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INTRODUCTION

The objectives of the *Journal of Forensic Accounting Research (JFAR)* are to promote excellence in the research, teaching, and practice of forensic accounting, with a balance among basic research, practice, and education. In addition, forensic accounting research is to be broadly conceived, and not limited to fraud research. Appropriate topics for the journal include, but are not limited to:

- Behavior and judgment in forensic accounting
- Business valuation
- Computer forensic analysis
- Consumer frauds (online, other)
- Corruption (corporate, governmental, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act)
- Cross-cultural issues in fraud
- Data analytics
- Expert witness activities
- Ethics (judgment, behavior)
- Fraudulent financial reporting
- Fraudulent accounting research
- Governance and fraud
- Insurance recovery
- Internal controls/COSO/ERM
- Investment scams
- Litigation support/services
- Pattern recognition and anomaly detection
- Professional regulation and policy issues
- Psychology and social psychology of fraud
- Tax fraud (individual or corporate)
- Technology for detecting, investigating, or committing fraud
- Theft of corporate assets (by employees, managers, third parties)

JFAR does not publish material typically published in law reviews, concerning the interpretation of laws or court cases. Appropriate contributions will include scholarship of discovery, integration, application, and teaching as follows¹:

- Appropriate methodologies for *discovery-based research* include, but are not limited to, laboratory studies, surveys, theory-based analyses, case studies, critical analyses, and studies using archival data.
- If the study is a replication or primarily reports nonsignificant results, the letter to the editor should so indicate. Replications play a crucial role in the research process and are welcome. They would normally be published as a “Research Note,” which is substantially shorter than an original article because it closely cites the original study. Studies in which the hypothesized effects are not found (i.e., studies that have “nonsignificant” results) will be considered if they have been rigorously conducted, are theoretically sound, and demonstrate high construct validity, internal validity, and statistical power.
- Appropriate *integrative* papers will provide syntheses of academic or practice literature in an area related to the topics such as those listed above. They must provide new insights into the literature that will facilitate further research or enhance the application of knowledge.
- *Applied* studies might bring to forensic accounting settings specific tools or techniques. A good example is Nigrini’s introduction of Benford’s Law as an analytical tool to detect fabricated financial numbers.

¹Boyer, E. L. 1990. *Scholarship Reconsidered: Priorities of the Professoriate*. Princeton, NJ: The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

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SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE LEVELS

Table 1 shows the number of papers submitted to *Journal of Forensic Accounting Research* for the period from 2015 to 2018.

TABLE 1
Annual Activity Summary—For the Journal Year

Year	Manuscripts In-Process, Beginning of Year	New Submissions Received	Resubmissions Received	Manuscripts Available for Evaluation	Decision Letters Sent	Manuscripts In-Process, End of Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)+(b)+(c) = (d)	(e)	(d)–(e) = (f)
2018	4	15	15	34	34	0
2017	3	17	13	33	29	4
2016	2	16	16	34	31	3
2015	0	19	1	20	18	2

- (a) Includes submissions in the editor's hands, but excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions in authors' hands.
- (b) New manuscripts, excluding resubmissions.
- (c) Resubmissions of previous revise and resubmit editor decisions.
- (d) Evaluation means all actions by referees, associate editor, and/or editor are complete and the manuscript has been returned to the authors.
- (e) Manuscripts processed with a decision returned to the author, including manuscripts returned by the editor without involving referees.
- (f) Submissions where a decision has not yet been sent to the author (note that in-process excludes revise and resubmit editorial decisions that are now in the authors' hands).

Table 2 shows acceptance and rejection rates for the period from 2015 to 2018.

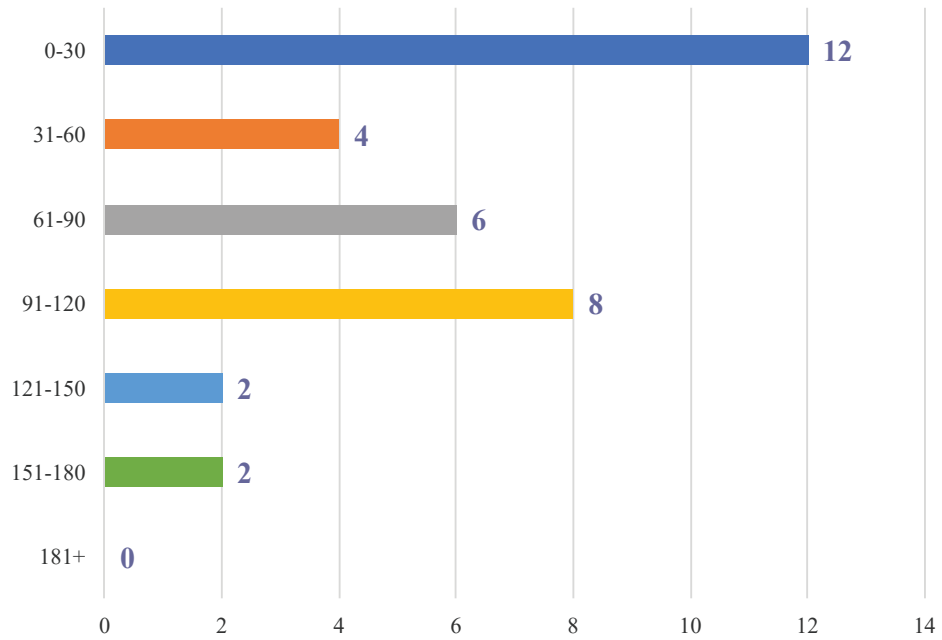
TABLE 2
Annual Outcome Summary—By Journal Year Annual Cohort

