

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT:

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When one corporation sues another for breach of contract or a whistleblower points to wrongdoing in the executive suite, Tamika Langley Tremaglio '95 may get a call.

Tremaglio is the greater Washington market leader for Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP. For each project she takes on, she recruits and leads a team of experts whose skills can range from economics, accounting, and finance to law enforcement, computer forensics, and intelligence. "We require a plethora of diverse skills," she says.

As the investigation progresses, Tremaglio may use her accounting and finance skills to trace missing assets (she has an MBA as well as a JD)—and "figure out where the money went," as she puts it. But she also relies on the strategic and analytic skills she learned in law school. "While things may appear to be a certain way on their face," she notes, "we have to look behind the numbers to understand what the possibilities are, and to whom a payment might have been directed."

Someone with a legal background can add value in assembling the findings from a diverse team and developing an account of what actually happened. "Having the benefit of both a business and a strong legal background," Tremaglio states, "we work collaboratively, we see the big picture, and we don't always think in silos."

Tremaglio often works with other lawyers, including litigators, to calculate damages in civil suits. Again, she relies on the critical analytical skills that she credits to her legal education. Lawyers "think more holistically," she says. "For example, the initial issue might involve the profits generated from the sale of a car. One should consider the cost to manufacture the car and any other mitigating factors to arrive at profitability."

Tremaglio believes Maryland Carey Law students develop strong analytical and reasoning skills and the ability to "think outside of the box." The school's alumni "are smart professionals, phenomenal thinkers, and very hard-working," she says. *-DR*

