ACFESA. He has vast experience in the Infrastructure Development environment and presents on various topics relating to Fraud Risk Management, Forensic Investigations, and Corporate Governance, and conducts training sessions to the industry to ensure continues education of forensic practitioners all over Africa.

He is now also a member of the Pretoria Sakekamer and serves on the Manco starting May 2023, where he contributes in the field of forensics and business management overall. The D&S Forensic business recently added an additional services where it serves a recruitment agency placing forensic experts in full time and temp positions where required.