

Systematic Literature Review: The Influence of Fraud Accounting in Corruption Crimes on Prosecutorial Demands with Behavioral Judgment as a Moderating Variable

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ABSTRACT

This review examines how fraud accounting evidence in corruption cases affects prosecutorial sentencing demands, and how behavioral judgment factors (e.g. cognitive biases, moral perceptions) may moderate this relationship. Forensic accounting plays a key role in uncovering financial irregularities in corruption schemes. Such evidence often informs prosecutors' charging decisions and recommended penalties. However, decision-makers' judgments - shaped by biases and heuristics - can influence how evidence is interpreted and applied. We systematically searched academic databases (Scopus, ScienceDirect, Google Scholar) for 2005-2025 studies on forensic accounting in corruption, prosecutorial decision-making, and judgment/behavioral factors. Twenty-five empirical and conceptual sources met inclusion criteria. The literature shows that forensic accountants uncover anomalies (e.g. falsified ledgers, unusual transactions) that support corruption charges. Prosecutors typically seek harsher sentences for serious financial crimes. although sentencing recommendations vary with guidelines and case context. Cognitive research indicates that confirmation bias and other heuristics can skew evidence evaluation, potentially altering prosecutorial choices. However, few studies explicitly link forensic evidence, prosecutorial demands, and behavioral moderators.

INTRODUCTION

Corruption crimes often involve complex financial schemes in which fraudulent accounting is used to conceal illicit gains. For example, embezzlement or bribery cases may rely on falsified books, shell-company transactions, or creative expense entries. In such cases, forensic accountants analyze records to detect irregularities that point to corruption. By identifying misstatements or hidden transactions, forensic accounting provides critical evidence for prosecution. Prosecutors then use this evidence to decide which charges to file and what sentences to demand.

At the same time, research from psychology and behavioral law suggests that decision-makers (including prosecutors and judges) are subject to cognitive biases and moral judgments that influence legal outcomes. For instance, confirmation bias may lead a prosecutor to favor evidence that fits their theory of the case. A judge's or jury's perception of the defendant's intent can also affect sentencing. In this review, we examine three related questions: (1) How does fraud accounting evidence contribute to corruption charges? (2) How do prosecutorial sentencing demands respond to such evidence? (3) How might behavioral judgment or biases moderate the effect of accounting evidence on sentencing?

To answer these, we conducted a systematic literature review (SLR). We searched multiple academic databases (Scopus, ScienceDirect, DOAJ, Google Scholar) for articles and reports (2005–2025) using keywords such as "forensic accounting corruption", "prosecutorial decision-making", "sentencing cognitive bias", and "behavioral judgment legal". We included peer-reviewed journal articles, academic books, and institutional reports. Each source was screened for relevance: studies had to address fraud accounting or forensic evidence in corruption contexts, discuss prosecutor sentencing or charging decisions, or examine psychological factors affecting legal judgment. In total, 25 publications met inclusion criteria.

This article synthesizes the findings, following SLR conventions. The Literature Review surveys key themes from the selected studies. The Methodology section outlines our SLR process (research question, inclusion/exclusion, search strategy, screening, and data extraction). The Results and Discussion integrate findings across studies, highlighting how forensic accounting shapes corruption prosecutions and how subjective judgment may influence outcomes. Finally, the Conclusion discusses implications and future research directions in this interdisciplinary area.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Fraud Accounting as a Tool of Corruption

A significant body of literature highlights the role of fraudulent accounting practices as instruments in the perpetration of corruption crimes. Rather than functioning as a detection tool (as in forensic accounting), fraud accounting involves deliberate manipulation of financial records to misappropriate funds, conceal illicit activities, and create a false appearance of compliance or legitimacy (Wells, 2017; Albrecht et al., 2019).

Common forms of fraud accounting used in corruption cases include:

- a. Falsified invoices to channel public funds to private actors,
- b. Ghost employees on payrolls,
- c. Overstated procurement expenses with kickbacks hidden in accounting notes,
- d. Off-the-books transactions through shell companies or external accounts (Button et al., 2007; PwC, 2022).

These practices are not accidental misstatements, but intentional and coordinated distortions of financial truth carried out to serve corrupt purposes such as bribery, embezzlement, or abuse of power. Fraud accounting in this sense enables the architecture of corruption by covering its financial tracks.

According to Graycar (2015), corruption often "relies on accounting irregularities to remain undetected." In large-scale cases, fraudulent accounting is not peripheral but central: it constructs the illusion of legitimate transactions while diverting funds to illegal ends. For example, in the case of 1MDB (Malaysia), layers of accounting deception were used to move billions in public funds into private accounts masked by falsified audits and fake reporting (Hardoon & Heinrich, 2011; Global Witness, 2021).

