

THIS JUST IN: FORENSIC AND VALUATION SERVICES EXPECTED TO KEEP GROWING

Opportunities in electronic data analysis and dispute investigation are fueling expansion.

Optimistic outlook for most respondents

THREE-FOURTHS of forensic respondents and MORE THAN HALF of valuation respondents anticipate growth in their practices in the next two to five years.

HOW MUCH THE MAJORITY 10%-50% OF FORENSIC RESPONDENTS ANTICIPATING GROWTH EXPECT THEIR PRACTICE TO GROW

Respondents who expect growth:



VALUATION RESPONDENTS 54%

Top near-term issues for FVS accountants

ELECTRONIC DATA ANALYSIS (BIG DATA)

INCREASED COMPLEXITY 20% AND SCRUTINY IN **ENGAGEMENTS**

COMPETITION AND FEE PRESSURE

REGULATORY CHANGES

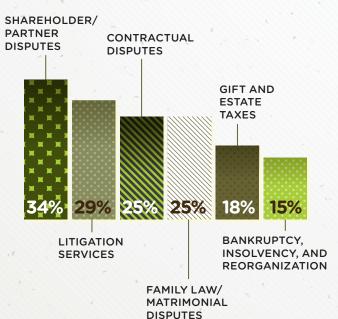
ATTRACTING AND RETAINING QUALIFIED STAFF

A few years ago, BIG DATA wasn't even in the top five issues that FVS accountants expected to face in the next two to five years. Now it's No. 1.

OF RESPONDENTS EXPECT TO 85% SEE AN INCREASE IN TIME SPENT ON ELECTRONIC DATA ANALYSIS

> Growing business areas for valuation professionals

Here's where respondents said they're most likely to experience increased demand:



(Percentage of respondents predicting increase)

DATA FROM THE 2014 AICPA SURVEY ON TRENDS IN FVS

Growth predictions for damages calculation work



BREACH OF CONTRACT 35%



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY 32%



BUSINESS TORT CASES 27%



MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS 22%



EMPLOYMENT 19%



UNFAIR COMPETITION 13%

(Percentage of respondents predicting increase)

Most commonly experienced frauds

CHECK FRAUD



15%

EMPLOYEE EXPENSE FRAUD



12%

MISUSE OR DIVERSION OF ASSETS

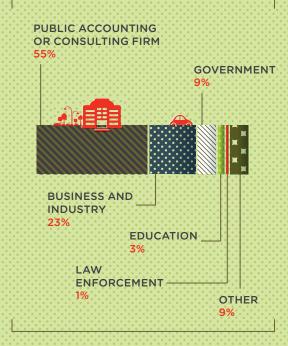


10%

53% OF RESPONDENTS HAD EXPERIENCED FRAUD IN THE PAST YEAR

(Business and industry respondents only)

Where the respondents worked



Services offered

Respondents at firms offered a range of services. The top categories:

FRAUD PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND RESPONSE 44%



