

Eric Robi
Curriculum Vitae
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CAREER OVERVIEW

- ❑ President of Federal Forensics Group based in Los Angeles, CA. A privately-held consulting practice specializing in computer forensics and intellectual property issues.
- ❑ MA in Education, Specialization in Instructional Technology. Specializing in creating computer learning environments. Expertise in presenting complex concepts to the lay-person.
- ❑ Senior project manager and programmer for ASK International. A custom software design and development firm for the corporate training industry. Created custom software specialized for training applications.
- ❑ Instructor in computer programming and multimedia tools classes; California State University, Los Angeles.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Computer Examiner - Southeast CyberCrime Institute at Kennesaw State University, 2004.

TRAINING

- CEIC Computer Forensics Annual Conference, 2007
- Forensic Expert Witness Association Annual Conference, 2007
- ACFEI Annual Conference, 2006
- Cybercrime Summit, 2006
- Forensic Expert Witness Association Annual Conference, 2006
- Techno Forensics Conference, 2005
- Guidance Software – Encase v5 training workshop, 2005
- Gates College – Ethical Hacker workshop, 2005
- Computer Forensic Examiner Certification, Southeast CyberCrime Institute at Kennesaw State University, 2003 – 2004
- California Association of Licensed Investigators – Continuing Education Certificate – FCRA, ICRAA, Pre-Employment Screening Laws & Industry Insurance Standards, 2004
- Certificate - EnCase Enterprise Response, Auditing and Discovery – Guidance Software, 2003.
- HTCIA (High Technology Crime Investigation Association) 2003 Training Seminar

EDUCATION

M.A., Education, Specialist in Instructional Technology; California State University, Los Angeles. Special Recognition in Graduate Studies 2 years in a row; 1997.

B.A., English, University of Toronto; 1989.

ORGANIZATIONS

Forensic Expert Witness Association, President, Los Angeles Chapter. Serving 2005 – 2009.

The International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners. Certification Committee member.

The Institute of Computer Forensic Professionals. Member.

American College of Forensic Examiners Institute. Member.

PRESENTATIONS

12/06 – MCLE Presentation for law firm.

9/06 – ACFEI Annual Conference. Mock Trial Participant.

3/06 – Presentation at the Cybercrime Summit, Atlanta HTCIA chapter

2/05 – Presented to Forensic Expert Witness Association, Los Angeles Chapter - “Issues involving Electronic Discovery as it relates to the Expert Witness Practice”

10/04 – Presented to Forensic Expert Witness Association, Orange County Chapter - “Proposed 9th Circuit Electronic Discovery Rules and Data Protection”

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Federal Forensics Group, President. Los Angeles, 2002 to present
Computer forensics and consulting in criminal and civil cases. Specializing in intellectual property cases, electronic discovery, software analysis and employment disputes.

Lassoo Interactive, VP of Marketing Technology & Strategy. Los Angeles, 1997 to 2002
Co-founder of high tech marketing agency.

ASK International, Project Manager & Programmer. Long Beach, 1995 to 1997
Designed, project-managed and programmed computer-based learning applications. Co-taught programming training seminars.

RECENT CASES

P: Plaintiff D: Defendant, CR: Criminal, T: Testimony

Law Offices of Ted Kostos, Los Angeles, Misappropriation of trade secrets, P
6/07 – Present

Investigation on computers of multiple departed employees who are alleged to have improperly copied trade secrets for the purposes of starting up a competing firm.

Law Offices of Mark J. Werksman, Los Angeles, Federal copyright infringement, CR, D
7/07 – Present
Defendant is alleged to have sold pirated versions of various Microsoft products. Research into valuation issues for multiple product types.

Millstein & Associates, San Francisco, Labor Dispute, D
3/07 – Present
Large scale examination of over 70 hard drives of departed employees in several departments of a newspaper based in Southern California.

Law Offices of Edith Matthai, Los Angeles, CA, Legal Malpractice, Intellectual Property, P
3/07 – Present
Complex litigation involving analysis of hard drives, CD ROMs in an action against a prior law firm.

Law Offices of Hinshaw & Culbertson, Los Angeles, Wrongful termination, D
3/07 – Present
Imaging and examination of hard drive of terminated employee.

Edgerton & Weaver, LLP, Santa Ana, CA, Misappropriation of trade secrets, D
2/07 – Present
Comparison of database structures to determine if changes were made prior to departure of employees. Examination of multiple hard drives and discs to determine if trade secrets had been copied prior to employees' departure.

Stout Risius Ross, Orange County, CA, Misappropriation of trade secrets, P
12/06 – Present
Imaged two terabyte 12 disk-array server in a live environment running Microsoft Great Plains. Imaged laptops.

