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## EDUCATION

### Master of Business Administration

UNC Greensboro  
1998

### B.S. in Accounting

Bob Jones University  
Greenville, SC  
1991

## SKILLS

- Certified Fraud Examiner
- Forensic Accounting
- Fraud Examination
- Criminal Investigations
- Resolving IRS Problems
- Expert Witness
- Litigation Support
- Asset Tracing

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly accomplished forensic accountant with proven expertise in financial litigation and an extensive background as an IRS Senior Special Agent. Wide experience in federal court proceedings through my investigatory work, consultancy services, and acting as an expert witness.

## WORK HISTORY

### Principal Member

March 2021 - Current

#### Nordlander CPA, PLLC | Greensboro, NC

- Managing a forensic accounting and tax resolution firm, specializing in complex financial litigation matters.
- Serving as a consultant to attorneys and an expert witness, as required.
- Utilizing my 20+ years of experience in federal criminal court to conduct examinations and prepare for litigation.
- Specializing in the areas of criminal tax and money laundering investigations.
- Applying comprehensive knowledge of forensic-accounting techniques and methodology.
- Handling varied investigation processes, such as interviewing, gathering evidence, case management and asset tracing.
- Representing individuals and businesses who need help resolving their tax matters with the IRS and other tax agencies.
- Delivering expert presentations to various CPA and attorney associations.

### Senior Special Agent

June 2000 - March 2021

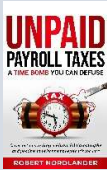
#### Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation | Greensboro, NC

- Applied my forensic accounting expertise to conduct large federal tax and money laundering criminal investigations.
- Worked on multi-million dollar cases, both in the United States and internationally.
- Investigated potential criminal violations of the Internal Revenue Code and related financial crimes.
- Engaged in case development, prosecution recommendation, recreating financial records and interviewing.
- Testified in federal court, and practically applied understanding of federal rules of evidence and procedures, and U.S. sentencing guidelines.
- Conducted arrests, served search & seizure warrants, and participated in surveillance/undercover operations.
- Served as a subject matter expert in the field of cryptocurrency.
- Over the course of my time in post I served as Acting Supervisor, Use of Force Coordinator, Certified Academy Instructor, FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, Cybercrime Coordinator, and
- Provided coaching and mentoring for new special agents in my role as On the Job Instructor.

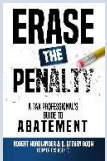
## PUBLICATIONS



**Criminal Tax Secrets: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know**, Nordlander CPA, PLLC, 2022.



**Unpaid Payroll Taxes: A Time Bomb You Can Defuse**, Nordlander CPA, PLLC, 2023.



**Erase the Penalty: A Tax Professional's Guide To Abatement**, Nordlander CPA, PLLC, 2024



**Expert to Author: Turning Insight to Influence - Write, Publish, and Share the Book that Matters** Nordlander CPA, PLLC, 2025

**"How CPAs Can Help Criminal Attorneys Evaluate Evidence and Tax Losses"** New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, March 31, 2023

**"The Role of Forensic Accounting in Divorce Proceedings"** New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, April 21, 2025

**"IRS Criminal Investigators Face Competing Priorities Under Trump"** Bloomberg Law, March 10, 2025

**"Tax Crimes Should Be a Cause for Citizenship Denaturalization"** Bloomberg Law, August 21, 2025

## WORK HISTORY Continued

**Accounting Instructor**  
**Bob Jones University | Greenville, SC**

**August 1998 - June 2000**

- Devised and implemented new syllabi and day-to-day instruction to align educational strategies with industry best practices.
- Taught a range of accounting courses, such as Principles of Accounting, Intermediate Accounting, Cost Accounting and Federal Taxation.
- Defined and articulated learning outcomes, including performance metrics, to improve student-learning.
- Created tests and assessed students' ability, knowledge and understanding.

## EXPERT TESTIMONY

**District Court, Forsyth County, North Carolina (#22CVD2636), December 2024**

- Testified about the documents received from plaintiff and findings of forensic accounting review.

**Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of North Carolina (#23-00082-5), January 2024**

- Re: Washburn Law PLLC: Testified about the review of law firms trust account, tax returns, and disposition of funds. Gave opinion on the analysis of the records, the lifestyle of responsible party, and the source of funds of responsible party for a possible injunction.