Year	New Submissions Received	Number of Rejections	Percentage of Rejections	Number of Papers in Process	Percentage in Process	Number of Acceptances	Percentage of Acceptances
	(a)	(b)	(c) = b)/(a)	(d)	(e)=(d)/(a)	(f)	(g)=(f)/(a)
2018	15	12	80%	3	20%	0	0%
2017	17	12	71%	2	12%	3	18%
2016	16	10	63%	0	0%	6	38%
2015	19	13	68%	0	0%	6	32%

- (a) Number of submitted manuscripts from that year's cohort
- (b) Number of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort
- (c) Percent of rejected manuscripts from that year's cohort
- (d) Number of manuscripts still being evaluated (no report yet, revise, resubmit)
- (e) Percent of manuscripts from that year's cohort still being evaluated
- (f) Number of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort
- (g) Percent of accepted manuscripts from that year's cohort

Of the 34 submissions that were evaluated in 2018, the mean turn time was 65 days. Median turn time was 72 days.

EXHIBIT 1
Turnaround Times for Decisions Made in the Year Ended December 31, 2018.



AAA DIGITAL LIBRARY and CONTENT AGGREGATOR DOWNLOAD DATA

The American Accounting Association publishes 17 journals in the areas of accounting research, education, practice, and public interest. Table 3 shows the download of articles from the AAA's Digital Library (<http://www.aaajournals.org>) and content aggregators (EBSCO, JSTOR, and/or Proquest) in 2017.

TABLE 3
2017 AAA Digital Library and Content Aggregators Downloads (Full-Text)

Journals	Downloads
<i>The Accounting Review</i> *	779,167
<i>Accounting Horizons</i> *	241,690
<i>Issues in Accounting Education</i> *	215,469
<i>Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory</i>	203,841
<i>Journal of Management Accounting Research</i>	96,711
<i>Journal of Information Systems</i>	89,783
<i>Current Issues in Auditing</i>	84,915
<i>Behavioral Research in Accounting</i>	50,902
<i>Journal of International Accounting Research</i>	34,039
<i>The Journal of the American Taxation Association</i>	33,857
<i>Journal of Emerging Technologies in Accounting</i>	30,006
<i>Accounting and the Public Interest</i>	11,765
<i>Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting</i>	10,238
<i>The ATA Journal of Legal Tax Research</i>	5,014
<i>Journal of Financial Reporting</i>	3,934
<i>Journal of Forensic Accounting Research</i>	2,904
<i>Accounting Historians Journal</i>	768

* Association-wide journal.

Other Important Statistics

1. Median time to first decision (2018): 76 days
2. Percentage of international authors: 11%

TOP 10 ARTICLES (AAA Digital Library, 2018)

1. Whistleblowing on Fraud for Pay: Can I Trust You?
Cynthia P. Guthrie, Eileen Z. Taylor
2. Unique Characteristics of Predator Frauds
Dana R. Hermanson, Scot E. Justice, Sridhar Ramamoorti, Riley, Richard A
3. Collusive Fraud: Leader, Incident, and Organizational Characteristics
Carol C. Bishop, Dana R. Hermanson, Riley, Richard
4. Financial Reporting Fraud: Public and Private Companies
A. Scott Fleming, Dana R. Hermanson, Mary-Jo Kranacher, Richard A. Riley
5. A Repeat Offender of Corruption: South MunaiGas Case Study
Willie Reddic, Sandra W. Shelton, Georgi K. Shmagel
6. AIM Corporation: A Business Fraud Case Study
Thomas R. Weirich, Natalie Tatiana Churyk
7. The Effects of Gamification on Corporate Compliance Training: A Partial Replication and Field Study of True Office Anti-Corruption Training Programs
Ryan J. Baxter, Holderness, D. Kip David A. Wood
8. Does Viewing Sacrificed Integrity as a Negotiable Cost Promote Acceptance of Fraud?
Joseph C. Ugrin, Marcus Dean Odom
9. Scratchpad: A Private Company Business Valuation
James A. DiGabriele, Richard A. Riley
10. Integration of Fraud Risk in the Risk of Material Misstatement and the Effect on Auditors' Planning Decisions
Velina Popova