Ropers Majeski, San Jose, CA, Misappropriation of trade secrets, P
11/06 – Present
Examination of employee hard drive to determine if proprietary material had been inappropriately copied from corporate equipment prior to his departure to a competitor.

Duane Morris, LLP, San Jose, CA, Misappropriation of trade secrets, P
11/06 – Present
Defendant is accused of copying intellectual property from company equipment prior to his resignation. Examining hard drive and log files to link defendant to this information.

Law Offices of Katie Trotter, Los Angeles, CA, Murder, D, CR
11/06 – 3/07
Recovered video and produced still images of people and vehicles from multiple cameras. Produced maps detailing the retail location in relation to the crime scene.

Bremer Whyte, Orange County, CA, Breach of contract, P
11/06 – Present
Retained to determine authenticity of electronic documents resident on computer systems.

Law Offices of Eric Anvari, Los Angeles, CA, Intellectual Property, P
11/06 – Present
Employee left firm and allegedly destroyed data prior to departure. Examination of laptop computer to determine means of data destruction.

Sparber Rudolph Annen, Orange County, CA Intellectual Property, P
9/06 – Present
Imaged workstations and servers in a live environment over a network. Produced responsive documents.

Diane C., Newport Beach, CA, Divorce, P
10/06 – 2/07

Husband is accused of setting up a commerce website using domain registered to wife and directing traffic to without wife's permission. Examination of hard drive and network information to link husband to these activities.

Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara LLP, Newport Beach, CA Contractual Dispute, P, T
10/06 – 4/07

Analyzed computer of defendant in a contractual dispute. Recovered relevant emails and billing documents. Testimony at arbitration.

Law Offices of George Baugh, Newport Beach, CA Libel, Slander, P
10/06 – 12/06

Defendant is accused of setting up a website to slander plaintiff and his business practice. Examined emails and network information to link defendant to website and emails.

LA County Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA, Fraud, D, CR
7/06 – 11/06

Defendant is accused of passing bad checks. Tracing source of fraudulent checks using web mail and other techniques.

LA County Public Defender, Los Angeles, Pornography, D, CR
7/06 – 8/06

Examined computer to determine locations, access dates and times to various files.

Diamond, Burt & Akhashian, LLP, Los Angeles, Attempted Murder, D, CR, T
8/06 – 1/07

Analysis of hard drive to determine computer usage at time of alleged murder attempt. Defendant acquitted at trial.

Independent judicial appointment, Los Angeles, Robbery, Independent, CR, T
8/06 – 12/06

Analysis of video capture system at retail location. Appointed by the court as an independent expert to analyze contents of videos from video capture system.

LA County Public Defender, Los Angeles, Fraud, D, CR
7/06 – 12/06

Analysis of hard drives to determine patterns of usage and deletions.

Warden Triplett Grier, St. Louis, Missouri, Intellectual Property, P
6/06 – 8/06

Analysis of complex, large-scale electronic discovery production by defendant under Federal Rule 26 to determine responsiveness to the production demands.

Foley & Mansfield, Minneapolis, MN, Bad Faith, P
5/06 – Present

Defendant is a major pizza chain. Multiple plaintiffs filed action to stop the chain from installing a mandated POS system. Assisting plaintiffs with POS development design, testing and implementation issues. Also assisting with issues involving a complex electronic production by defendant under Federal Rule 26.

Law Offices of Joseph Shemaria, Los Angeles, Murder, D, CR
5/06 – 7/06,

Analysis of hard drive to determine computer usage patterns on day of murder. Analysis of various emails, documents, log files and other user-generated content. Case dismissed.

Flier & Flier Law Offices, Los Angeles, CA, Murder, D, CR

5/06 – 7/06

Established a chronology of use by various individuals who had access to the computer. Analyzed various letters, documents and internet browsing with respect to dates and times to establish patterns of activity.

Dreier LLP, New York, NY, Intellectual Property, D

3/06 – 5/06

Analysis of complex sports video replay system to determine authorship and contribution of prior art. Analysis includes computer code, graphics and patents.

Lindahl Beck LLP, Los Angeles, CA, Trade Secrets Theft, D

3/06 – Present

Analysis of web mails, many documents and deleted files on several computers to determine if intellectual property had been improperly accessed.

Federal Public Defender, Los Angeles, Fraud, D, CR

2/06 – 1/07

Reconstructed offline SQL server database containing customer records and extracted information key to the case. Wrote custom SQL queries to pull out and format information in an easily accessed format. Created multiple, custom-formatted reports.

Holland + Knight, Los Angeles, Misappropriation of trade secrets, D

11/05 – 4/06

Examination of database structures and possible intrusion methods onto a web server.