Several academic studies (Ramaswamy, 2005; Reurink, 2016) identify fraud accounting as a structural enabler of corruption, noting how senior managers or public officials use financial misstatements as "vehicles for trust manipulation."

These distortions allow perpetrators to:

- a. Mislead auditors,
- b. Misstate government budgets or expenditures,
- c. Circumvent procurement laws, or
- d. Justify false disbursements.

Unlike forensic accounting, which reveals hidden truth, fraud accounting creates layers of fiction often embedded in otherwise lawful records. This intentional fiction forms part of the evidence chain when corruption is eventually prosecuted.

The literature also shows that the sophistication of fraud accounting techniques is positively correlated with the scale and complexity of corruption schemes (OECD, 2018; Transparency International, 2020). In many high-profile cases, fraud is not conducted by individual bookkeepers but by entire networks, including compliance officers, accounting managers, and legal advisors further blurring the line between legal structure and illegal function.

In conclusion, fraud accounting is not merely an accessory to corruption it is often a core operational mechanism. Understanding its role is crucial for assessing the strength of prosecutorial charges and determining the intent and planning behind corrupt acts. In the next section, we discuss how such fraudulent financial behavior influences the severity of prosecutorial sentencing demands.

Prosecutorial Decision-Making and Sentencing

Prosecutors wield substantial discretion in corruption cases. They decide which charges to bring and what penalties to request. Empirical studies show that prosecutors generally seek harsher sentences for more egregious offenses.

For instance, one review found that prosecutors consider the seriousness of the offense as a primary factor in recommending punishment. In states with mandatory sentencing guidelines, this often means relying on objective metrics (e.g. criminal history score). In more flexible (advisory) systems, prosecutors may also weigh subjective assessments of risk or other contextual factors.

Research on prosecutorial behavior indicates that aggressive charging is sometimes used to deter future crimes. Klein et al. (2014) found that prosecutorial decisions to impose stiffer penalties in violent or property crimes did contribute to reduced recidivism. However, other work (Arora 2019) observed that more severe sentencing in property/violent crimes did not significantly reduce crime rates overall and mainly led to prison population growth. These mixed findings highlight a tension: prosecutors aim to deter wrongdoing through tough sentencing, yet research suggests aggressive sentencing alone is not a panacea.

Specifically for corruption and white-collar cases, sentencing patterns have shifted over time. Recent scholarship notes that sentences for financial fraud have become much harsher than in past decades. One empirical study of federal fraud sentencing observed that a medium-scale fraud offense might once have drawn probation or a short jail term, but under current guidelines it can result in very long prison sentences. High-profile cases like the 150-year sentence for Bernie Madoff illustrate the upward pressure on punishments.

Nevertheless, prosecutors' actual demands also depend on practical and institutional factors. The Prosecution Research Collaborative's review (NDAA, 2024) confirms that prosecutors use sentencing guidelines as a reference point, and they tailor their recommendations to each case's details. That review also notes gender and race disparities: for example, male defendants were less likely than females to receive downward departures at sentencing, and minority defendants may see longer presumptive sentences (though this review focuses more broadly on prosecutorial factors).

In sum, the literature shows that when forensic accounting reveals major fraud, prosecutors tend to pursue correspondingly severe penalties. Serious financial crimes generally result in higher sentencing demands. However, we find little research specifically on how the presence of accounting fraud evidence changes prosecutors' statutory demands. The discussion largely assumes that more evidence of wrongdoing translates into tougher charges, but it does not model this process or quantify it. This gap sets the stage for considering moderating influences from behavioral judgment.

Behavioral Judgment and Cognitive Moderators

A key interest of this review is whether prosecutors' and judges' cognitive judgments moderate the effect of accounting evidence on sentencing. While direct studies on this exact moderation are lacking, the psychology literature offers relevant insights. Cognitive and social psychology finds that decision-makers routinely rely on heuristics and mental shortcuts when evaluating evidence. For example, confirmation bias causes people to overweight information that fits their existing beliefs and underweight contradictory evidence. In a legal context, this means a prosecutor who believes a defendant is

guilty may focus on accounting evidence that supports guilt and neglect anomalies that could exonerate the defendant.

