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## 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??d like to identify some general case categories and tasks that involve a computer forensic investigator.

#### Case Categories:

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

#### Typical Tasks:

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

Even if a civil or criminal investigation doesnâ??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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