Charleston Revich & Chamberlain LLP, Wrongful Termination, P

12/05 – 3/06

Analyzed web surfing history, web mails, Microsoft Office documents and deleted files to establish chronology and pattern of use of office computer.

Charleston Revich & Chamberlain LLP, Los Angeles, Wrongful Termination, P

11/05 – 3/06

Analysis of large quantity of emails sent and received from Outlook, Outlook Express and Yahoo! web mails. Examined large quantity of user-generated material.

LA County Public Defender, Los Angeles, Threats, D, CR

11/05 – 2/06

Examined computer to determine authenticity of and dates of various letters and internet history. Analyzed deleted files and deleted web surfing history.

Amirsys, Salt Lake City, UT, Intellectual Property, P

11/05 – 2/05

Intellectual property case involving tracking the theft of proprietary medical diagnostic imaging software via the analysis of the suspect computer systems.

Law Offices of Duane Bartsch, Los Angeles, CA, Murder, D, CR

11/05 – 5/06

Murder case involving tracking internet usage and it's relationship to the defendant's physical location at the time of specific website visits. Analyzed web site search activity over a period of several months and showed that defendant was not utilizing the computer at the time. Case dismissed.

Charleston Revich & Chamberlain LLP, Laguna Niguel, Wrongful Termination, P

11/05 – 4/06

Examined deleted documents, internet surfing activity and user-generated documents to determine chronology of events and user activity. Located multiple files establishing chain of events.

Whittington Law Associates, PLLC, NH, Fraud, P

11/05 - Present

Verifying existence and authenticity of financial records relating to the school's ex-headmaster. Conducted research into various deleted and overwritten files to determine original content based upon an analysis of fragmentary file data. Was able to recover significant content and determine original file dates for several key documents.

Federal Public Defender, Las Vegas, NV, Copyright infringement, D, CR

10/05 – 12/06

Defendants are alleged to have contributed copyrighted material to a file server and distributed it. Investigation into multiple government-run file servers and multiple defendants' computers.

Smith Law Firm, Los Angeles, CA, Contractual dispute, D

10/05 – 11/06

Plaintiff alleges that prior business partner did not make payments as per agreement. Investigating computer to verify authenticity of various financial records.

LA County Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA, Murder, D, CR

8/05 – 2/06

Investigated defendant's computer to analyze web surfing history and determine patterns of usage.

Beshears Wallwork Bellamy Chartered, Los Angeles, CA, Intellectual Property, P

8/05 – 9/05

Intellectual property case involving examination and analysis of 21 CDs containing source code for a credit card transaction processing system. Analyzed contents of multiple CDs.

Bononi Law Group, Los Angeles, CA, Wrongful termination, Lewd behavior, P

7/05 – 1/06

Client accused defendant of wrongful termination and lewd behavior at work while he was viewing porn on corporate network. Conducted research into enterprise grade content blocking technologies. Case settled.

LA County Public Defender, Pomona, CA, Fraud, D, CR

7/05 – 12/05

Client is alleged to have submitted fraudulent financial documents to a state agency. Conducted forensic research on multiple hard drives to recover key financial data.

Siemens Building Technologies, Orange County, CA, Evidence Preservation, P

7/05 – 8/05

Assisting client's compliance with court order to preserve evidence by forensically imaging multiple computer servers and laptop computers.

Federal Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA – Computer hacking, D, CR, T – Twice at Trial

6/05 – 2/06

Client indicted on federal charges. He is alleged to have hacked into a website's servers and altered data. Investigated multiple hard drives and network servers. Conducted extensive analysis of various server records and system files to show patterns of access in response to the intrusion. Case dismissed after two trials.

Stan L., San Diego, Divorce, P

6/05 – 9/05

Analyzed internet browsing activity to determine dates and times of various Hotmail emails sent and received. Recovered web mails from internet surfing history.

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Los Angeles, CA - Fraudulent conveyance, P
6/05 – 11/06

Client has accused several businessmen of fraudulently registering exotic automobile title in their name while in for repairs and then refusing to return the vehicle. Analysis of hard drives to determine provenance of communications and relevant documents.

Golden Law Firm, San Diego, CA – Breach of Contract, P
5/05 – 9/05

Preservation of evidence relating to web mails. Established patterns of emails sent and received.

Law Offices of Mark J. Werksman, Orange County, CA – Lewd acts with a minor, D, CR
5/05 – 8/05

Client was indicted on a single count of a lewd act with a minor. Investigating computer files and materials to ascertain if original evidence is authentic.