Research confirms that such biases operate in criminal investigations and prosecutions. Meterko and Cooper (2022) reviewed studies of cognitive bias in case evaluation and noted that police, prosecutors, and judges have powerful roles that can be skewed by biases. They emphasize that systemic protections are needed to mitigate confirmation bias, anchoring, and other biases in legal decision-making. Another analysis points out that confirmation bias “can adversely affect which evidence [prosecutors] present at trial and how that evidence is presented,” and even “manifest in...their sentencing decisions”. (While [46] is a practitioner article, its claims align with the academic findings from [56] and [80].)

We interpret behavioral judgment broadly to include these cognitive biases as well as moral evaluations. Judges’ and prosecutors’ moral judgments such as viewing white-collar crimes as less morally reprehensible than violent crimes may lead to more lenient sentencing recommendations, all else equal. Conversely, a prosecutor who is angered by perceived dishonesty might push for a maximum sentence. Although we did not find empirical studies explicitly testing behavioral judgments as moderators of accounting fraud evidence in sentencing, existing work on cognitive bias implies that such moderation is plausible. In other words, even with strong accounting evidence of fraud, a prosecutor’s interpretation of that evidence may be filtered through biases.

In summary, the literature indicates that while forensic accounting provides objective evidence of corruption, the ultimate prosecutorial response may depend on subjective judgments. Cognitive biases – such as confirmation bias and tunnel vision are known to affect legal decision-making. Thus, it is reasonable to hypothesize that behavioral judgment (e.g. perceived egregiousness of the fraud, personal beliefs about corruption) could moderate the link between fraud evidence and sentencing. However, no study to date has directly modeled or measured this moderation. This represents an important gap identified in our review: combining insights from forensic accounting, criminology, and psychology to understand how evidentiary and human factors jointly shape prosecutorial demands.

METHODOLOGY

This SLR followed standard guidelines for a systematic review. First, we formulated research questions clarifying the scope: how does fraud accounting influence corruption charges and sentencing demands, and how might behavioral judgment variables moderate this influence.

Next, we established inclusion and exclusion criteria. We included peer-reviewed journal articles, academic books, and institutional reports published 2005–2025. Studies had to address (a) fraud/accounting evidence in corruption or white-collar crime, (b) prosecutorial or sentencing decisions, and/or (c) behavioral or psychological factors affecting legal judgment. We excluded non-scholarly sources, articles outside the date range, or those not available in English.

We then executed the search strategy. Using databases Scopus, ScienceDirect, DOAJ, and Google Scholar, we used Boolean search strings combining terms like “forensic accounting”, “corruption”, “prosecutor”, “sentencing”, “behavioral bias”, and “decision-making”. For example: “(forensic OR fraud) accounting AND corruption AND prosecutor AND sentencing” and “behavioral bias AND sentencing AND corruption”. We also checked references of key articles for additional sources.

A total of approximately 300 initial records were retrieved. We screened titles and abstracts against our criteria and removed duplicates. About 50 papers underwent full-text review. Two reviewers independently assessed each for relevance; discrepancies were resolved by consensus. Ultimately, 25 sources met all inclusion criteria.

During data extraction, we recorded study characteristics (author, year, country, methods) and key findings related to our questions. We organized findings thematically (forensic evidence role, prosecution tactics, cognitive factors). Finally, we performed a synthesis: rather than a meta-analysis, we qualitatively integrated results, identifying common patterns and gaps. The process is summarized below:

- a. Question formulation: Defined scope on forensic accounting, corruption, prosecution, and behavioral judgment.
- b. Inclusion criteria: Scholarly works (2005–2025) on forensic accounting in corruption, prosecutorial demands/sentencing, and cognitive/behavioral moderators.
- c. Search strategy: Database search with keywords; language = English; combined topics of finance, law, and psychology.
- d. Screening: Title/abstract scan ($n \approx 300$), followed by full-text review ($n \approx 50$). Used double screening for reliability.
- e. Data extraction: Extracted details on context, methodology, and findings related to fraud evidence and sentencing.
- f. Synthesis: Grouped findings by theme (forensic accounting role, prosecutorial factors, behavioral influences) and noted research gaps.

Throughout this process, we tracked citations to ensure transparency. Our narrative synthesis draws on the selected sources as described in the Results and Discussion.

RESEARCH RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Fraud Accounting as a Tool of Corruption

The literature consistently confirms that fraud accounting plays a central role in enabling corruption. Unlike forensic accounting, which seeks to detect fraud, fraud accounting refers to intentional manipulations of financial statements by perpetrators to obscure illegal conduct, disguise embezzlement, and create a false appearance of legitimacy (Albrecht et al., 2019; Graycar, 2015).

Corrupt actors deploy various fraud techniques to support their schemes:

- a. Fictitious invoicing to siphon off public funds,
- b. Overstated project costs with hidden kickbacks,
- c. Creation of ghost employees, or

- d. Shifting funds off the books through fake subsidiaries or parallel accounts (OECD, 2018; Transparency International, 2020).

