
Scott Blench

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Background

Scott is a Manager in the Business Risk Services team at Grant Thornton Cayman Islands. His expertise is within Financial Crime, Anti-Money Laundering and Regulatory Compliance. Scott is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist and has a client focused background in Advisory, helping Financial Services Providers achieve and maintain compliance.

Experience

Scott has over 10 years' consulting experience working for two Big-4 firms in the United Kingdom. He joined Grant Thornton in 2022 and manages teams performing Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Internal Audits.

Scott has extensive experience working in Financial Crime across first, second and third line, which enables him to understand the challenges faced by all departments. This, along with excellent stakeholder management, allows Scott to add value and deliver high quality engagements.

Industry experience

Scott currently leads on Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Internal Audits, helping a range of clients achieve compliance with CIMA regulations. With his strong technical knowledge and experience within this industry, Scott is able to add value to clients by advising how to improve policies and procedures. Scott is also engaged with CIMA to perform Anti-Money Laundering Inspections on behalf of the Authority. This gives Scott valuable insight on CIMA's expectations and enables him to keep up to date with any changes in regulation.

Scott has successfully led the risk and controls team on a large KYC remediation programme and improved overall quality. He also consulted as a Financial Crime SME to help a major UK bank return to compliance by implementing an effective AML trigger event strategy.

Professional qualifications and memberships

- Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS)
- ICA Anti-Money Laundering Certified
- Bachelors (Hons), Business Management, Leeds Beckett University, UK