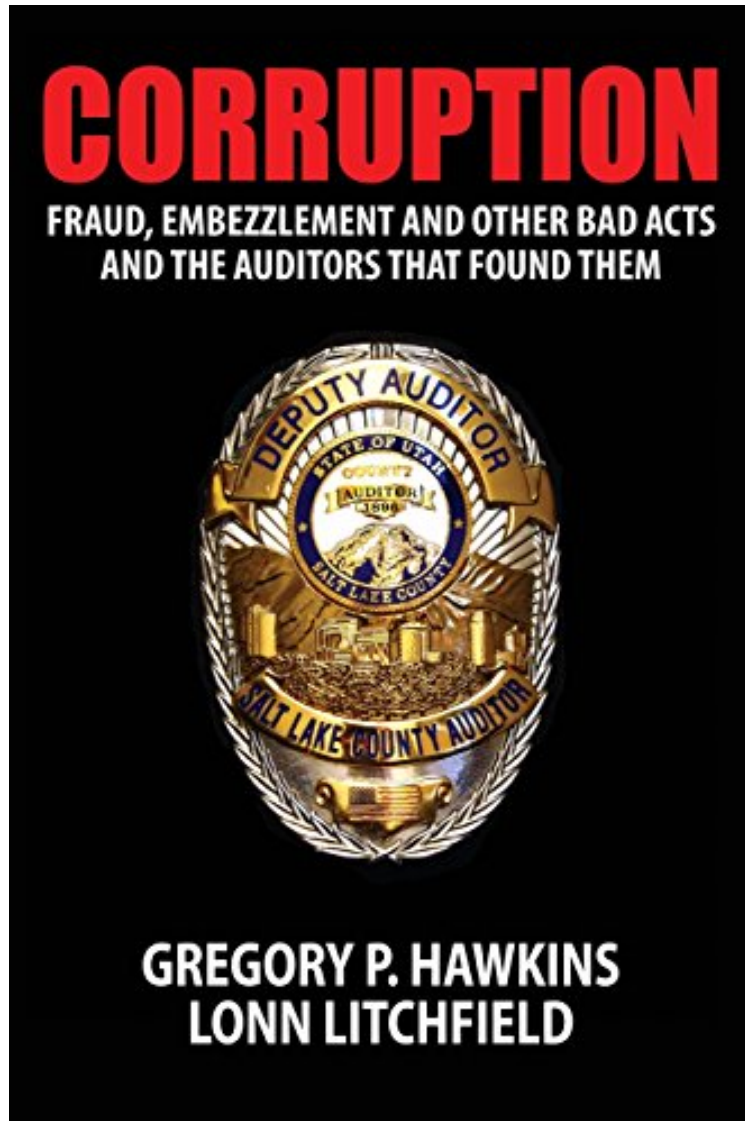


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The word corruption means that something is changed, degraded or debased, either intentionally or by error, to a condition different from what it was intended in its creation. When the results are not as anticipated, we find corruption. The corruption may be in the policy, the objectives or the work. When the policy, objectives or work result in a condition that is different from the intended outcome, we meet the definition of corruption. It is regrettable that audit has become a scary word. Response to, "I'm here to audit you," is usually a feeling of dread. This is unfortunate because audits, done correctly, are a powerful tool for ensuring the government, or any organization, meets its objectives. They save governments millions of dollars, they secure liberty and they help eliminate corruption.

From the Author There is a difference between corruption and culpability. While corruption is a condition that is debased from what was intended, culpability is about intention, fault, blame, liability and accountability. Something may be corrupt even if no one is at fault or to blame. When we think of corruption, we usually think of culpable corruption, such as fraud, theft, bribery or nepotism. But often, non-culpable corruption is more damaging than culpable corruption. No one is thinking evil thoughts, no one is trying to do harm, but the purposes of the government entity or business are not accomplished. Hearts are right, intentions are good, but there are problematic results. Whether the corruption is culpable or not, it needs to be addressed. Understanding the difference between corruption and culpability is important in eliminating corruption.

From the Back Cover Gregory P. Hawkins and Lonon Litchfield are speakers, writers and lawyers. Gregory P. Hawkins was the elected Salt Lake County Auditor from 2011 through 2014. Lonon Litchfield was Greg's Chief Deputy in the Auditor's office. Greg has thirty years of trial experience and has published and spoken on a diverse array of topics. Lonon has two law degrees, one from the London School of Economics and spent most of his practice years in the court room. Together they make a good lawyer.

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