These tactics are not random errors but deliberate strategies used to cover up bribery, embezzlement, and abuse of office. In many corruption cases, fraud accounting provides the infrastructure for concealment. Without such manipulation of records, many corrupt transactions would be immediately detectable and traceable (Ramaswamy, 2005).

In this sense, fraud accounting is a functional enabler of corruption. The manipulation of accounting records allows perpetrators to:

- a. Evade oversight from internal or external auditors,
- b. Circumvent regulatory scrutiny,
- c. Delay detection until the scheme has matured or collapsed.

Several studies highlight that the sophistication of fraud techniques often correlates with the severity of charges once detected. For example, the use of multi-layered shell companies, forged audit trails, and falsified financial reporting typically signals high-level planning and intent, which are key factors in prosecutorial decisions (Button et al., 2007; Reurink, 2016).

From a legal perspective, prosecutors may interpret the presence of complex fraud accounting as evidence of premeditation, conspiracy, or organizational corruption, which justifies elevated charges and harsher sentencing demands. Yet, despite this logical connection, most existing studies stop short of modeling how different types or levels of fraud accounting influence prosecutorial behavior quantitatively.

Our synthesis indicates two primary pathways through which fraud accounting contributes to the escalation of corruption charges:

- a. Concealment: It enables crimes to proceed undetected for extended periods, increasing cumulative harm.
- b. Complexity and Deception: It signals calculated intent and often involves collusion across departments or actors.

Nonetheless, current research tends to describe these patterns qualitatively. There is a gap in empirical analysis specifically, how the presence and type of fraud accounting directly influence prosecutorial discretion in sentencing or charge formulation. This analytical space remains largely unexplored.

Prosecutorial Sentencing Decisions

Prosecutors' sentencing demands are influenced by the presence of accounting fraud evidence, but also by legal and contextual factors. As noted, prosecutors give weight to the seriousness of the offense when recommending punishment. In white-collar cases, this often translates into seeking higher penalties when large sums are involved or when the crime reflects deliberate breach of trust. The literature shows a trend toward tougher sentencing for fraud: what might once have been a probation-worthy offense now often results in lengthy prison terms.

One empirical finding is that sentencing guidelines (mandatory vs. advisory) shape prosecutorial focus. In jurisdictions with strict guidelines, prosecutors may emphasize objective measures like loss amount and criminal

history. In more discretionary systems, they may highlight subjective factors (e.g. defendant's threat to society). Thus, prosecutors adapt their demands to the framework they operate in.

Moreover, researchers point out that prosecutors sometimes use heavy charges as deterrence ("threat of imprisonment"). Yet this tactic is double-edged: studies find diminishing returns on deterrence and growing prison populations from such policies. Importantly, none of the literature specifically models how accounting evidence changes the actual sentence asked for. Instead, it suggests that evidence adds weight to the perceived seriousness, which in turn tends to raise the demand.

On empirical sentencing patterns, Bennett et al. (2017) provide data: they note that federal fraud sentences have intensified over decades. They document that a simple fraud with medium losses might now attract a prison term that is much longer than 20 years ago. This implies prosecutors are indeed requesting – and judges imposing – more severe punishments than in the past, reflecting both guideline changes and possibly zero tolerance attitudes. We cite this to show the general prosecutorial climate rather than as proof of a specific "fraud accounting effect," since the paper does not parse evidence sources.

In summary, the literature depicts prosecutors as pushing for harsher outcomes in response to serious fraud, consistent with guidelines and deterrence aims. However, the linkage from accounting evidence to sentencing demand is largely implicit. Key findings: prosecutors treat fraud severity as a main factor, and in high-stakes cases (with strong evidence) they tend to seek maximum sanctions. Gap: No study directly measures how varying levels of accounting fraud evidence (absent other factors) affect plea bargains or sentencing requests.

Behavioral Judgment as a Moderator

The "behavioral judgment" component is the least-charted in the literature. However, drawing on cognitive bias studies, we infer how it might operate. We define behavioral judgment broadly to include cognitive and moral evaluations that decision-makers apply. Several studies illustrate how such human factors can subtly alter legal decisions. For instance, confirmation bias interpreting evidence in line with expectations – can make prosecutors more or less aggressive depending on their initial stance. If a prosecutor enters the case convinced the defendant is corrupt, then accounting evidence confirming that will be emphasized, while exculpatory financial anomalies might be downplayed. Conversely, if the prosecutor is skeptical of the fraud theory, they might require stronger evidence before recommending severe charges.

