

Michael Gray

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Michael is a highly respected technology specialist with more than 15 years of experience in Computer Forensics, Technology Investigations, Information Management and Electronic Discovery. He partners with clients to proactively and reactively manage technology and information risk and prides himself on cultivating trusted relationships which are underpinned by a collaborative and personalised focus.

He has led a broad range of matters including engagements for Royal Commissions, Class Action and Regulatory proceedings. He provides advice on high quality end-to-end digital forensics and electronic discovery matters, intellectual property theft and employee misconduct investigations, cyber-fraud and security breaches and remediation works. He has also led the complex IT and technical management for some of Australia's largest restructuring engagements including large scale transformational/IT change projects.

As an expert in his field, he has been engaged as an Independent Forensic Expert in multiple proceedings in the Supreme and Federal Courts of Victoria and New South Wales. Michael leverages advanced forensic methodologies and innovative technologies to deliver precise, defensible outcomes for complex investigations and litigation support.

His extensive experience spans across a wide range of industries including financial services, construction, energy, Government, healthcare, insurance, manufacturing, gaming, retail and technology. Michael also has a strong interest in teaching leading him to present guest lectures on Forensic Technology in relation to Fraud for Melbourne University.

Engagement Experience —

- Acted as Independent Forensic Expert for a matter in the Federal Court of Australia involving the examination and presentation of court evidence regarding a fabricated valuation report (North Shore Property Developments Pty Ltd (in liq) v Haddad (No 2) [2025] FCA 642 - Kennett J).
- Acted as an Independent Forensic Expert for the Supreme Court of Victoria, providing expert analysis and testimony on email data to verify the authenticity and integrity of email communications, assess potential manipulation, and support evidentiary requirements.
- Acted as an Independent Forensic Expert for the Supreme Court of Victoria to verify and validate electronic metadata of evidence, including evidence of alterations to content and metadata.
- Acted as an Independent Forensic Expert for the Federal Court of Victoria relating to an employee misconduct dispute, including executing orders to identify and preserve a large scale of digital evidence and the

Qualifications & Memberships —

- CDFE – Certified Digital Forensics Examiner (Mile2)
- CPFA – Certified Professional Forensic Analyst (Nii)
- Certified Data Privacy Practitioner (Nii)
- CAANZ – Affiliate Member
- Member, Victorian Society for Computers and the Law
- Member, Australian Information Security Association
- Advanced Email Forensics training (Metaspike)
- Prince2 Registered Practitioner (ILX Group)
- EnCase Computer Forensics II (Guidance Software)
- iPro Certified Administrator
- Bachelor of Commerce (Economics), University of Otago
- Bachelor of Music (B.Mus), Performance Voice/Opera, First Class Honours



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identification, control and secure removal of confidential corporate information from electronic devices.

- Acted as an Independent Forensic Expert for the Supreme Court of NSW to provide analysis for an Intellectual Property/Copyright dispute, utilising advanced analytical techniques and technologies.
- Served as a consulting expert in litigation involving a major telecommunications provider, conducting detailed assessments of factual evidence and providing expert opinions on the adequacy of cybersecurity controls and the effectiveness of forensic investigations conducted in response to a crisis incident.
- Lead partner for forensic and eDiscovery enquiries for Queensland Health in the Commission of Inquiry into Forensic DNA Testing in Queensland.
- Lead Partner on media leak investigations for government departments (transport and infrastructure space) including forensic technology analysis for chronological and data flow mapping, review and reconciliation of security permissions and auditing regarding key documents.
- Engaged by a large state healthcare provider to coordinate and execute forensic evidence capture and handling for the production of information in response to an Order for Papers under Standing Order 52, Parliament of NSW.
- Undertaken numerous submissions in respect of S33, S155, and S912c notices received from Australian regulators ASIC, AER, APRA, ATO and ACCC, including forensic-level capture of data stored on electronic devices and systems, and eDiscovery handling including protocol compliance with regulatory submission criteria.
- Forensic collection, analysis and reporting for an investigation into bribery and corruption for a large multinational corporation, including oversight of search warrants executed by the Australian Federal Police.
- Assisted a Victorian Government Department in a post-incident review including the interrogation and reporting of payroll system security controls, providing our report of findings to the relevant Minister.
- Investigation into bribery and corruption by senior employees at a global fleet leasing company and one of its major customers, using advanced analytic techniques to accelerate the investigation process and uncover coded communications between parties.
- Assisted a large Australian-based retailer manage a time-critical cybercrime investigation in relation to a cyber breach and successful attachment which led to a significant fraud. We provided incident response advice in relation to the organisation's response and investigation strategies and reporting obligations.
- Provided advice and support to one of Australia's largest aged care providers, establishing evidence handling and information management controls and processes to proactively handle responses to a Royal Commission inquiry.
- Consulted for several large banking and insurance institutions around evidence handling and eDiscovery requirements and processes relating to the Australian Royal Commission into the Financial Services Sector.
- Engaged by a global transport operator to manage the eDiscovery process in response to a regulatory investigation. Support included working with senior executives and legal counsel to map business processes, data repositories, perform data classification, capture and management of data through the eDiscovery workflow and provide tailored advice regarding provision requirements in the Australian regulatory landscape.
- Advice for the scoping and planning of evidence and information management for litigations and arbitrations in Australia and overseas.
- Provided forensic technology assistance for a major Australian bank in responding to Australian regulatory requests regarding criminal allegations.

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- Technology manager/consultant for New Zealand's largest tax avoidance case involving Structured Finance Transactions. This litigation led to two High Court wins and a subsequent industry settlement leading to recovery of \$2.2bn of disputed tax and penalties.
- Key Project Manager for Government requests in relation to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.
- Specialist advice on all aspects of legal technology with a strong focus on provision of evidence and tailored solutions for proportional responses.
- Provided advice on forensic data collection from numerous proprietary software environments including enterprise resource platforms, customer relationship platforms, finance (AP/AR/Payroll) platforms, construction management platforms, and project management platforms.