

Forensic Consulting Pro Bono Program



Grant Thornton Australia's pro bono program for accounting expert witness services assists not-for profit entities and disadvantaged and at-risk members of our community.

Approach

Our forensic consulting experts regularly navigate legal frameworks, helping leaders deal with sensitive proceedings quickly and discreetly, so they can prioritise the day-to-day operations. We provide clarity to the most complex issues and present businesses with the right information so they can make decisions with confidence.

The team has delivered their specialist expertise to a broad range of clients, from legal professionals, government departments, listed companies, financial institutions, SMEs and individuals – and expanding this offering to the pro bono legal community.

Our multidisciplinary forensics team is composed of business valuation specialists, industry specialists, licenced investigators and IT professionals.

We are highly skilled and experienced in our ability to identify and obtain relevant information, investigate the financial issue at hand and provide a clear, concise, sustainable opinion as to the outcome.

How we help

- **Forensic accounting and dispute advisory:** expert accounting evidence for all manner of disputes, whether that be in relation to value of businesses and entities, commercial loss and damages, insurance losses as well as solvency reviews, investigation and restatement of financial statements, tracing transactions, family law valuation, investigations, schedules of assets and accounting assistance and critiquing of expert reports

How we help (cont.)

- **Investigations:** fraud and corruption, theft of assets and cash, employee misconduct, expert witness testimony and wage claims (including underpayments)
- **Asset tracing:** identifying and tracing assets and the flow of misappropriated funds.

Program Framework

Our program commenced in October 2024, and is available to law firms, barristers and community legal centres (CLC) offering pro bono (or low bono) legal services.

Grant Thornton will undertake appointments from law firms, barristers and CLC's under the same basis as the referring party has undertaken the appointment, be that pro bono or low bono.

Our services are only limited to those services from within our forensic consulting team, and all engagements are undertaken under our existing professional obligations in addition to any applicable court or tribunal rules for expert witnesses.

If you would like to know more about our program, please contact our National Pro Bono Lead, Thomas Caldow.

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How can we help?

Our pro bono program can help assist not-for-profit entities and disadvantaged and at-risk members of our community in a variety of matters.

The below are examples of pro bono matters in which we have acted as part of our pro bono program.



Fraud & misconduct investigation

We were retained by a law firm acting on behalf of a regional based NFP to investigate alleged fraud and misappropriation of financial records of their former treasurer.



Funds tracing for elder abuse victim

We were retained by a large law firm active on behalf of Senior Rights Victoria to undertake a funds tracing exercise relating to the financial abuse of a disabled elderly man by two individuals in their capacity as disability support workers.



Assessment of wage underpayment

We have been retained by legal firms and community legal centres acting on behalf of individuals seeking a calculation of wage underpayments including:

- An immigrant non-English speaking female kept as an in-house slave
- A disabled individual who was not paid overtime during his employment period
- A minor who was paid the incorrect award
- A reconciliation of payslips and wages received for a young mother