**Federal Criminal Court, Northern District of Georgia (#1:21-cr-00231), August 2023**

- Testified about conservation easements and IRS auditing procedures.

**Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of North Carolina (#22-00397-5), March 2022**

- Re: Baxley Corporation, LLC: Testified about the review of corporate books and records, emails, and other financial documents of the debtor.
- Gave opinion on the analysis of the records, the apparent destruction of records, and the findings of fraudulent activity.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

**North Carolina Society of Enrolled Agents** (September 2025)

"Erase the Penalty: A Tax Professionals Guide to Penalty Abatement"

"Forensic Accounting: Court Approved Methods of Proof"

Audience was Enrolled Agents: The separate presentations were about best practices in removing common IRS penalties and about the various methods of proof approved by federal courts and how these proofs are implemented in real world scenarios.

**CPA Academy** (August/September 2025)

"Money Laundering 101 for CPAs"

Webinar on the definition of money laundering and how to recognize it in business operations.

**CPA Academy** (August 2025)

"Forensic Accounting: When the Office Is a Crime Scene"

Webinar for CPAs and other finance professionals on how to effectively investigate an embezzlement that would be reliable in civil and criminal court.

**National Association of Tax Professionals** (July 2025)

"Erase the Penalty: Best Practices in Abatement"

"Tales from the Darkside: IRS Enforcement of Cryptocurrency"

## AWARDS / HONORS

**Appreciation Award:**  
United States Attorney's Office, Middle District of North Carolina

**Director's Award:**  
North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency

**Leadership Award:**  
United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia

**Albert Gallatin Award:**  
United States Treasury

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North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency

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United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia

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United States Treasury

## TRAINING & LICENSES

**CPA License,** North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (1996)

**Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE),** Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (2021)

**Reactor Certification (Tracing Cryptocurrency),** Chainalysis Inc. (2019)

**Certified Criminal Investigator,** Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (2000)

The audience was tax professionals. The separate presentations were about the best practices to remove IRS penalties and the tax implications of cryptocurrency transactions.

### **Woodard Events** (June 2025)

“Integrating Forensic Accounting: Steps to Enhance Your Firm’s Services”

The audience was tax and accounting professionals. The presentation was about the role of forensic accounting and how to add forensic accounting to their ongoing firm.

### **CPA Crossings, LLC,** Virtual (April 2025)

Various additional presentations sponsored by CPA Crossings, LLC for CPAs nationwide to receive continuing education credits.

- Forensic Accounting: Crafting Expert Reports (4 hour CPE)
- Al Capone to Cybercrime: The Journey of IRS Special Agents (4 hour CPE)

### **The Georgia Society of CPAs,** Virtual (December 2024)

“Forensic Accounting: Fraud Investigations”

The audience was CPAs. The presentation was presented as part of the AICPA continuing education (8 hours) on forensic accounting including ethics, engagements, investigations, interviews, schemes, reports, and testifying in court proceedings.

### **CPA Crossings, LLC,** Virtual (September 2024)

Various additional presentations sponsored by CPA Crossings, LLC for CPAs nationwide to receive continuing education credits.

- Forensic Accounting: Investigating Divorce Cases (4 hour CPE)
- Forensic Accounting: Finding Hidden Treasure in Tax Returns (4 hour CPE)

### **National Association of Tax Professionals** (July 2024)

“False Tax Returns: How CPAs And Their Clients Go To Prison”

“Unpaid Payroll Taxes: The Quickest Way To Prison”

The audience was tax professionals. The separate presentations were about how false tax returns are discovered and investigated by federal criminal investigators, and the civil and criminal problems with unpaid payroll taxes.

### **Woodard Events** (July 2024)

“False Tax Returns: How CPAs And Their Clients Go To Prison”

“Unpaid Payroll Taxes: The Quickest Way To Prison”

The audience was bookkeepers and tax professionals. The separate presentations were about how false tax returns are discovered and investigated by federal criminal investigators, and the civil and criminal problems with unpaid payroll taxes.

