

## From the Editors

After a lengthy hiatus, we are happy to introduce this issue of the Journal of Economic Crime Management and assure you that the publication of this journal will continue on a regular basis. It is important that we provide a forum for the discussion of cutting edge issues in the economic crime management arena. Your response to the initial issues was proof of that and we hope that you will feel the same about the journal from this point forward.

With this issue come a few changes to the Editorial Board. Dr. Donald J. Rebovich has joined me as co-editor. Don is the Director of the Economic Crime Investigation Program at Utica College and Associate Professor of Economic Crime Programs. Don is the author of *Dangerous Ground: The World of Hazardous Waste Crime*, which presented the results of the first empirical study of environmental crime and its control in the United States. His background also includes research in cybercrime prevention, economic crime victimization, public perceptions of fraud, fraud investigation methods, white collar crime prosecution and multi-jurisdictional task force development.

Ms. Judy Gordon also joins the JECM as Assistant Editor. She is responsible for formatting the manuscripts and corresponding with the authors. Judy is the Executive Assistant for the Economic Crime Institute and holds an undergraduate degree in English and a masters degree in library science. Dr. George E. Curtis and Professor David O. Friedrichs have joined the Editorial Board and will be valued reviewers of articles. George is the Director of the Economic Crime Management Masters Program and Associate Professor of Economic Crime Programs at Utica College. David is Professor of Sociology/Criminal Justice at the University of Scranton.

This issue, Winter 2004, contains four articles concerning key issues in economic crime management. Two are concerned with the growing issues of identity fraud and identity theft. *Identity Fraud: A Critical National and Global Threat* is a white paper sponsored by the Economic Crime Institute and LexisNexis. The paper discusses the differences and similarities of identity fraud and identity theft. It considers legal, societal, and technological approaches to managing identity fraud and makes strong recommendations for continued research and policy. The Pinheiro article discusses the problem of identity theft through the use of credit cards. The paper proposes using a trusted authenticator to verify that a person opening a new account is who he says he is. Andy Wilson presents the results of his research on employee dishonesty in *Employee Dishonesty: National Survey of Risk Managers on Crime*. This article details results from 2,163 respondents representing organizations of all sizes across multiple industries. It answers the question: "Have employee opportunists taken advantage of their corporate position to steal assets from the workplace?" and documents the increase in dishonesty by exploring the details of 3,113 employee crimes, including crime types, methods of discovery, loss amounts, employee

positions and outcomes. The Dolan article examines Internet auction fraud, one of the fastest growing Internet crimes. Her survey results delve into why this crime has stayed “under the radar” for so long and what the Internet auction houses, the auction participants, and law enforcement can and are doing about it.

Our next issue will be out in May 2004. We are currently accepting articles for it and invite and encourage you to consider making a submission. The JECM will be published quarterly: Winter (February), Spring (May), Summer (August), and Fall (November).

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