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Nathan holds a B.A. degree in accounting from Gustavus Adolphus College and was a licensed CPA from 2002 to 2010. He has over 13 years of public accounting experience and 15 years of corporate accounting experience, with a focus on financial reporting, cash processing, and accounting controls. After the reinsurance company Nathan worked for was purchased by ING for \$6 billion, he played a key role in transitioning its operations onto ING's enterprise resource planning system. Enabled by lax controls and unchecked authority to distribute funds, Nathan began embezzling money to pay off personal debt. What started as a \$1,100 check to a credit card spiraled into an \$8.5 million fraud over the next four years. It was only a co-worker's suspicions that brought the fraud to an end. After being caught, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 97 months in federal prison. He was released in September of 2014. Speaking and training are not the only avenues Nathan has pursued to bring fraud and ethics awareness to all industries. He also co-authored "Lessons From An \$8 Million Fraud" in the Journal of Accountancy, which won the prestigious Lawler Award as the article of the year for 2015.