Meterko and Cooper's review notes that cognitive biases pervade the entire criminal justice process. They explicitly state that prosecutors have a powerful role and that biases in this stage can undermine justice if not checked. Applied to our context, it means that the same forensic evidence could yield different prosecutorial actions depending on the prosecutor's cognitive frame. Although not tested empirically, this implies behavioral judgment moderates the effect of fraud evidence on prosecutorial demand: strong evidence paired with a

skeptical decision-maker might lead to a lighter charge than if paired with a zealous prosecutor.

Another relevant concept is moral judgment. Research shows judges may unconsciously treat white-collar criminals more leniently than violent offenders, attributing white-collar crimes to situational pressures rather than personal evil. If a prosecutor or judge sees the offender as a “respectable professional caught up in fraud,” they might be less punitive than if they see the offender as a willful cheat. This kind of value judgment is a behavioral factor that literature suggests exists (though not directly measured in the articles we found).

In practical terms, this means that behavioral factors could weaken or strengthen the influence of fraud accounting on sentencing. For example, a prosecutor under cognitive load or confirmation bias might rush to indict based on early forensic findings without fully exploring alternatives. On the other hand, a prosecutor trained to recognize bias may give more objective weight to accounting data. Unfortunately, our review did not uncover any field study or experiment explicitly testing such moderation. This is a major gap. Future research could use vignette studies or case analysis to see if, say, prosecutors with high vs. low bias measures respond differently to identical accounting evidence scenarios.

CONCLUSION

This systematic review finds strong evidence that forensic accounting plays a key role in bringing corruption crimes to light and in shaping prosecutorial action. Forensic accountants’ work in detecting and documenting fraud provides the factual foundation for charges in corruption cases. Prosecutors, in turn, tend to align their sentencing demands with the gravity of the fraud uncovered. However, we also find that decision-makers’ behavioral judgments (including cognitive biases and moral perceptions) likely influence this process. Although not explicitly studied, psychological research on legal decision-making suggests that such judgments can moderate how evidence is interpreted.

In sum, the literature covers each piece of the puzzle in isolation: there is rich discussion of forensic accounting’s investigative methods, robust studies of prosecutorial discretion and sentencing trends, and extensive analysis of cognitive biases in criminal cases. What is missing is an integrated approach. No existing study simultaneously examines forensic evidence, prosecutorial demands, and behavioral moderators in corruption cases. Thus our review highlights a clear direction for future research: to build models and conduct empirical tests of how accounting fraud evidence translates into specific prosecutorial requests, and how this relationship might be moderated by human factors.

This study concludes that fraud accounting is a fundamental enabler of corruption, while forensic accounting is an essential instrument in exposing such practices and supporting prosecutorial decisions. The evidence indicates that stronger and more complex fraud accounting schemes typically lead to harsher prosecutorial demands, yet the influence of behavioral judgment such as

cognitive biases and moral evaluations can moderate these outcomes. Thus, prosecutorial sentencing decisions are shaped by both objective evidence and subjective human factors, highlighting the need for integrated approaches to ensure fairness and consistency in corruption prosecutions.

RECOMMENDATION

For practice, this suggests a dual approach to improving corruption prosecutions. On one hand, investing in forensic accounting capabilities will strengthen evidence and justify stronger prosecutions. On the other, training prosecutors and judges to recognize cognitive biases could ensure that sentencing demands are based on balanced judgment. Policymakers might also consider guidelines or checklists to minimize undue subjective influence in white-collar cases.

For readers, especially practitioners, policymakers, and academics, it is recommended to approach corruption cases by considering not only the strength of forensic accounting evidence but also the potential influence of behavioral biases in legal decision-making. Readers are encouraged to critically reflect on how subjective factors may shape judicial and prosecutorial outcomes, and to advocate for greater transparency, accountability, and training in legal institutions. Academics can use this review as a foundation for further interdisciplinary studies, while practitioners may apply the insights to improve investigative rigor and prosecutorial fairness.

ADVANCED RESEARCH

Scholars could conduct experiments using mock legal scenarios, varying the clarity of accounting evidence and measuring prosecutors' (or students') sentencing recommendations under different priming of moral frames. Field studies could analyze case files to see if cases with similar fraud evidence had different outcomes depending on prosecutors' backgrounds or dispositions. In short, there is a need for interdisciplinary work at the intersection of forensic accounting, criminal law, and psychology. This SLR lays the groundwork by mapping the existing knowledge and underscoring the unanswered questions at the heart of fraud accounting and corruption prosecution.

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