



10 Things to Consider for Cases Involving Computer Forensics

Start the discovery process early to avoid surprises and/or destruction of evidence and consider the following questions and suggestions when preparing for a case.

1. Request computer examinations as soon as possible. Do not allow time for potential evidence to be destroyed.
2. Involve your computer experts early and often.
3. Request more than you want to ensure you receive what you need.
4. Be aggressive, a computer examiner can only examine what you provide.
5. What type of information you are seeking?
6. Identify the key dates, or date ranges, relevant to your case and potential evidence.
7. Familiarize yourself with your client's operating procedures to prevent destruction of, or failure to identify, potential evidence.
8. Are there offsite storage locations where potential evidence may be hidden or neglected?
9. How many computers does your client have and what are their normal operating procedures for disposing of old computers?
10. Determine how long your client keeps computers and computer files and the impact the timeframe may have on your case.