Professional Biography

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Peter Garza leads Ricoh USA's computer forensics practice. Mr. Garza has worked as a consulting, independent, or testifying expert in hundreds of civil litigation cases. Cases have involved the forensic preservation, collection, and analysis of data from a broad range of computing environments.

Mr. Garza and the team he leads collect Electronically Stored Information (ESI) and often perform forensic analysis of data in the theft of trade secrets cases, contract disputes, employment matters, and other types of cases for both plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation.

Mr. Garza enjoys consulting with case teams in pre-litigation matters to scope the digital forensics work on computer evidence. He is experienced in assisting with the crafting of effective discovery protocols to deal with privilege, privacy, and relevancy issues, often when sensitive and proprietary data is involved. Mr. Garza is often tasked to work with opposing experts to come to a technical agreement on discovery issues or analysis in the production of ESI.

Mr. Garza has provided expert testimony at trial and depositions in both state and federal court.

Before his work in the private sector, Mr. Garza served as a Special Agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) for over ten years. In that role he recovered and analyzed a wide array of computer evidence, including electronic business records used to expose defense procurement fraud as well as electronic evidence used in successful criminal and counterintelligence investigations.

Mr. Garza earned a Master of Science in Information Systems from Claremont Graduate University.