### **Accountant/Lawyer Alliance Community,** Virtual (April 2024)

“Forensic Accounting: Court Approved Methods of Proof”: The audience are accountants and attorneys. Presentation was about the various methods of proof approved by federal courts and how these proofs are implemented in real world scenarios.

### **CPA Crossings, LLC,** Virtual (April 2024)

Various additional presentations sponsored by CPA Crossings, LLC for CPAs nationwide to receive continuing education credits.

- Forensic Accounting: Court Approved Methods of Proof (4 hour CPE)
- Erase the Penalty: A Tax Professional’s Guide to Abatement (2 hour CPE)
- Criminal Tax Investigations: How CPAs Bring Value to Defense Attorneys (2 hour CPE)
- CFO Solutions to IRS Problems (4 hour CPE)

### **NC Conference of District Attorneys,** (December 2023)

“Telling Stories Through Spreadsheets”: The audience was state prosecutors and investigators. Presentation was about best practices on using spreadsheets in forensic accounting for white-collar prosecutions.

### **Thomson Reuters Synergy Conference,** (November 2023)

“Criminal Tax Investigations: How Return Preparers Go to IRS Prison”: The audience was tax professionals. Presentation was about how IRS finds, evaluates, investigates, and prosecutes accountants.

**Firearms Training (Instructor)**, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

**Use of Force/Building Entry/Active Shooter (Instructor)**, IRS-Criminal Investigation

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## ASSOCIATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Accountant / Lawyer Alliance

**AICPA Forensic Accounting Conference**, (November 2023)

“How CPAs Bring Value to Criminal Tax Defense Attorneys”: The audience was CPAs. Presentation was how to find weaknesses in criminal tax investigations, what questions to ask, what documents to review, and how to be an asset in court proceedings.

**Ohio Society of CPAs**, Virtual (August, October, and November 2023)

Virtual presentation for the Ohio Society of CPAs. The audience was CPAs. “Money Laundering 101 for CPAs”: How to define, recognize money laundering violations and common schemes of money laundering.

**Eastern Bankruptcy Institute**, Myrtle Beach, SC (June 2023)

A guest of the Bankruptcy Administrator for the Eastern District of North Carolina for their annual retreat on bankruptcy matters. The audience was bankruptcy trustees, attorneys, and judges.

“Finding Assets”: How to find assets through tax records and bank documents, including efficient bank data conversion to Excel.

“Forensic Accounting in Bankruptcy”: A case study from public records about bankruptcy fraud

**CPA Crossings, LLC**, Virtual (May 2023)

Various additional presentations sponsored by CPA Crossings, LLC for CPAs nationwide to receive continuing education credits.

- Unpaid Payroll Taxes: A Time Bomb You Can Defuse (2 hour CPE)
- Start a Forensic Accounting Practice with Confidence (4 hour CPE)
- Money Laundering 101 for CPAs (4 hour CPE)
- Circular 230 and Rogue Return Preparers (2 hour CPE)

**Minnesota Association of Certified Public Accountants**, Virtual (Nov 2022)

“Tales from the Dark Side: IRS Enforcement of Cryptocurrency”: A virtual presentation to Certified Public Accountants on how cryptocurrency works and examples of how IRS-CI investigated cryptocurrency related crimes.

“False Tax Returns: Why CPAs and Their Clients Go to Prison”: A virtual presentation to Certified Public Accountants on how IRS-CI finds, evaluates, investigates, and prosecutes tax crimes with false tax returns.

**Association of Certified Fraud Examiners Las Vegas Chapter**, Virtual (June 2022)

“Lifecycle of IRS-Criminal Investigation and Bankruptcy Cases”: A virtual presentation to Certified Fraud Examiners on the tools, methods, and evaluation of various tax crimes, including bankruptcy fraud.

**North Carolina Bar Association: Bankruptcy Section / Federal Public Defenders Office**, Virtual (Nov & Dec 2021)

“Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency”: Two presentations to attorneys, covering cryptocurrency and the effect on law firms.

**Accountant/Lawyer Alliance Community**, Virtual (Nov 2021 & Nov 2022)

“Taxes and Cryptocurrency”: A virtual presentation to attorneys and CPAs on the federal tax implications of purchasing, owning, and selling cryptocurrency.