Pro Per, Los Angeles, CA – Fraud, D, CR
4/05 – Present

Three separate cases. Client was indicted on multiple fraud charges stemming from an alleged improper transfer of property. Currently investigating eight computer hard drives to uncover original documentation pertaining to the sale. Cases 1 and 2 dismissed

Lake County Public Defender, Lakeport, CA – Child porn, D, CR
4/05 – 9/05

Client accused of possession of child porn on a single computer. Investigation of hard drive. Case dismissed.

Platypus Wear, San Diego, CA – Contempt of court, D
2/05 – 5/05

Client accused of failure to produce multiple computer-resident documents in a civil proceeding. Investigated eight hard drives to show documents were not deleted as alleged. Case dismissed.

Nishimoto Trading, Santa Fe Springs, CA – Employment discrimination, D
3/05 – 11/05

Client believes several current and ex-employees have engaged in unethical practices to launch wrongful racial discrimination suits against the company. Currently investigating multiple computers and mails from server to determine if employee misconduct exists.

Cappello & Noël, Santa Barbara, CA – Intellectual property, P, T
2/05 – 12/06

Core Wealth alleges ex-employees misappropriated proprietary client and company information to start up a competing hedge fund. Investigation involves multiple computers and over 50,000 emails.

Federal Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA – Federal wiretapping, D, CR
1/05 – 7/05

Client was indicted on federal wiretapping charges. Conducted extensive, independent analysis of keylogger devices and network environment duplicating the original environment to determine if alleged violation occurred. This case was covered in international press. Case dismissed.

Law Offices of Paul Ultimo, Orange County, CA – Contractual dispute, P
12/04 – 2/05

Client created distribution and sales network for new corporate network product. Alleges foreign partner failed to fulfill contractual obligations for payment. Conducted investigation into email trail and determining potential market size and opportunity for product. Case settled.

Law Offices of Alex Kessel, Los Angeles, CA, Murder, D, CR

12/05 – Present

Examination of computer on which defendant is alleged to have created various letters which are key to the prosecution's arguments.

Judge Advocate General Corps, Newport Beach, CA – Child porn case, D, CR

12/04 – 1/05

Federal case involves alleged downloading of illegal material. Comparing findings to those of prosecution to assist with defense arguments. Case dismissed.

Ropers & Majeski, San Diego, CA – Intellectual property case, D

11/04 – 10/05

Large project involving the analysis of millions of lines of source code to determine the amount of original code surviving in a new product release. Central is a contract dispute involving compensatory payments for licensing of original source code. Case settled.

Cotton & Gundzik, LLP, Los Angeles, CA - Intellectual property case, P

11/04 – 6/05

Analyzing hard drives from company to learn if ex-employees wrongfully took proprietary client list to a competing firm. Case settled.

Maureen O'Hara - Attorney, Long Beach, CA – Wrongful death case, D

10/04 – 12/04

Analyzing pharmacy computer for evidence of proper prescription handling in a wrongful death case involving allegations of improper drug dispensation. Case settled in defendant's favor.

Kathy L, Phoenix, AZ – Child custody case, P

10/04 – 11/04

Analyzed video to determine presence of possible handgun being manipulated by minor child.

Tradewinds, New Jersey – Contractual dispute, P

9/04 – 10/04

Client alleges that payments were not made as per the contract. Case hinges on missing documents. Searches conducted to locate key documents.

Joseph R, San Diego, CA – Computer hacking, divorce, D

7/04 – 10/05

Analyzed multiple defense computers at several locations for evidence of hacker-ware and other software used to break into client's computer network. Showed evidence of possible computer tampering.

Law Office of Ronald G. Brower, Santa Ana, CA – Lewd acts with a minor, child porn, D, CR

2/04 – 4/07

Analyzed computer evidence on multiple computers and media for the defense. Compared findings to those of the defense and presented alternate analyses to those presented by the prosecution.

Jesse M, Hollywood, CA – Employee misconduct, P

6/04 – 7/04

Analyzed computers of multiple employees for improper activity, employee conspiracy and misconduct for a film/video post-production company. Located activity on employees' computer in contravention of company policy.

Scott P, Modesto, CA – Murder charges, D, CR

2/04 - 4/04

Provided consultation to criminal defense team in proper forensic evidence handling procedures, evidence analysis techniques and forensic hardware/software platforms with respect to police evidence handling in this case.

Tony S, Beverly Hills, CA – Intellectual property misappropriation, P

1/04 – 4/04

Analyzed computers for the plaintiff showing possible employee Misappropriation of trade secrets prior to the employee's unexpected departure.

Bird & Bird, Los Angeles, CA –Lewd acts with a minor, D, CR

6/01 – 7/05

Analyzed computers of plaintiff and defendant for emails, images and communications. Located large quantities of questionable material.