

SUMMARY

Former practicing litigation lawyer (2004-2010) and current certified digital forensics examiner (2019-present) who founded DFI Forensics in July, 2018.

Court-certified digital forensics expert witness who excels in comprehensive investigations, clearly worded and succinct written and oral evidence. Ransomware negotiator and incident response handler.

Experienced in cases involving mobile forensics, computer forensics, business email compromises, social media, OSINT, metadata analysis, compromised devices, cloud accounts (Dropbox, iCloud, Google Drive, Microsoft One Drive), stalking/harassment, communication apps, ransomware, data breach and general incident response.

Digital Forensics and incident response enthusiast, digital forensics blogger, published digital forensics article writer and host of *The Digital Forensics Files Podcast*.

DIGITAL FORENSICS CERTIFICATIONS

Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analyst (CASA)
2024 – Cellebrite

Awarded following the completion of Cellebrite’s Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis course (2024) and certification examination.



Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO)
2024 – Cellebrite

Awarded following completion of Cellebrite’s Cellebrite Certified Operator course (2020) and renewed June 14, 2024 (Expires 2026).



Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (CCPA)
2024 – Cellebrite

Awarded following completion of Cellebrite’s Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst course (2020) and renewed June 14, 2024 (Expires 2026).



EnCase Certified Forensics Examiner (EnCE)
2022 – OpenText

Awarded following completion of EnCase Certified Examiner Certification Program (EnCE) for computer forensics.



PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

DFI Forensics

Founder & CEO | Certified Digital Forensics Examiner
Langley, B.C. Canada

July, 2018 – present.



TCS Forensics Limited

Digital Forensics Consultant | Managing Director
Richmond, B.C.

January, 2018 – July, 2018.



Buckley Hogan Law Office

Associate Litigation Lawyer
Surrey, B.C. Canada

January, 2008 – June, 2010.



Learn Zenk Barristers & Solicitors

Associate Litigation Lawyer
Burnaby, B.C. Canada

June, 2006 – January, 2008.



Hamilton Duncan Armstrong + Stewart

Articled Student | Associate Litigation Lawyer
Surrey, B.C. Canada

May, 2003 – June, 2006.



EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

Yang v. Hart, 2024 BCSC 1547

July, 2024

Plaintiff claimed debt against deceased in relation to promissory note. Expert evidence provided in relation to PDF metadata and authentication of promissory note located on the computer of deceased person. Plaintiff's claim succeeded at trial.

Gracias v. Dr. David Walt Dentistry, 2022 ONSC 2967

May, 2022

Plaintiff claimed against Defendant for wrongful dismissal and produced Indeed job applications and emails confirming application to alternate employment. PDF versions of Indeed applications and emails contained anomalies. Expert report and affidavit evidence given in support of summary judgment application. Status as expert accepted and evidence accepted.

Heywood v. Telus, Arbitration Hearing (Alberta)

November, 2020

Heywood grieved her termination after interacting with company documents and files in Google Drive. Expert opinion provided regarding Google Drive, shared files and folders, "activity timeline" which logged Heywood's activities and several elements of cloud-based file sharing platforms. Evidence provided by way of expert report followed by testimony at hearing.

R v. Dhutta, Ontario Court of Justice, Case 309707

October, 2020

Accused charged with uttering threats through *WhatsApp*. Gave expert evidence regarding nature of *WhatsApp* and how investigation of devices would be undertaken by reasonable digital forensics expert. Evidence provided by way of Affidavit. Affidavit accepted in Court. Charges dropped on the strength of digital forensics opinion provided to Court.

DIGITAL FORENSICS TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications Obtained:

Certified Computer Forensics Examiner (CCFE)

2019 – Information Assurance Certification Review Board
Awarded following Infosec Institute Computer Forensics training program.



Certified Mobile Forensics Examiner (CMFE)

2019 – Information Assurance Certification Review Board
Awarded following Infosec Institute Mobile Forensics training program.



Certified Blacklight Examiner (CBE)

2019 – Blackbag Technologies/Cellebrite
Awarded following Blackbag Technologies Basic Digital Forensics course.



Cellebrite Mobile Forensics Fundamentals (CMFF)

2019 – Cellebrite
Awarded following Cellebrite test.



Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO)

2020 – Cellebrite
Awarded following completion of Cellebrite's Cellebrite Certified Operator course.



E3 Certified Examiner

2020 – Paraben Corporation
Awarded following completion of Electronic Evidence Examiner (E3) Fundamentals course.



Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (CCPA)

2021 – Cellebrite
Awarded following completion of Cellebrite's Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst course.



EnCase Certified Forensics Examiner (EnCE)

2022 – OpenText
Awarded following completion of EnCase Certified Examiner Certification Program (EnCE) - International



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2024 – Cellebrite
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Training and Webinars:

Negotiation Mastery Course – Harvard Business School Online	September, 2024
Webinar – Cellebrite: Cloud-Based Remote Data Collection	May 27, 2024
Webinar – Cellebrite: Data from the Cloud	April 30, 2024
Course Chair of CLEBC Course: Computer Forensics and Electronic Evidence 2024	March 26, 2024
Mobile Forensics Training – Hexordia Data Structures Course (8 Hours Live Training)	March 13, 2024
Android Forensics with Belkasoft	February 21, 2024
IACIS Mobile Forensics Course (Ongoing Self-Study)	January, 2024 – Present
Webinar – Cellebrite: Unveiling Cellebrite Insyetes: The Digital Forensics Game Changer	February 20, 2024
Webinar – Belkasoft Triage	December 12, 2023
Incident Investigations with Belkasoft	October 17, 2023
iOS Forensics with Belkasoft	October 13, 2023
13Cubed Computer Forensics Course: Investigating Windows Endpoints (Ongoing Self-Study)	October, 2023 – Present