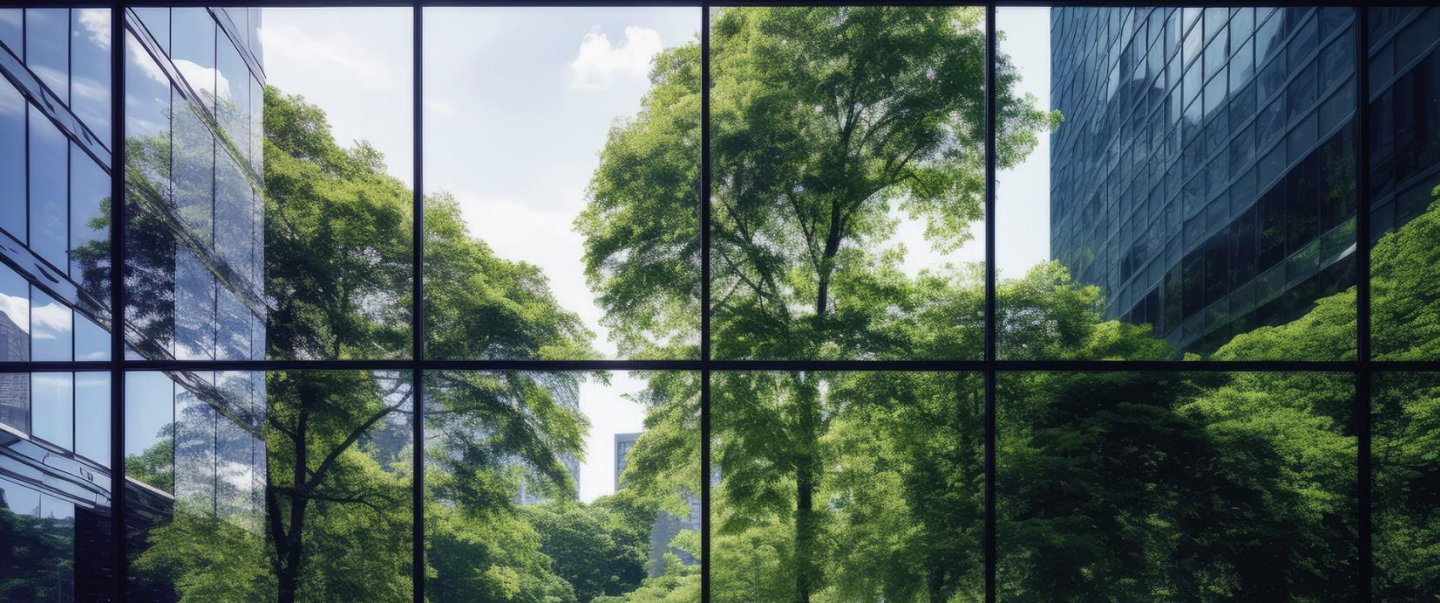
Business valuation for family law purposes

We were retained by a CLC acting on behalf of a domestic violence victim to undertake a business valuation for family law purposes of the business operated by her spouse



Funds tracing of executor misconduct

We were retained by a CLC acting for a disabled minor, who was the sole beneficiary to his mother's estate, in quantifying the financial misconduct of his aunt in her role as the executor of the estate.



What our clients say



It was fantastic to receive assistance to calculate employee entitlements on the recent unpaid wages matter. Award calculations can be incredibly complex. The Grant Thornton team was knowledgeable, readily available and flexible, accommodating a number of different assumptions and potential scenarios. The amount of work that goes into these kinds of calculations is far beyond the capacity of many legal practices who refer matters to us. Having an expert team able to assist, goes a long way in ensuring vulnerable workers don't fall through the cracks. We are very grateful for the assistance.

Alana Hudson
Clayton Utz



GT provided our client, who was a victim of elder financial abuse and modern slavery, with pro bono assistance that was timely, professional, and crucial to proving our case at court. The team at GT were so easy to work with and provided us with updates through the whole process. Our client was extremely grateful for the support of GT.

Megan King
Norton Rose Fulbright
Australia



Grant Thornton has been an exceptional support in our pro bono work, offering invaluable accounting expertise that has strengthened our pro bono practice in very real and practical ways. The costs and time of engaging a forensic accountant are often out of reach for our pro bono clients so Tom and his team's willingness to jump on a call with us or take a look at a matter has truly made a difference to our ability to deliver high-quality outcomes for our clients.

