



Case Study: E-mail Evidence in Litigation and Dispute Resolution

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Client Situation

Electronic data and e-mail communications were requested during the course of discovery. Evidence showed that critical e-mail messages between the two litigants were conflicting and information may have been altered after the fact. In addition, the messages were written without the signature of the sender, thus posing questions about the authenticity of the e-mail messages.

Altius IT Solution

Altius IT was contacted to analyze both parties' e-mail messages to answer the following questions:

- Are the messages legitimate e-mail messages?
- Do the hard copy versions of the messages include standard information that appears on the printed page when a message is printed?
- Did the messages originate from the computer systems in question?
- Is it possible to trace the route of the e-mail messages from the sender to the recipient?
- Is it possible to retrieve e-mail messages off of the subject computer systems and compare with the hard copy versions?

Altius IT's forensics services made bit level copies of the computer hard drives for subsequent investigation and analysis. We analyzed the electronically stored information, recovered deleted e-mail messages and made comparisons with the printed copies. We then prepared reports outlining our services performed, answers to the above questions, and findings.

Client Benefit

Altius IT's forensics and expert witness services helped analyze the electronic evidence, provided testimony during deposition and trial, and resulted in a favorable decision for the law firm.

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