

# Data Forensics: IP & Trade Secrets Theft

When employees with access to sensitive or proprietary information leave a company, how can you be sure they did not take that information with them? And, how can you move quickly enough to assess the damage before the data ends up in the hands of the competition?

Data forensic services from FTI Technology enable corporations to quickly evaluate and act upon potential IP or trade secret theft by current and former employees. Leveraging state-of-the-art forensic technology and methodologies, our forensic experts have years of experience finding evidence from traditional sources, such as computer hard drives or company networks, to emerging technology such as social media and cloud repositories.

FTI experts have helped corporations detect and act upon intelligence for a wide range of matters, including:

- Employee theft of intellectual property such as formulas, source code, product development information, and customer or price lists
- Employee breach of fiduciary duty or collusion, such as creating competing businesses while still employed with current company
- Unfair dismissal suits
- Use of information obtained while the employee was working for a prior employer
- The unauthorized transmission or sale of company information to outside sources via email or text messaging
- Regular data security audits to ensure data protection, including employee departure cases
- Identification of unauthorized use or access of company resources

## Advantages

- Quickly understand the facts of the case
- Minimize or eliminate damage through actionable evidence
- Forensically sound collections from multiple sources, including social media
- Backed by the trusted global leader in data forensics
- Seamless integration with other experts across the global practice areas of FTI Consulting

## Rapid Results

With speed and discretion, FTI Technology partners with counsel and clients to develop a strategic, systematic and economic approach to investigating the myriad of potential data sources. Often within 24 hours, the forensic team can assess the actions of the individual(s) and report on case intelligence. This includes the common threats of data removal, wiping, or deletion, as well as identification of unusual activity, such as unexplained gaps in computer usage, Internet browsing history, use of USB/thumb drives, and file access activities. Organizations can quickly understand and act upon the matter to secure a temporary restraining order, or prepare to implement other actions as appropriate.

## Global

As a global company, FTI forensic professionals can quickly deploy from our offices across the world to uncover key facts behind the IP theft or trade secrets investigation. Clients benefit from our extensive experience managing global matters, including adherence to foreign data privacy laws, in-country cultural awareness, discrete processes that do not interrupt the regular course of business and multi-lingual capabilities.

## Defensible

FTI forensic professionals utilize defensible tools and methodologies to ensure the investigation and evidence is forensically sound. In addition, FTI can develop courtroom materials that clearly explain the forensic evidence and methodology, such as affidavits, file activity diagrams, exhibits, as well as expert testimony.

## Trusted Global Leaders in Forensics and Investigations

FTI forensic services are tailored to the specific client needs of each matter. Whether a small internal investigation, or a large global matter that may result in litigation, FTI offers a depth of experience in delivering tangible results for clients. In addition to publishing regular whitepapers, industry articles and books, FTI professionals are actively involved with thought leader groups such as The Sedona Conference, EDRM and the e-Disclosure Information Project.

With more than 3,800 employees located in most major business centers in the world, FTI Consulting works closely with clients every day to anticipate, illuminate, and overcome complex business challenges in areas such as investigations, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, regulatory issues, reputation management and restructuring.

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