Heidi Anderson
Wotton Kearney

About Grant Thornton

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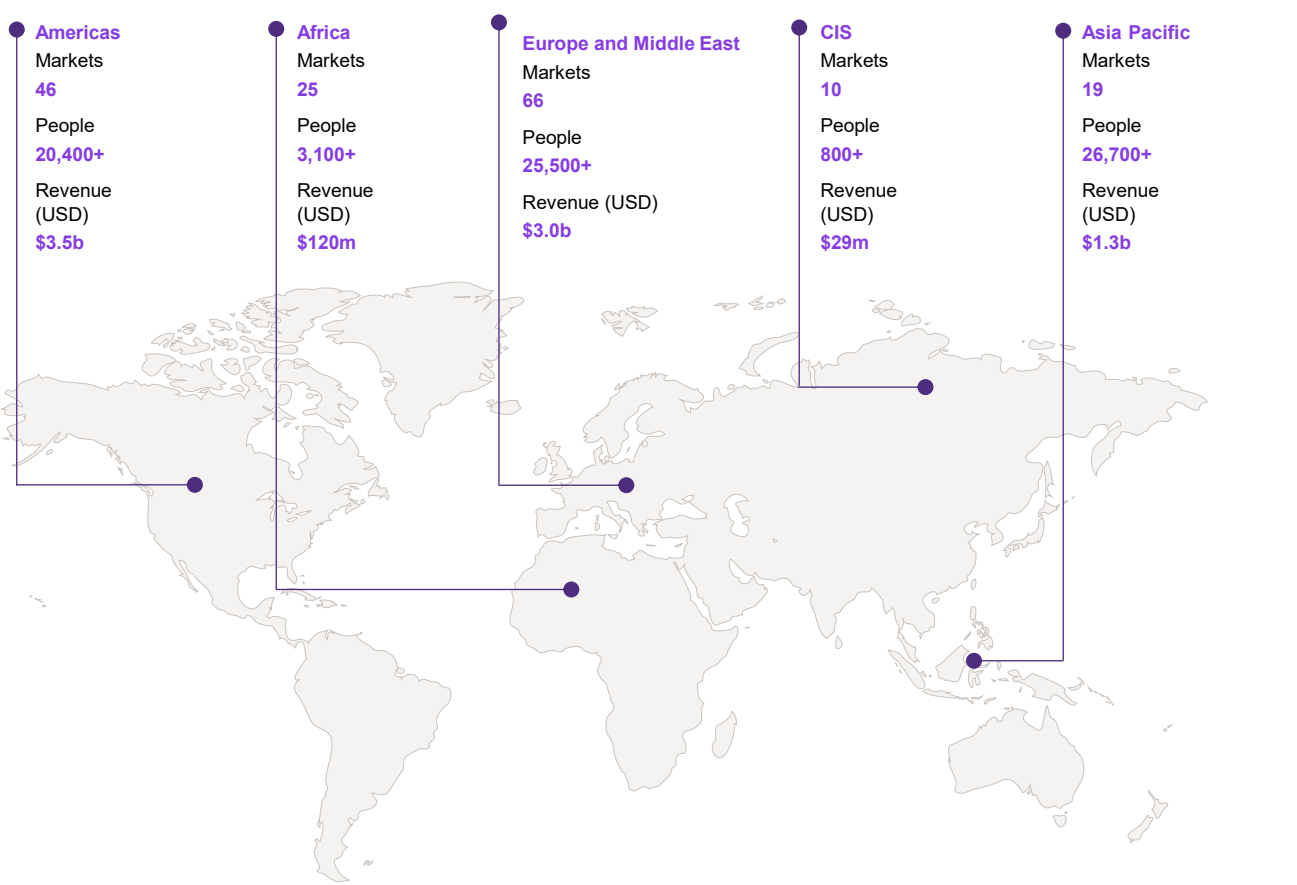
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Your business deserves remarkable support

At Grant Thornton, care is just as important as capability – and your experience is as important as the outcome.

By caring for our people, clients and communities we provide a strikingly different experience, built on our values, with client service at the forefront.

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People globally

76,000+

People nationally

1,500+

Partners nationally

182

Global revenue (USD)

\$8b

National revenue (AUD)

\$370m

Offices nationwide

6

Offices globally

750+

Markets

156+

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