
Abstract
This panel of attorneys, and others, will discuss situational awareness and skills of lawyers, judges and computing professionals relating to evidence law and rules of procedure for using electronic evidence and digital forensics. The panel may address the new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the discovery and handling of electronic evidence that are effective December 1, 2006, their impact in federal courts and their influence in state courts.

Summary
The failure of computing specialists to meet the reliability tests of the justice system will lead to the failure of their evidence and testimony in court. Some of the guidance for computing specialists must come from professionals within the justice system itself. Their guidance itself depends on their knowledge and skill as to electronic evidence and digital forensics.

The panel will review the skills and experience with electronic evidence and digital forensics of justice system professionals. This examination will cover cases ranging from civil litigation to cybercrime and attacks on information security systems.

It may also address needed training for lawyers and judges to work with electronic evidence and digital forensics professionals and the legal training needed by digital forensics examiners for work in the courts.

Learning Objectives: attendees will be able to
1) identify situational awareness of electronic evidence and digital forensics by key participants in the justice system
2) anticipate gaps in awareness and knowledge between justice professionals and computing specialists and
3) discuss goals to remedy those gaps.

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