FORENSIC ANALYSIS

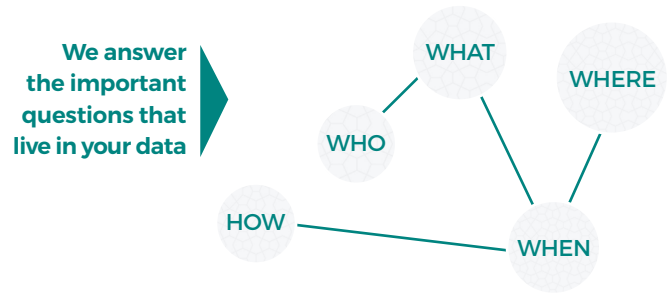
Uncover the TRUTH in your data

While most other eDiscovery providers view forensics as an afterthought, QDiscovery makes it a priority. Our experienced and court-approved forensic staff is able to collect data, perform forensic investigations, provide consultative advice, serve as expert witnesses and provide reports that present facts, analysis, conclusions and opinions clearly and accurately; helping you discover the full story of your data.

QDiscovery approach to forensic analysis

At QDiscovery, we assist your case team in identifying and analyzing all pertinent data sources related to your case or investigation. Our team understands investigation and litigation realities and brings vital expertise to help you develop effective strategies to uncover the truth hidden in your data. This consultative partnership lasts throughout the entire life of your case.

Our forensic capabilities span the entire left side of the EDRM from information governance and identification through analysis and reporting. We observe rigorous intake methods to preserve chain of custody and apply strict protocols in our investigations ensuring evidence and findings are admissible in court.



Our Team

QDiscovery has a full team of qualified digital forensic practitioners made up of seasoned forensic investigators, IT professionals and in-house attorneys. Our forensic practice group works with your legal team during every stage of the litigation lifecycle to ensure relevant data sources are identified, collected and analyzed.

If our forensic analysis indicates litigation should proceed, you need confidence that the team who did the analysis can provide defensible reports and offer testimony if necessary. Our forensic experts present technical information in a way that people without a technical background — such as judges and jurors — can understand. Our forensic examiners have experience testifying in local, state and federal courts as well as arbitration panels and other adjudicating venues.

Getting the right team in place at the onset of litigation, or anticipated litigation, can mean the difference between proving your case, getting a suit dismissed and even sanctions.

QDISCOVERY

REBUTTING SPOLIATION ALLEGATIONS

Motion for sanctions was filed against our client and a premier Chicago law firm alleging an external hard drive used by the defendant had been wiped. The night before the hearing our forensic experts were provided the original drive and the forensic image of the supposedly wiped device. Our team was able to defeat the encryption and determine that the device was not wiped but rather encrypted. This was demonstrated in court the following day and the motion was immediately dismissed.

Forensic Solutions

We offer a vast array of digital forensic services that span the full investigation lifecycle, from the initial incident through resolution of the dispute.

DEPARTED EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIONS

85% of all trade secret theft is committed by people internal to their organizations. Proactively manage risk and minimize exposure to damages by instituting policies that include an investigation of departing employees' computers and mobile devices. Our services provide peace of mind that you have defensibly and in a forensically-sound manner preserved and analyzed data you need to determine if litigation should be filed.

SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE (DATA BREACH)

We help determine the scope of the breach and provide a comprehensive assessment of what information has been accessed and how it has been moved or used. We also recommend remedial measures that assure greater future security.

MOBILE DEVICE AND SOCIAL MEDIA INVESTIGATIONS

Combining the years of experience our forensic team has with the impeccable skills and breadth of knowledge of our project management and processing teams, QDiscovery has developed custom workflows to collect and process non-standard ESI. This includes mobile devices, social media and other internet data to ensure our clients can search, review and produce these critical types of data.

EXPERT WITNESS REPORTS AND TESTIMONY

You need expert reports that present facts, analysis, conclusions and opinions clearly and accurately. Our forensic experts present technical information, analysis and conclusions in a way that people without a technical background — such as judges and jurors — can understand. Our experts have testified in state and federal courts across the country.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

Internal investigations may be triggered by any number of causes — employment disputes, fraud, unauthorized access to protected data or an inquiry from a government agency. Our forensic experts help you set a strategy for your internal investigation and can conduct investigations discreetly if required. We uncover the relevant facts, so you can determine the appropriate next steps.

TRADE SECRET INVESTIGATIONS

Your business success depends on keeping your trade secrets secret. Our forensic examiners uncover the path of the stolen information from your organization to USB devices, personal email accounts, cloud storage sites or even hard copy printouts. Examination of metadata can reveal who accessed documents and what they did to them. If litigation is warranted, our consultants help you build a case.

DATA RECOVERY AND PASSWORD CRACKING

We recover and extract hidden and deleted data from a wide variety of systems and devices, including computers, servers, cell phones and USB flash drives. Data that, in less experienced hands, could be gone forever. Additionally, we offer password cracking for protected files missing a password.

DATA BREACH INVESTIGATION

An accounting firm with Hollywood celebrity and other high-profile clients was notified of a potential data breach. Our forensic team was hired to collect the logs from network appliances and servers to determine the extent of breach and identify the intruders. Our analysis found that personal information including bank account information, passwords and other data had been accessed. Working with the Secret Service, the FBI and the state's attorney's office, the hacker was identified and charged.