

The Ten Commandments For Fighting Fraud

Commandment	Description
The First Commandment Thou shalt investigate before thou shalt interrogate	Human instinct is to rush in and accuse or confront those under suspicion. To do this before a thorough investigation is folly and will jeopardise prospects of success.
The Second Commandment Thou shalt not make wrongful use of Old Bill	You need to decide right at the start whether you are going criminal or civil. If you inform the Police you are virtually going to give up control over the investigation and make asset recovery more difficult.
The Third Commandment Thou shalt not confuse experience with expertise	Your existing lawyers, even if they are Litigators, may not be fraud specialists. You would not ask your GP to give you a By-Pass so do not ask generalists to become specialists over night just because you know them.
The Fourth Commandment Thou shalt Norwich thy neighbour as he would Norwich you	You can use the Norwich Pharmacal jurisdiction of the High Court to give you orders against Banks, Telephone Companies, ISP's and any other third party who has unwittingly been used by the crooks to commit a fraud, to divulge confidential information they hold which will help you freeze assets and preserve evidence.
The Fifth Commandment Thou shalt freeze first and litigate later	The only way to succeed in a fraud investigation is to freeze the crooks assets and / or what they have stolen as fast as you can and keep hold of it until the end of the case.
The Sixth Commandment Thou shalt search and seize whilst thou freezes	The other golden rule of fraud investigation is to move as quickly as possible to get a search order, to get your hands on the evidence of the fraud and evidence of where the crooks have hidden their or your assets.
The Seventh Commandment Thou shalt keep thy friends close but thy enemies closer	You also need to get a Court Order that prevents the crooks from leaving the UK until they have given you all the information you need.
The Eighth Commandment Thou shalt use thy Windows	Every fraud case has its key opportunities "windows" where you can exert maximum pressure to force a capitulation or settlement and you need to know how to create them and use them to your advantage.

<p>The Ninth Commandment Thou shalt get in, get out and get on with life</p>	<p>As much as it is painful to do, you need to look at fraud investigation and asset recovery as business exercise and get as much as you can, as cost effectively as you can as speedily as you can. Searching for that elusive bit of <i>“justice”</i> can tie you up in litigation for life.</p>
<p>The Tenth Commandment Thou shalt honour thy spouse ...and thy lovers</p>	<p>Over 25% of fraud investigations are kicked off by disgruntled wives, husbands or lovers dobbing in their partners to their employers. So the moral of the story is be faithful and cheat at your peril.</p>