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Profile

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Education

B.Sc. (Hons) Computing &
Management
M.Sc. Forensic Computing

Employment history

Proven Legal Technologies
Navigant Consulting
BDO Stoy Hayward LLP
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Professional associations

FCCA (Fellow of the
Association of Chartered
Certified Accountants)
CFE (Certified Fraud
Examiner)
MBCS (Member of the British
Computer Society)

Current position

Phil is a Managing Director at Proven Legal Technologies who joined the team after spending seven years leading Navigant Consulting Inc's European Forensic Technology practice.

Phil has a Masters Degree in Forensic Computing from Cranfield University and is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), winning the ACCA Gold Medal when he qualified in 2001.

Professional experience

Throughout his career Phil has provided advice to lawyers, regulators, corporate entities, not-for-profit organisations and other stakeholders in relation to forensic investigations and e-disclosure projects in both the public and private sectors in the UK and also internationally.

He specialises in advising clients concerning the preservation and investigation of digital evidence, the interrogation of complex data sets and the disclosure of electronic documents. He is also a qualified fraud examiner and has been a recognised court expert in relation to various aspects of digital evidence, producing numerous expert reports.

Phil's experience within the industry is extensive. He has routinely taken on significant responsibility in numerous areas, examples of which are as follows:

Expert witness

- Acted as an expert witness analysing the code similarities between various optical recognition packages to determine any similarities that would be indicative of them originating from a common source.
- Acted as an expert witness analysing the contents of two organisations' management information systems to ascertain any commonalities between the design and content of the systems.
- Acted as an expert witness in a case between two parties who had engaged in a joint venture, producing a report based on the integrity and provenance of certain Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.
- Acted as an expert witness in *Imerman v Tchenguiz* ([2010] EWCA Civ 908), producing multiple reports based on how certain confidential data had been accessed and used throughout a number of computers and systems.
- Acted as an expert witness in an employment dispute related to activities performed during 'garden leave'. This involved producing a report detailing the data recovered from a laptop that had been disposed of in a pond and its relevance to the case in hand.
- Acted as an expert witness during a Court of Appeal case producing a report based on the analysis of a number of Word documents.

Forensic Investigations

- Managed an investigation of several web-site developments in HTML and Java to determine if the code had been copied from our client's intellectual property.
- Managed multiple forensic investigations in response to Civil Search Orders and Delivery-Up Orders (or similar) whereby data has been securely captured, interrogated and reported on, as instructed by the Court.
- Managed an incident-responsive investigation following the 'hack' of a series of computer systems around the world. This also involved tracing information found during the investigation in order to identify the likely perpetrators.
- Managed a forensic investigation across seven jurisdictions in Europe and the Middle East, identifying relevant data for the lawyers to review related to allegations of corruption prior to an IPO.
- Managed the European aspects of a global forensic investigation relating to a globally coordinated theft of intellectual property.

E-Disclosure

- Managed a multi-jurisdictional e-disclosure project related to a high-profile dispute in the High Court which demanded data was managed in an extremely secure environment both Russia and the UK.
- Managed an e-disclosure project for a Canadian entity involved in a class-action case in Canada, whereby there was relevant data in the US, Canada, Australia and the UK. This case also involved an expert report dealing with the communication data available compared to what would have been present under the class's allegations.
- Managed an e-disclosure project for a major African bank who was involved in litigation in London but which included the mapping of systems and collection of data in Africa.

Regulatory Response

- Managed all data aspects of an investigation by multiple regulators into the actions of a trader at a global bank. Data from multiple systems and jurisdictions had to be collected, processed and made available for review, including instant-message chat data.
- Managed the disclosure elements of a FCPA investigation being performed by an independent law firm. This involved the on-site capture and processing of data in multiple European countries and the US, as well as dealing with data that was security-classified.
- Managed a large computer forensics raid spread over multiple sites after a series of companies were put into compulsory receivership by the DTI. Subsequent findings and evidence then had to be handed over to the Serious Fraud Office.
- Managed all the data aspects of an investigation by the European Commission into allegations of price-fixing for a global consumer-products company that encompassed data from over 25 countries.