



# SDSU Student Accounting Society

## Meeting Minutes: California Department of Justice “Accounting in Law”

November 26, 2018

### **Presenters:**

Michelle Moreno	Investigative auditor supervisor michelle.moreno@doj.ca.gov
Eric	Audit and compliance investigate auditor
Kim Reed	Investigative auditor, kim.reed@doj.ca.gov
Marilyn meixner	investigative auditor, marilyn.meixner@doj.ca.gov

### **Presentation:**

- Benefits of working at DOJ
  - Work-life balance
  - Pension plan
  - State holidays off
  - vacation/sick days
  - Alternate work schedules
  - Personal holiday/development
  - health/dental/vision
  - Employee assistance program
    - Hotline where you can call and receive assistance for any type of problem (even if it's a personal problem)
  - Telework (limited)
    - Limited to what section you work for
  - Commute program
  - Mobility
- Fraud and special prosecutions
  - Investigate white collar crimes
  - Human trafficking
  - Underground economy
    - counterfeiting
  - Mortgage fraud
  - Tax and revenue fraud
  - Public corruption
- Investigate auditors

- Work with vertical prosecution teams to investigate criminal cases
- Conduct interviews of potential witnesses or targets
- Write and execute search warrants
- Forensic accounting (“follow the money”)
- Analysis of different data sets (telephone calls, tax returns, etc)
- Types of cases (Michelle worked on these cases)
  - Cyber exploitation case
  - Long Beach gang members and tax fraud schemes
- Fraud and special prosecutions looking for student workers (Michelle’s unit)
  - Max 20 hours a week
  - Work in downtown office
  - Assist in the investigation of new cases
  - Assist during trials
  - Great way to earn experience and see what it is all about
  - Send resume to [michelle.moreno@doj.ca.gov](mailto:michelle.moreno@doj.ca.gov)
  - Spring, summer, and fall semester internships
  - DOJ has offices all throughout CA
- Overview of audit and compact compliance section (ACCS)
  - Plays a vital role in addressing the more complicated financial aspects of the bureau’s suitability and criminal investigations
  - Conduct tribal financial audits, cardroom compliance reviews, background checks on slot machine manufacturers,
  - Conducts audits of cardrooms, as well as compiles and analyzes financial documentation to ensure that proper internal controls and accounting practices are maintained
  - ACCS has offices in Sacramento, LA, Riverside, and San Diego
- Tribal-state (gaming) compacts
  - Agreements between tribes and state of California
  - Several tribes under negotiation
  - Defines roles of the state gaming agency
    - Ca gambling control commission or bureau of gambling control
  - Explains payment methods and responsibilities
    - Number of gaming devices subject to the net win calculation
- Overview of tribal audits
  - Special distribution fund
  - Revenue sharing trust fund - contributing tribes
  - Revenue sharing trust fund - receiving tribes
  - General fund
    - Per device basis, simplest audit
  - Tribal nation grant fund
  - Mitigation funds
- Payments by tribes
  - Special distribution funds

- 37 tribes audited
- General fund
  - 3 tribes
- Revenue sharing trust funds
  - 32 tribes pay into
  - 72 take money out
- Overview of cardroom responsibilities
  - Adequate financing evaluations (AFE)
    - Cardrooms required to present satisfactory evidence that there is adequate financing available to protect public's health, safety, and welfare
    - Evaluations conducted on a periodic basis
  - Financial evaluations
  - Financial background investigations and risk assessments
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Manufacturers and distributors
  - CES investigations
- Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse Overview
  - Elder abuse prosecutions unit
    - Violent crimes unit
    - Facilities enforcement team
    - Operations guardians
    - Offices in San Diego, LA, Burbank, Riverside, Pleasanton
  - Civil prosecutions unit
    - Investigates whistleblower complaints against corporate entities alleged to have defrauded Medi-Cal
  - Types of providers the bureau investigates
    - Chiropractic
    - Mental health
    - Physicians
    - Skilled nursing
    - Dental
    - Hospitals
    - Labs
    - Transportation
    - Pharmacy
    - Rural health clinics
    - Diagnostic
    - optometry/audiology
    - Durable medical equipment
  - BMFEA duties
    - Interviews and interrogations of suspects, reports of investigations, search warrants, forensic financial analysis, testify in courts for civil and criminal cases

- EAPU audits
  - Violent crimes unit
    - Independently investigate all fiduciary abuse cases
  - Facilities enforcement team
    - Analysis of corporate financial documents, analysis of facility records- nursing hours
  - Operation guardians
    - Audit patient trust accounts
- Fraud audits
  - Independently conduct fraud investigations
    - All fraud cases except cases requiring high amount of undercover activity or surveillance
- Civil audits
  - Assist attorneys in all stages of investigation
  - Research and analyze data in conjunction with medi-cal fraud complaints filed
  - Review financial statements
  - Assist on national association of medicaid fraud control units (NAMFCU) intake and settlement teams to determine and calculate national damages
- Criminal and civil remedies
  - Criminal remedies: convictions, imprisonment, fines, restitution, conditions of probation
  - Civil remedies: injunctions and damages
    - Get millions of dollars and helps sustain the bureau
- How to apply
  - Jobs.ca.gov
  - Take auditor 1 exam (self-assessment)
  - Search and apply for auditor 1 positions

**Questions:**