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Introduction:

Asset recovery and confiscation, covering tracing, freezing and international return, is a 1-week course for financial investigators, prosecutors, financial intelligence analysts and anti-corruption units that ends with an Asset Recovery Case Strategy for a case organisation. Convictions often leave offenders holding their gains because proceeds were never traced early, restraint came too late or foreign holdings were left untouched, so crime and corruption still pay. Nominees already work on financial cases, and learning is by case study on bank records, company filings, property registers and wallet data. CoreConcept Training Center delivers this asset recovery and confiscation course.

Course Objectives:

- Run a parallel financial investigation that identifies benefit, criminal lifestyle indicators and recoverable property from the opening of a case
- Trace proceeds through bank accounts, nominee companies, trusts, real estate and crypto-asset wallets to the beneficial owner
- Apply for freezing, seizure and restraint orders that preserve value and withstand third-party and proportionality challenges
- Select between conviction-based, non-conviction-based and value-based confiscation routes and calculate the recoverable amount
- Plan pre-seizure valuation, custody and disposal of seized property so that assets keep their value until final orders
- Prepare international freezing, confiscation and return requests consistent with UNCAC Chapter V and StAR guidance

Target Audience:

- Financial investigation units responsible for identifying and tracing the proceeds of crime and corruption
 - Prosecution units responsible for applying for restraint orders and presenting confiscation proceedings
 - Financial intelligence analysis units responsible for developing disclosures into recoverable asset leads
 - Anti-corruption enforcement units responsible for recovering illicitly acquired public funds
 - Seized property management units responsible for custody, valuation and realisation of restrained assets
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Course Outline:

Day 1: Asset Recovery Process, Proceeds of Crime and Case Baseline

- StAR Asset Recovery Process from Identification to Return
- Benefit, Proceeds and Instrumentalities Defined for Confiscation Purposes
- Parallel Financial Investigation Triggers at Case Opening
- Criminal Lifestyle and Unexplained Wealth Indicators Checklist
- Unit Recovery Rate Baseline Using a Case File Review

Day 2: UNCAC Chapter V, Legal Tools and Confiscation Models

- UNCAC Chapter V Provisions on Prevention and Detection of Transfers
- Conviction-Based Confiscation Hearings and Benefit Calculation Methods
- Non-Conviction-Based In Rem Forfeiture and Innocent Owner Claims
- Value-Based and Equivalent Value Confiscation Orders Compared
- Unexplained Wealth Orders and Reversed Burden Safeguards

Day 3: Asset Tracing Techniques Across Corporate, Property and Crypto Holdings

- Bank Statement Reconstruction and Source and Application of Funds Analysis
- Beneficial Ownership Tracing Through Nominees, Trusts and Shell Companies
- Land Registry, Vehicle and Vessel Register Searches for Hidden Property
- Blockchain Analytics Tracing of Crypto-Asset Wallets and Exchanges
- Net Worth Analysis Worksheet for Unexplained Asset Growth

Day 4: Provisional Measures, Seized Property Management and International Recovery

- Freezing, Seizure and Restraint Order Applications and Dissipation Risk
- Pre-Seizure Planning, Valuation and Interlocutory Sale Decisions
- Seized Asset Custody for Businesses, Real Estate and Crypto Keys
- Foreign Confiscation Order Recognition and Provisional Freezing Requests
- Asset Return, Disposal and Victim Compensation Arrangements

Day 5: Case Study on Building the Asset Recovery Case Strategy

- Case Briefing on a Corruption Proceeds Laundering Scheme
 - Case Asset Map Linking Wallets, Companies and Properties
 - Restraint Application Drafting and Defence Challenge Rehearsal
 - Confiscation Route Selection and Recoverable Amount Calculation
 - Asset Recovery Case Strategy Completion and Panel Review
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Skills You Will Gain:

- Parallel Financial Investigation
- Source and Application of Funds Analysis
- Beneficial Ownership Tracing
- Crypto-Asset Tracing
- Restraint Order Drafting
- Confiscation Benefit Calculation
- Seized Asset Management
- Cross-Border Recovery Requests

Why Attend This Course:

- Deliver an Asset Recovery Case Strategy to the head of financial investigation and the reviewing prosecutor for approval
- Choose whether a case proceeds by conviction-based, non-conviction-based or value-based confiscation, and justify the choice
- Prevent dissipated proceeds, lost asset value and failed foreign requests caused by late restraint and weak tracing
- Coach case officers with the asset map template, net worth worksheet and restraint application checklist

Conclusion:

Back at work, the participant hands the Asset Recovery Case Strategy to the head of financial investigation and the reviewing prosecutor, who use it to decide which assets to restrain first, which confiscation route to pursue and which foreign authorities to approach. Property managers take custody and sale actions from it. After the first restraint or confiscation order, the unit should compare value preserved and recovered with the strategy, record which tracing sources and requests worked, and update its templates.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What should participants know before an asset recovery and confiscation course?

Participants should already work on financial, corruption or serious crime cases and be able to read bank statements and company records. No legal qualification is needed. Anonymised examples of their own restraint or tracing paperwork help during the case study.

How does an asset recovery and confiscation course differ from an anti-money laundering compliance course?

It follows proceeds after a case opens: tracing, restraint, confiscation, management of seized property and international return. Customer due diligence, transaction monitoring and reporting controls inside financial institutions are covered elsewhere and appear here only as sources of leads.

Why does asset recovery and confiscation need a parallel financial investigation?

Starting a financial investigation alongside the criminal case lets investigators identify and restrain property before it is moved, hidden or spent. Waiting until conviction usually means the assets have already left the reach of any order.

What do participants take back from the asset recovery and confiscation course?

Participants return with an Asset Recovery Case Strategy for a case organisation, including an asset map, net worth worksheet, restraint application checklist, confiscation route analysis and international request plan, ready to adapt to live cases.