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Over the past 2 years I had been in the process of completely rewriting and modernising the School's postgraduate Financial Crime program and related subjects. This included creating two new Masters courses, as well as articulated programs at Graduate Diploma and Grade Certificate level.

Due to the specialist nature of the postgraduate subjects I was having difficulty in identifying one text that suited the course and would have the breath of academic rigour to cover law, criminology, psychology, criminal justice and forensic accounting. I was also mindful that the majority of students were from professional, government and financial industry backgrounds so I needed a high quality academic publication that was practical in its approach.

After reviewing relevant publications in the marketplace, I approached Thomson Reuters about the problem I was facing in not being able to identify a text to cover the key areas I needed students to focus on, especially in their first semester. I had received a number of inspection copies from the Thomson Reuters Representative so there was already a good relationship and we discussed possible solutions to the problem. He suggested that Thomson Reuters could work with me to develop a text of selected readings from their current publications and this would cover the diverse subject matter. This seemed a sensible solution.

Later that week I was contacted by one of Thomson Reuters highly experienced product developers who came to the School where we discussed my needs, timings, terms of cost and delivery. Surprisingly, this process was all very clear and straightforward.

I then chose the content for the text from a wide range of existing publications. I also wrote a Chapter and adapted existing content to fit the course. Thomson Reuters handled any copyright and sourcing issues.

The editorial team were fantastic and worked closely with me, were supportive and openly discussed ideas to make the publication better including proof and cover concepts. I found the editorial team provided me with their expertise and experience to advise and guide, and did not attempt to "railroad" me into a publication that suited them rather than what I thought was best for the Course. Thomson Reuters worked to really tailor this publication to my preferences.

The publication was delivered on time and to the specifications I needed. On viewing, it looks and feels like a cohesive publication, you can't tell it comes from a variety of sources. I have received positive feedback from my colleagues and students about the text.

I would highly recommend using Thomson Reuters to assist you in developing a publication for your subject or course. The whole exercise was a highly professional, positive, and straightforward experience.