When is a Computer Forensic Investigation Needed? (2 of 2)

Description

In my previous post, I identified several primary differences between computer forensic investigations and electronic discovery processing. Next, Iâ \in TMd like to identify some general case categories and tasks that involve a computer forensic investigator.

Case Categories:

- **ℜ•** Employment disputes
- R• Misuse of company computer involving pornography, gambling, blackmail and fraud
- **ℜ•** Embezzlement
- **ℜ•** Breach of contract
- ℜ• Software licensing
- **ℜ•** Intellectual property theft
- **ℜ•** Insurance fraud
- **R•** Sexual harassment

Typical Tasks:

- **ℜ•** Recovering deleted files and emails
- **ℜ•** Internet activity analysis
- **R** Cell phone and smart phone analysis
- **ℜ•** Metadata analysis
- **R•** Providing results, recommendations, and action plan

Even if a civil or criminal investigation doesn't fall within these case categories, you may still need to involve a computer forensic investigator. Why? Because it is no secret that computers are used as a primary source for communication, work product, and research. The listed tasks could apply to investigating almost any suspect involved in a civil or criminal law suit.

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