



# Manager Named to Fraud Agency

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GLENDORA — We're living in a climate of fraud.

Sometimes it's massive in scale, involving corporate wrongdoing and the loss of millions of dollars. Other times the abuses are smaller, or even unintentional.

But they are abuses just the same.

And Jenny Dominguez is helping VLS Fraud Solutions ferret out those abuses. Dominguez was recently hired on as manager for VLS, a business unit of the certified public accounting firm Vicenti, Lloyd & Stutzman.

She has come on board at a time when the Glendora-based firm is seeing an increased demand for resolving conflicts, fraud investigations and forensic audits.

"I still have a lot to learn, and I was really attracted to their skill sets," the 33-year-old Hesperia resident said. "I took this opportunity to learn from them."

That's not to say Dominguez hasn't learned a lot already.

As a licensed certified public accountant who specializes in financial forensics and fraud, she has more than eight years experience leading fraud investigations and



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JENNY DOMINGUEZ  
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has seen the full cycle of cases from phone call, to trial to resolution.

"What we see a lot of is inappropriate use by employees ... people taking advantage of their role in whatever agency they work for," Dominguez said.

The VLS team is focused primarily on serving the education industry, with special emphasis in K-12 school districts and community college districts.

One of the biggest cases to date involved a school district that must reimburse the government millions of dollars due to a fraudulent billing scheme.

"We've seen a major increase in situations that need to be investigated," said Linda Saddlemire, partner in charge of VLS Fraud Solutions. "There is evidence that this is partly related to the economic downturn."

Dominguez said the investigations can last anywhere from two weeks to two years, depending on how involved a particular situation is.

"It could be looking at bank records, certain vendor payments, or background checks for people under investigation," she said. "We'll also do computer forensics and review e-mail contracts to see if there is some type of abuse."

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