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EPYX Forensics specializes in Digital Forensics and Forensic Accounting. We assist clients with investigations where electronically stored information (ESI) or monetary issues are relevant.

EPYX Forensics areas of expertise include:

- Matrimonial Matters
- Human Resource and Employment Disputes
- Intellectual Property Claims
- Breaches of Contracts
- Medical Malpractice Claims
- Fraud
- General Civil or Business Litigation
- Private Investigations
- Economic Damages Calculations
- Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Reorganization
- Business Valuation
- Insurance / Personal Injury Claims
- Expert Testimony

EPYX Forensics focuses on the needs of individual clients and tailors engagements to address those needs, while maintaining sensitivity to time and budgetary concerns.

Digital Forensics

Digital Forensics pertains to legal evidence found in computers and other digital devices. It encompasses the recovery and investigation of electronically stored information (ESI) found in digital devices. Generally, it is determining the "Who, What, When, Where and How" of activities that occur on digital devices.

The goal of Digital Forensics is to examine digital media in a forensically sound manner with the aim of identifying, preserving, recovering, analyzing and presenting facts and opinions about the information. This discipline involves similar techniques and principles to data recovery, but with additional guidelines and practices designed to create a legal audit trail.

Digital Forensics investigations have a variety of applications. The most common, is to support or refute a hypothesis before civil courts (as part of the electronic discovery process). Forensics are featured in the private sector; such as during internal corporate investigations, intellectual property thefts, divorces, human resources and employment disputes.

The technical aspect of an investigation is divided into several sub-branches. These relate to the type of digital devices involved; computer forensics, network forensics, database forensics and mobile device forensics.

As well as identifying direct evidence, Digital Forensics can be used to attribute evidence to specific persons, confirm alibis or statements, determine intent, identify sources (for example, in copyright cases) or authenticate documents. Investigations are much broader in scope than other areas of forensic analysis (where the usual aim is to provide answers to a series of simpler questions) often involving complex time-lines or hypotheses.

Forensic Accounting

Forensic Accounting, also known as Financial Forensics, is the specialty practice area of accountancy that integrates accounting, auditing and investigative skills.

Forensic Accounting provides an accounting analysis that is suitable to the court. It forms the basis for dispute resolution and encompasses both litigation support and investigative accounting. Forensic Accounting deals primarily with issues related to the quantification of economic damages. A typical litigation support assignment would be calculating the economic loss resulting from a breach of contract.

As Forensic Accountants, we utilize accounting, auditing and investigative skills when conducting an investigation. Equally critical, is our ability to respond immediately and to communicate financial information clearly and concisely in a courtroom setting.

EPYX Forensic Accountants are highly trained to look beyond the numbers and deal with the business reality of the situation.

Expert Testimony

Using a computer technician to forensically examine your computers for a litigation case is akin to allowing a medical salesman to perform your surgery. Just because the salesman is also in the profession of healthcare does not mean that they are capable or qualified to do surgery!

EPYX Forensics provides expert digital forensic and forensic accounting services for law, accounting and corporate firms. Our combined experience of over 40 years in conducting, testifying and training personnel in digital and financial investigations make us second to none.

EPYX Forensic examiners' unique ability to communicate technical and financial information clearly and concisely in a courtroom setting can be the difference between winning and losing in many cases. All of our examiners have testified as an expert in a court of law.

Don't trust your surgery to a salesman!

Training

Digital or financial evidence is involved in almost every civil offense. In this digital age, litigators and accountants need to be armed with the proper knowledge base in order to do their jobs. It is crucial for lawyers and accountants alike to understand cyber and financial investigations. This holds particularly true when it comes to litigation support and resolution.

We offer training courses designed to teach litigators and accountants the knowledge they need to stay ahead of the technology curve involved in cyber and financial investigations. Our instructors have been teaching lawyers, accountants, government and corporate personnel worldwide in digital and financial investigations for over 10 years.

In addition, **EPYX Forensics** can customize a course based on your needs as well as provide training at any location. Law, accounting and corporate firms will benefit from our leading-edge curriculum.

All EPYX Digital Forensic Examiners possess the two most highly recognized certifications in the industry:

Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) thru the Investigative Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)

EnCase Certified Examiner (EnCE) thru Guidance Software – the creator of EnCase Forensic software

All EPYX Forensic Accountants possess the most accepted certification in the financial fraud industry:

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) certification thru the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

- Digital Forensics
- Forensic Accounting
- Expert Testimony
- Training

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MEET THE TEAM

Desiree McGovern – President and Co-Founder

As President and Co-Founder, Desiree is in charge of the Forensic Accounting Services Division. Desiree has a total of 14 years in law enforcement, most of which entailed being assigned to an IRS Federal/State Money Laundering Task Force. She is currently a Detective with The Department of Financial Services, where she conducts complex criminal investigations involving financial crimes. She also works as a contracted training instructor teaching all aspects of fraud, money laundering, and forensic accounting.

Desiree moonlights as an adjunct instructor for Palm Beach State College where she teaches financial investigations. She holds a B.S. Degree in Accounting with a specialization in Forensic Accounting as well as an additional Undergraduate Degree in Criminal Justice. She is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) through the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners as well as a member of The Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists.

Pete McGovern – Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder

Pete oversees both the Digital Forensic Services and Training Divisions. Pete has a total of 18 years in law enforcement. He also works as a contract Cyber Training Instructor for the US State Department, teaching various Anti-Terrorism Digital Forensic and investigation courses to foreign law enforcement personnel worldwide. In conjunction, he has been a Detective with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, for 8 years. During this tenure, he has been working as a Digital Forensics Examiner conducting digital investigations for local, state and federal agencies dealing with all types of criminal activity.

Pete is an Adjunct Professor for Florida Atlantic University, where he is developing and teaching their Computer Crimes curriculum. He holds a Master's Degree in Digital Forensics and two Undergraduate Degrees, one in Criminal Justice and the other in Information Technology. In addition, he has attended numerous specialized Digital Forensic training courses and holds several certifications in the Digital Forensics field to include CFCE and EnCE. Pete is an active CFCE member with the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS).

Carlos Cajigas – Training Director and Senior Forensic Analyst

Carlos is in charge of managing the Training Division. He is responsible for the development and implementation of cutting-edge curriculum to our students. Carlos is currently employed by the West Palm Beach Police Department as a Detective/Examiner assigned to the Digital Forensics Unit. While in the Digital Forensics Unit, he has conducted examinations on hundreds of digital devices to include computers, cell phones, and GPS devices to go along with hundreds of hours of Digital Forensics training.

Carlos holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Palm Beach Atlantic University. In addition, he has various certifications in the Digital Forensics field, that include EnCase Certified Examiner (EnCE), Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) from IACIS, and Certified Digital Forensic Examiner (CDFE) from Mile2. Carlos is a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) certified instructor with experience teaching Digital Forensic classes.