

## Eric P. Blank, Esq.

### Resume and *Curriculum Vitae*

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#### INTRODUCTION

I am the founder and Managing Attorney of Blank Law & Technology P.S., an Information Security law firm based in Twisp, Washington. (From 2001 through 2017, my firm had offices in Seattle and Mount Vernon, Washington.) My practice has focused on addressing legal, management and discovery issues related to computers (including cell phones), software, databases, and public and private networks, including the Internet. On behalf of corporations, governments and courts, I have worked as mediator, neutral and Special Master on matters primarily concerning computer forensics, electronic discovery, document and database management practices, and individual conduct relating to computers and computer networks. I have counseled clients on protocols and best practices related to cyber security and electronic discovery. To accommodate the technical demands of this work, I have for many years employed advanced forensic tools and experienced personnel of the highest integrity.

I have testified as a fact and expert witness in state and federal courts, and before administrative hearing officers and arbitrators, in more than 250 cases. I have been admitted as an expert, and appointed special master, on issues relating to legal discovery conduct, databases, computer and cell phone forensics, and the Internet. My work is conducted throughout the United States.

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2001-Present    Managing Attorney, Blank Law & Technology P.S.

[www.digital-legal.com](http://www.digital-legal.com)

Information Security law firm retained primarily by law firms, government entities and large corporations to work on legal and investigational issues relating to computers and computer networks. Beginning in 2014, primary focus has been on investigations and neutral and Special Master work. Beginning in 2020, I have limited most new matters to issues related to cell phones and phone records.

2005-2015    Executive Manager and Owner, TestudoData LLC

[www.testudodata.com](http://www.testudodata.com)

Software-as-a-Service ("Cloud") National Distributor and aggregator for Google Message Security (formerly Postini), Webroot, Intel/McAfee, Proofpoint, Mimecast, Zix, Sonian, iScan and others. Supported 1000 resellers in North America serving 10,000 businesses and governments. My duties included managing relationships with manufacturers and addressing special projects relating to information security and legal compliance. In December 2014 I sold TestudoData's assets to J2 Global, Inc. (JCOM).

2009-2014      Director, Electronic Data Extraction Network

[www.edenhub.com](http://www.edenhub.com)

Nonprofit organization supporting computer forensics and electronic discovery best practices network of more than 500 information technology companies located in all 50 states and Canada. The mission of EDEN is to provide a platform for standardized electronic discovery and computer forensics services. To that end, EDEN offers training courses; EDEN Standards to support electronic discovery efforts; and a network of developers to provide the next generation of forensic software and hardware. Law firms, governments and corporations contract with EDEN to be connected with EDEN members for specific projects. My duties included assisting with the development of EDEN Standards, teaching portions of the training sessions, and directing the administrative staff.

2000-2001      Shareholder, Riddell Williams P.S.

[www.riddellwilliams.com](http://www.riddellwilliams.com)

Shareholder in 75-attorney Seattle general services law firm. My duties included litigation and investigations related to intellectual property and computers, and the development of Bureau1030, Riddell Williams' technology subsidiary.

1996-1999      Associate, Riddell Williams P.S.

[www.riddellwilliams.com](http://www.riddellwilliams.com)

Litigation associate. My duties included general litigation, emergency relief orders, and computer forensics/seizure projects.

1990-1993      Sworn Officer/Sergeant, Metropolitan Police Department

[www.mpdc.dc.gov](http://www.mpdc.dc.gov)

Patrol and light undercover duties in Washington, D.C.'s Seventh District (Anacostia area). Worked exclusively midnight shift. Credited with more than 300 arrests; testified in more than 100 trials; multiple commendations, including three Commendations from the Chief of Police, for investigative and arrest work. Training included DC Police Academy; Civil Disturbance Unit training (chemical weapons); NHTSA; National Law Enforcement Academy; PSA Offensive Driving; Enhanced Interrogation Training.

## **EDUCATION**

1995      J.D., cum laude, University of Michigan Law School

1990      B.S.F.S., Georgetown University

1986      H.S. Diploma, Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Massachusetts

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

In addition to meeting my continuing legal education requirements as an active member of the Washington State Bar Association, I receive continuing education, both through experience and through formal training programs, from computer and cell phone forensics developers, electronic mail service providers, and database manufacturers (including AccessData, Guidance Software, Paraben, Cellebrite, Oxygen Software, Google, Microsoft, Intel/McAfee, Oracle and many others).

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

I have written and spoken frequently on the subject of electronic discovery and computer forensics, including cell phone forensics and call records issues. Many of my speaking engagements are through continuing legal education programs sponsored by the American Bar Association, the Washington State Bar Association, and the King County Bar Association.

I also have taken, and taught, numerous training courses related to computer forensics, computer forensics software, technical investigative practices, civil procedure and emergency orders, and electronic document management.

Please contact me for a list of my published articles.

## **CASE LIST**

Please contact me for a current list of cases in which I have publicly testified.

## **MISCELLANEOUS INTERESTS AND HOBBIES**

Boys and Girls Clubs, Kiwanis, Eagle Scout, Hiking and Camping, ownership of the Twisp Terrace Lodge ([www.twispterrace.com](http://www.twispterrace.com))

## **BILLING RATE AND AVAILABILITY**

My customary rate since 2012 is \$400 per hour, billed in half hour increments. I may increase this rate for international projects. I quote and enter fixed-rate fee agreements with increasing regularity, based on my experience with the scope and type of work to be performed.