

Hazel Maxwell

Financial Crimes Investigator

My name is Hazel Maxwell, I am 31 years old, and I am Canadian, originally from Calgary, Alberta. From a young age, I have been fascinated by economics and finance, a passion that has guided me toward a career in financial crime investigation, specializing in blockchain forensics.



- Provided expert testimony in court for high-stakes cases involving digital asset theft and money laundering, contributing to successful legal outcomes.
- Trained and mentored junior investigators in blockchain forensics, helping build a stronger, more knowledgeable team within the organization.
- Successfully led investigations into over 300 blockchain-related financial crimes, helping recover millions in stolen cryptocurrency assets for affected individuals and organizations.

Blockchain Forensics Investigator (2021 - Present):

Organization: Lumina CCI, Brussels, Belgium

Position: Financial Crimes Investigator

Details: Hazel transitioned to the field of blockchain forensics, joining Lumina CCI in Brussels, a global leader in blockchain data and analysis. For the past two years, she has been involved in high-stakes investigations, tracking illicit cryptocurrency transactions and identifying money laundering activities across digital platforms. Her role includes collaborating with European law enforcement agencies to dismantle criminal networks operating within the cryptocurrency ecosystem.

Educational Background:

Undergraduate Degree:

Institution: University of Calgary

Degree: Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) with a Major in Finance

Graduation Year: 2015

Details: Hazel completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Calgary, where she excelled in finance, accounting, and economics. Her coursework focused on financial markets, risk management, and corporate finance, laying a strong foundation for her future career in financial crimes investigation.

Graduate Studies:

Institution: Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Belgium

Degree: Master's in Financial Law and Compliance

Graduation Year: 2017

Details: Hazel pursued her graduate studies in Belgium at the renowned Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management. Here, she specialized in financial law, with a focus on European financial regulations, compliance, anti-money laundering (AML) policies, and the legal challenges posed by emerging technologies like blockchain.

Skills and Expertise

- **Financial Law:** In-depth knowledge of Canadian and European financial regulations, with practical experience in legal compliance and corporate law.
- **Blockchain Forensics:** Proficiency in blockchain technology and cryptocurrency transactions, with a focus on identifying and preventing financial crimes in the digital space.
- **Legal Representation:** Extensive experience in handling complex financial litigation, particularly cases involving fraud, money laundering, and regulatory breaches.
- **Personal Attributes:**
- **Analytical Expertise:** Hazel is highly analytical, with the ability to dissect complex financial data and uncover patterns indicative of criminal activity.
- **International Perspective:** With educational and professional experience spanning Canada and Europe, Hazel offers a global understanding of financial regulations and legal frameworks.
- **Detail-Oriented:** Her meticulous nature ensures thorough investigations and accurate legal representation.
- **Hazel Maxwell is a seasoned Financial Crimes Investigator with a unique blend of legal expertise and cutting-edge knowledge in blockchain forensics, dedicated to combating financial crime on a global scale.**

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS):

This certification, offered by the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS), recognizes expertise in anti-money laundering (AML) strategies and compliance. It's highly regarded in financial crime investigation roles, especially in areas related to fraud and money laundering.

Certified Blockchain Expert (CBE): Issued by the Blockchain Council, this certification demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of blockchain technology, its architecture, and its use cases, particularly in the financial sector.

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE): The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) offers this certification, which is essential for professionals investigating financial crimes. It covers areas like fraud prevention, investigation, and legal proceedings.

Certified Financial Crime Specialist (CFCS): Offered by the Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists (ACFCS), this certification focuses on a broad range of financial crime topics, including money laundering, fraud, cybercrime, and regulatory compliance.

Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP): Issued by (ISC)², this cybersecurity certification is beneficial for professionals working in the digital space, particularly those involved in the investigation of cybercrime and secure handling of sensitive data.