



CERTIFIED FRAUD  
EXAMINER



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### Summary of Qualifications

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Experienced and versatile senior computer forensics and electronic discovery professional with expertise in providing a broad range of investigative, forensic, litigation consulting and technology services to law firms and corporations.

- **EnCase Certified Forensic Examiner, AccessData Certified Examiner, Certified Fraud Examiner, Licensed Private Investigator, Relativity Certified Administrator, Microsoft Certified Professional**, and former Big-4 Senior Consultant with more than eight years of Computer Forensics and e-Discovery related experience.
- Experience conducting major computer forensic investigations, data quality control, data recovery, and in-depth computer data analysis using an array of industry-leading utilities.
- Trained in procedures used by federal law enforcement and military agencies to preserve, process, and evaluate computer evidence.
- Proven capability to evaluate, organize, and assimilate vast amounts of information quickly using diversified skill set and highly proficient technical competencies and various forensic tools.
- Unwavering and uncompromising commitment to client deadlines with exceptional problem-solving and timesaving skills.
- Participated in data collection and analysis, electronic discovery, and data delivery for two of the largest bankruptcies in United States history.
- Led forensic teams in yearlong e-Discovery process involving more than 900 employees during major SEC investigation.
- Discovered key evidence involving more than 100 computers for a Fortune 500 company, significantly supporting the client's case.
- Engaged to analyze and retrieve erased and hidden data for evidence in a case involving senior staff members suspected of taking kickbacks and skimming funds.
- Successfully retrieved emails deleted for more than five years from 130 computers and backup media.
- Uncovered illegal eBay selling and shipping scheme for a large manufacturer by restoring deleted and printed files, Internet history, and emails.
- Called to testify as an expert witness in criminal and civil cases in Texas and Arizona.

## Professional Certifications

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- EnCase Certified Examiner (EnCE)
- Access Data Certified Examiner (ACE)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Relativity Certified Administrator (RCA)

## Technical Proficiencies

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- **Forensic Software:** EnCase, AccessData Forensic Toolkit, Paraben Forensic/Utilities, Robocopy, dtSearch, DCFLDD, PGP
- **Relational Databases:** SQL Server, IDEA, Custom SQL, and IDEA Scripts
- **Email Clients:** Microsoft Exchange, Lotus Notes, GroupWise, Web Mail, and ccMail
- **Networks:** Windows Servers, Novell Servers, FTP Servers, VPNs, Wired and Wireless Networks
- **Hardware:** PCs/LANs, Laptops, Desktops, Servers, Cell Phone/PDAs, and several tape drives
- **E-Discovery Software:** Relativity, Law PreDiscovery, Concordance, Summation, and IPRO

## Court Experience

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- Case:** Martha Rabasco vs. Sanjay Shah, M.D. (CV 2008 – 050759) AZ  
State Court of Arizona
- Represented:** Sanjay Shah, M.D.
- Description of Case:** Dr. Shah was accused of falsifying electronic medical records.
- Nature of Testimony:** Testimony in defense of Dr. Shah required expertise in computer forensics and SQL database structure. Mr. Holton showed how the medical records had no evidence of tampering or changes.
- Outcome:** After two expert reports and testimony by deposition, the plaintiff dropped the case, and the case was dismissed.
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- Case:** State of Texas vs. Shakouri, (219-80595-07) TX
- Represented:** State of Texas
- Description of Case:** Defendant was charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault. Defendant entered into evidence emails from the victim stating that the victim was lying and blackmailing the defendant.
- Nature of Testimony:** Testimony required expertise in computer forensics and webmail methodology. Mr. Holton's findings concluded that the defendant had written all emails and that there was no evidence indicating the victim had written any of the emails.
- Outcome:** The jury ruled in favor of the State of Texas.

# Professional Experience

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## **Xact Data Discovery** **Lead Forensic Examiner** Richardson, TX

As Lead Forensic Examiner for Xact Data Discovery, Matthew Holton directs all computer forensic activities for the firm, managing the forensic division to ensure availability of all personnel and equipment to meet mission objectives.

