

Overview of Services



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Service offering

Expert Witness and litigation support

The core service offering of McGlenn Consulting is the assistance to litigation teams to provide clarity, from a commercial and accounting perspective, to disputes.

McGlenn Consulting provides a fresh perspective on the issues at hand. This means costs can be minimized by having the input from an independent expert with decades of experience. Too often independent experts are involved late in the process long after the initial theory of the case has been developed. This often leads to material weaknesses or alternative causes of action not being raised early impacting on the ultimate result for the client.

McGlenn Consulting brings extensive experience of many cases in the High Court, District Court, and other forums to bear on the matter at hand. Being an experienced boutique consultancy means that independence can be maintained. Such independence is becoming increasingly difficult in the large scale practices in New Zealand.

Forensic and fraud advisory services

Graeme McGlenn, a Certified Fraud Examiner, has expertise in all areas of fraud prevention, education and investigation. He brings over 30 years of audit, internal control and business process experience to his clients.

McGlenn Consulting can provide a full range of fraud advisory services including fraud risk assessments; fraud health checks, fraud education, fraud investigations, and fraud litigation support and expert witness.

Usually businesses don't understand how at risk they are until they become a victim of a fraud. This is usually a very expensive education session. A "Fraud Health Check" can help identify weaknesses so they can be addressed.

Investigations and problem solving

McGlenn Consulting brings over 30 years of experience finding the issues and providing practical business solutions. Whether it is an issue in accounting processes or an area that is poorly performing we can assist organisations to fine tune performance and improve overall performance.

McGlenn Consulting is available at short notice to handle one off business imperatives and projects that are outside the scope or capacity of the existing staff or an organisation. These projects may be strategic or operational in nature but key is often the rapid response of an experienced practitioner.

Governance

Graeme McGlenn has a wide variety of experience on Boards including Chair and other leadership roles. As a former licensed auditor responsible for many public entity and listed company audits as well as large not for profit organisations he can bring particular strength to finance, audit and risk portfolios on a Board or Committee.

Personal profile – Graeme McGlinn

Graeme McGlinn B.Com CA(PP) CFE CMIIntD

Born 1961, Married to Diana with four adult children and two grandchildren

Education and professional qualifications

-) Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) from University of Canterbury
-) Chartered Accountant with Public Practice Certificate
-) Certified Fraud Examiner (United States)
-) Chartered Member of Institute of Directors
-) Licensed Auditor under Auditor Regulation Act (to 31 March 2016)
-) Appointed Auditor by the Auditor General – 1997 to 2016
-) Qualified Auditor (from 1 April 2016)

Work History

-) 1 April 2016 to present – Director – McGlinn Consulting Group Limited
-) 1 January 1992 to 31 March 2016 – Partner in Grant Thornton New Zealand Limited.
Roles included:
 - o Director and Deputy Chairman 2013 to 2016
 - o Chair of National Risk Management Committee – 2008 to 2012
 - o National Service Line Leader Audit – 1995 to 2003
 - o Grant Thornton Asia Pacific Advisory Council – 1995 to 2003
-) 15 September 2010 to 24 December 2015 – Statutory Manager – Hubbard related entities
-) 5 November 1984 to 31 December 1991 - Audit manager Grant Thornton New Zealand's predecessor firm Chambers Nicholls
-) 1983-1984 – Auditor – KPMG's predecessor firm Gilfillan Morris and Co then Peat Marwick Mitchell and Co
-) 1982 – Tutor in Management Information Systems – University of Canterbury

Professional Involvements

-) NZICA Canterbury Branch Committee
-) NZICA National Not for Profit Sector Advisory Group
-) NZICA Practice Review Advisory Group (previously the Practice Review Board)
-) Securities Commission – Debt and Equity Advisory Group
-) NZICA – Presenter on National CPD road shows on the Not for Profit Sector, Charities Bill and Charities Act
-) NZICA – Canterbury Branch NFP Special Interest Group

Governance Roles held

-) Hamilton Hindin Greene and Overview Portfolio Limited – Chairman and Independent Director (2016 – present)
-) Chair – JB Johns Trust and Papanui High School Foundation (2014 - present)
-) CAANZ – Practice Review Advisory Group (current)
-) Director and Deputy Chair – Grant Thornton New Zealand (2013 to 2016)
-) Director and Deputy Chairman – Canterbury Education Services Limited (past)
-) Director – companies associated with the Hubbard statutory management (past)
-) Trustee and chair of finance – Papanui High School (past)
-) Chair – Sure and Stedfast Development Trust (past)

Litigation files handled over recent years

-) Many directions hearings associated with the Hubbard statutory management
-) Assistance on cases involving the Serious Fraud Office
-) Expert witness in alleged fraud cases
-) The FMA prosecution of the directors of Hanover Finance Limited (case settled)
-) FMA (Securities Commission) investigations into several failed finance companies in conjunction with MBiE
-) Several cases of alleged auditor negligence
-) Over 20 case files associated with the Real Estate industry including many appearances before the Real Estate Agents Licensing Board to give evidence
-) Alleged negligence cases with respect to trustees and the exercise of their duties
-) Disputes over mortgage positions
-) Expert witness on financial statement accounting treatments of transactions
-) Disputes arising from purchase and sale agreements
-) Investigations for Insurers into alleged fraudulent activities
-) Asset tracing claims and assistance in matrimonial separation disputes
-) Assistance as an expert in cases of alleged professional negligence in the accountancy and several other professions

Audit experience of Graeme McGlinn over recent years

Although Graeme McGlinn is not continuing to audit he has spent much of his career auditing and has developed an extensive skill set that he brings to his clients. He brings this experience to the benefit of his clients in assisting on Boards, Audit and Risk committees, and assisting with expert opinion on audit related cases. His past audit clients include:

-) NPT Limited (listed)
-) The Colonial Motor Company Limited (listed)
-) Solution Dynamics Limited (listed)
-) 2 Degrees Mobile Limited
-) Grosvenor Financial Services Group Limited (Kiwisaver)
-) Generate Kiwisaver Scheme (Kiwisaver)
-) Canterbury Development Corporation and Group
-) University of Canterbury Trusts and Foundations
-) Arts Centre of Christchurch Trust
-) Canterbury Museum Trust Board
-) Fiordland Lobster Company Limited
-) Computershare Investor Services Limited
-) Link Market Services Limited
-) Office of the Auditor General assignments
-) Methodist Church of New Zealand
-) Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints
-) MBiE – Proceeds of Crime audits
-) MBiE – Audit of Insolvency and Trustee Services procedures and systems
-) Land Information New Zealand – audit of systems and procedures
-) Environment Canterbury – Audit of resource consent systems

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