**North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants**, Greensboro, NC (Nov 2021)

“False Tax Returns: How CPAs and Their Clients Go to Prison”: A presentation to CPAs on how the IRS develops, investigates, and prosecutes false tax returns.

**Minnesota Association of Certified Public Accountants**, Virtual (Nov 2021)

“The Lifecycle of a Criminal Tax Investigation”: A virtual presentation to CPAs on how the IRS evaluates, investigates, and prosecutes criminal tax violations.

**American Society of Tax Problem Solvers**, Dallas, TX (Nov 2021)

“Unpaid Payroll Taxes: The Quickest Way to Prison”: A presentation to attorneys, enrolled agents and CPAs on the civil and criminal ramifications on unpaid payroll taxes.

**CPA Crossings, LLC, Virtual (August 2021)**

Various presentations sponsored by CPA Crossings, LLC for CPAs nationwide to receive continuing education credits.

- The Lifecycle of a Criminal Tax Investigation (2 hour CPE)
- False Tax Returns: How CPAs And Their Clients Go To Prison (2 hour CPE)
- Unpaid Payroll Taxes: The Quickest Way To Prison (2 hour CPE)
- Forensic Accounting: When The Office Is A Crime Scene (4 hour CPE)
- Podcasts: How To Market Your Expertise To Get More Clients (1 hour CPE)

**Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, Virtual (August 2021)**

Panel member discussing the global investigation on Welcome to Video: a child exploitation darknet website facilitated by Bitcoin.

**Accountant/Lawyer Alliance Community, Virtual (June 2021 & 2022)**

“Forensic Accounting: When Office Is a Crime Scene”: What attorneys and CPAs need to know about how to investigate, search, preserve, and analyze evidence obtained in an embezzlement scheme, and how to write the report for any civil and criminal proceedings.

**North Carolina Bar Association, Raleigh, NC (May 2021)**

“How a Civil Tax Case Becomes a Criminal Fraud Investigation”: Spoke to attorneys about the fraud referral process, how to stop civil actions from becoming a criminal investigation, and best practices if their client is subject to a criminal tax investigation.

**Buncombe County Bar Association, Asheville, NC; Mecklenburg County Bar Association, Charlotte, NC; Forsyth County Bar Association, Winston-Salem, NC (April & May 2021)**

Virtual presentations to attorneys on Bitcoin and cryptocurrency and their impact on bankruptcy, divorce, estate planning, and criminal defense law firms.

**United States Probation Office & United States Attorney's Office, Virtual (March 2021)**

Bitcoin and cryptocurrency in criminal investigations. The audience was probation officers and federal prosecutors.

**Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, Virtual (March 2021)**

Spoke to nationwide members about the use of suspicious activity reports from financial institutions in criminal investigations.

**Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, Charlotte Field Office, Greensboro, NC (Feb 2021)**

Presentation to IRS Criminal Investigation special agents and professional staff about open-source intelligence gathering, preservation requests and court orders for cybercrime investigations.

**Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, Charlotte Field Office, Greensboro, NC (Oct 2020)**

Best practices in criminal fraud referrals for IRS revenue officers. The audience was employees of the civil section of the Internal Revenue Service.

**North Carolina Congressional Liaisons, Greensboro, NC (Sept 2019)**

Spoke to NC congressional liaisons on the importance of the IRS, Criminal Investigation in Bitcoin, and cryptocurrency investigations.

**High Point University, High Point, NC (Nov 2019)**

The role of the IRS, Criminal Investigation in financial investigations, and mock investigations for accounting students.

**Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC (Nov 2018 & 2019)**

The role of the IRS, Criminal Investigation in financial investigations, abusive tax shelters, and burden of proof in court, plus a mock investigation for Master of Accounting students.

**International Law Enforcement Academy, El Salvador (June 2018)**

A week of classes in forensic accounting in criminal investigations, including net worth and expenditure method of proof. Taught law enforcement officers and financial analysts from South America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

## PODCAST

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Host of Fraud Fighter podcast (available on iTunes, Spotify, and Google), a bi-weekly podcast identifying the best tools, practices, opportunities, and people to answer questions about fraud and forensic accounting.