Mr. Holton oversees all stages of the forensic process—from the initial stages of client consultation and forensic imaging to performing analysis, preparing client reports, and providing expert testimony for clients. In addition, Mr. Holton manages tier one client relationships and assists sales and production staff to meet company goals, ensuring that the company meets client needs on time and within budget.

## **Alvarez & Marsal** **Senior Associate of Forensic Technology** Dallas, Texas

- Conducted and managed multiple computer forensic cases, applying expertise using a variety of forensic tools.
- Wrote and submitted two expert reports and provided deposition testimony as an expert in a civil case.
- Created complex SQL queries to search, filter, and scrub data to identify urgent needs, slashing total processing time by 10 to 20 percent within one week.
- Managed and conducted 30+ e-discovery projects for a wide range of clients, including collection, processing, searching, hosting, client review, and productions.
- Used Law PreDiscovery, Relativity, Concordance, SQL, and Guidance Software extensively in e-Discovery jobs.

## **D6 Consulting** **Manager of Computer Forensics** Dallas, Texas

- Used proven computer forensics experience to manage team and handle investigations.
- Managed forensics team and used multiple forensic tools to conduct computer and cell phone investigations.
- Planned and implemented setup, security, and policies and procedures of the forensic lab, ensuring efficiency and productivity.

## **Alix Partners** **Vice President/Manager of Computer Forensics** Dallas, Texas

- Served as Vice President/Manager with former Deloitte & Touche colleagues in highly regarded national/international professional services company.
- Managed 20+ domestic and international forensic engagements.
- Utilized forensic toolsets to recover, image, analyze, and report on the findings of digital investigations.
- Ensured that client engagements were completed on time and within established parameters.

## **KPMG**

### ***Senior Associate of Forensic Technology***

#### **Dallas, Texas**

- Conducted 20+ forensic investigations that involved collection, extraction, and analysis using EnCase, FTK Toolkit, and other forensic tools.
- Managed and supervised a team of five associates that forensically imaged 800+ hard drives.
- Performed four shadow investigations for the Dallas Audit department.
- Utilized e-Discovery tools, IDEA, and SQL Server to query data sets for anomalies and pertinent information for the purpose of flagging potential accounting fraud.
- Wrote database programs to update manual tasks that are still in use by the firm, increasing overall processing efficiency by 20 percent for a major client.
- Led a team that interviewed more than 900 employees of a Fortune 500 company, managing evidence identification and subsequently collecting electronic data in response to a SEC subpoena.

## **Deloitte & Touche**

### ***Senior Associate of Forensic Technology***

#### **Dallas, Texas**

- Conducted 50+ external and internal forensic investigations, participating in multiple cases that saved the client hundreds of thousands of dollars by utilizing innovative, timesaving e-Discovery methods.
- Responsible for the secure transfer of highly sensitive client data.
- Completed the computer forensic courses and educational requirements for both the EnCE and CFE professional designations.
- Restored deleted files, emails, and Internet history for large manufacturing client, resulting in discovery of a suspected eBay auction and shipping scheme that involved company products and UPS account.
- Worked with a team to examine 130 computers and 125 backup tapes to uncover email evidence that had been deleted for more than five years.
- Imaged and examined more than 100 computers for a Fortune 500 firm to investigate employees suspected of taking kickbacks, skimming money, selling jobs, creating false IDs, and conflicts of interest.

### ***Senior PC/LAN Technician***

- Set up and supported Microsoft and Novell networks, including VPNs, firewalls, Microsoft Exchange Servers, SQL Servers, wireless networks, desktops, laptops, printers, and PDAs.
- Diagnosed and remedied PC/LAN issues and conflicts for a national network of 1000+ computers.

## **Education**

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Northwood University, Cedar Hill, Texas, Bachelor of Business Administration and Management