

Fact Gathering for Litigators

For nearly 30 years, Mintz Group investigations have uncovered key evidence to help litigators prevail in court and at the negotiating table. We work for roughly half the firms in the AmLaw Global 100 on a regular basis, and across a wide range of industries and geographies. We find facts relevant to every stage of a dispute—from before a lawsuit is filed to after a judgment has been entered.

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Identify, locate and interview key witnesses.

Over the past 13 years, Mintz Group has conducted a large-scale investigation of a Ponzi scheme on behalf of a bankruptcy trustee, in which we have knocked on the doors of thousands of witnesses around the world. Our work has been integral to untangling complex money flows and determining who knew what about the fraud, leading to significant recoveries.

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Scrub the backgrounds of adversaries, fact witnesses and experts.

For the counsel of an international insurance company, we conducted in-depth background investigations on individuals from Panama, Venezuela, Colombia, and Mexico who had filed a class action lawsuit against the company. We found that the individuals had not accurately represented themselves before the court—lying about their credentials, backgrounds and claims.

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Assess and track assets through the lifecycle of a case.

On behalf of a group of creditors, we gathered evidence of a company's international corporate structure, banking relationships and assets to inform freezing injunctions in several jurisdictions. This initial relief provided time to gather additional information on related party transfers that had been used to siphon money to the company owners, which in turn led us to other assets.

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Establish an opponent's "footprint" in a particular jurisdiction.

We identified a New York-based office and uncovered materials from investor presentations that showed key executives of an Argentinian company spent considerable time marketing in the jurisdiction. Coupled with U.S. maritime customs records and publicly available flight data, we armed our client with information to establish personal jurisdiction for a lawsuit against the company.

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Uncover undisclosed connections between parties.

For the Utah House of Representatives, we investigated allegations of corruption and misconduct against the state's Attorney General. Working with counsel for a bipartisan legislative committee, we presented our findings before the legislature, and reported to the public in a detailed report, and created an interactive timeline of key documents.

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Our client, a global non-profit, was the victim of a multi-year online harassment campaign that was intimidating staff and tarnishing the institution's reputation. We analyzed the metadata associated with the harassing emails to find the networks used by the harassers and determined their approximate geolocation. Next, we tied the email addresses used in the campaign to accounts across several social media platforms and mapped the scope of the harassment. In the end, we identified the individual behind the harassment campaign, who turned out to be a disgruntled former employee.

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Assist corporate clients with internal investigations.

We assisted the general counsel of a multinational company in conducting an internal investigation of a finance department employee suspected of submitting false invoices. We identified side companies created by the employee and used in the fraud, and uncovered lavish spending by the employee and stated plans to move abroad. We worked with local law enforcement to effect an arrest and provided findings to support the prosecution.