

# Trends, Tips and Lessons Learned

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### It Wasn't Me! – Clearing Your Reputation Through Background Checks

Just because you worked in the Lipstick Building in NYC doesn't mean you were involved in Madoff's Ponzi scheme. And if you toiled for Drexel Burnham Lambert in the 1980s, you did not necessarily help Michael Milken with his junk bond scheme. So, when innocent, how do you sanitize your resume so potential employers and investors do not perceive your background as infectious?

While background checks are often viewed as the cloak and dagger tool to unearth something scandalous yet we often use our creative investigative research and interviewing skills to help someone clear their name.

Whether it was a Savings & Loan debacle from the early 90's or a Ponzi scheme like Madoff, we are all familiar with the publicized frauds over the years. And with the explosive news reports and shocking details about how these scams were cooked, we have all become hyper-sensitive to doing business with people who were employed by these notorious firms. But for those involved in business deals or even if you watch reruns of "Law and Order", you know that "guilt by association" is not a productive tenet.

Over the years, we have assisted people with poisonous employers on their resumes. Through public records, archived media articles, interviews with law enforcement and source inquiries within our proprietary network, we have helped prove that someone was not involved in the collapse of Long Term Capital Management, Enron, the scam run by Thomas Petters, or even political scandals. With the recent insider trading debacle involving SAC Capital, Galleon and other firms, many innocent traders and employees now have resumes with these seemingly toxic firms listed as former employers. Before making any negative judgments, you should properly vet the person.

**Recent Events: Ken Springer, CRI President, was just featured in an article on [CNNMoney](#).**

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