



VANDER WEELE GROUP^{LLC}
Making Monitoring Meaningful

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Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Solutions

Making Oversight Meaningful

Protecting public funds from fraud, waste, and abuse.



The Vander Weele Group offers fraud prevention, detection, investigation, and recovery services to protect funds supporting programs that serve the public interest. We aim to ensure grant funds are spent meaningfully and achieve their intended outcomes. Our firm's principals have a long history in addressing fraud in government. Our founder and CEO began her career as an investigative journalist, is a two-time Inspector General, and became a key member of the then-renowned turnaround team of Chicago Public Schools, which had been fraught with fraud and corruption. Our nationwide, multi-disciplinary team includes individuals with Certified Inspector General, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Public Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, and prosecutorial experience.

The Vander Weele Group is **"one of the most thorough, professional, and detailed investigative firms I have worked with in my 26 years of conducting highly sensitive corporate investigations. Your reports and attention to detail are the best I have seen."** – A client (retired)

Services Offered

- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Solutions
 - Fraud Audits
 - Data Analytics to Detect Fraud
 - Intensive Grant Reviews
 - Escalation Procedures
 - Complaint Intake Processes
 - Investigative Manuals
 - Fraud Training
- Internal Controls Assessment
- Technical Assistance and Reporting

Our Story

- Founded by Maribeth Vander Weele in 2003 after she authored a then-renowned plan to turn around Chicago Public Schools. She served on the management team and subsequently as Inspector General.
- Provided oversight and fraud investigation services to a broad array of corporate and public sector clients.
- In 2018, committed to a sole focus on oversight of Federally funded grant programs.

Sample Projects

- Served as outsourced Inspector General for a construction program budgeted at nearly \$600 million.
- For a Fortune 500 Company, performed more than 175 investigative projects, including high-level financial investigations into allegations of insider trading, kickbacks, unauthorized diversion of scrap, conflicts of interests, procurement fraud, accounting fraud, self-dealing, and more.
- Within days of discovery of the theft of nearly a half-million dollars, used data analytics to identify the culprits.
- On behalf of a Federal agency, located 1,300 individuals, 70% of whom had no date of birth or Social Security number listed in agency records.
- Saved a company \$1.6 million by documenting false entries in a union audit.
- Saved a corporation nearly \$7 million a year after analyzing \$40 million in credit card payments. Identified 145 suspect users, some of whom were criminally charged.
- Identified red flags in \$7 billion dollars of payroll expenses for 50,000 employees.
- Assisted in developing 145 algorithms to detect fraud in governmental procurement in Indonesia.

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