Protek International’s Keith Chval to Present on Computer Forensics and Spoliation at Burke Warren, MacKay & Serritella Litigation Group

Chval to deliver “Deleted Doesn’t Mean Gone”


The presentation, titled “Deleted Doesn’t Mean Gone”, explains the benefits, and limits, of digital investigation. In this presentation, electronic evidence and high-tech crimes expert Keith Chval will explained the benefits, and limits, of digital investigation, including computer forensics.

“Television shows like ‘CSI’ create many myths about the ability to recover information that someone has intentionally tried to delete,” said Chval. “Each investigation is unique and depends on the methods used to attempt to purge damaging evidence.”

Chval also will present a case study of a past investigation in which Protek found a “bogus” laptop computer in discovery.

Chval advises litigators that a critical element to recovering valuable electronic evidence, or detecting its destruction, is to act fast to preserve the evidence while taking appropriate measures to avoid inadvertent contamination to maximize persuasive value at trial.

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ABOUT PROTEK INTL:

Protek International, Inc., is full-service and licensed investigative, computer forensic and electronic discovery firm, located in Clarendon Hills, IL.

ABOUT KEITH CHVAL:

Keith Chval is truly one of the pioneers in digital law. He was the first-ever Chief of the High Tech and Computer Crime Unit in the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, designing and implementing one of the very first units of its kind in the country. Under Keith’s seven years as
Chief, the Unit boasted a 100 percent conviction rate. Keith is co-founder of Protek International, Inc. (www.protekintl.com), a rapidly growing firm offering world-class electronic data discovery, computer forensic, investigative and consulting services. A past president of the Midwest Chapter of the High Technology Crime Investigation Association, Keith is an adjunct professor of law at The John Marshall Law School, where he has taught a number of courses, including “eDiscovery, Digital Evidence and Computer Forensics.” Keith has been asked to share his expertise in collaborative efforts with associations at the forefront of digital evidence and law including the Secret Service’s Electronic Crimes Task Force, the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists, and working groups under the auspices of the National Institute of Justice, the National White Collar Crimes Institute, and the American Prosecutors Research Institute charged with developing and promoting standards for the examination and courtroom presentation of digital evidence. He has written and presented dozens of times on subjects ranging from authenticating on-line communications to protecting businesses from computer crime to “the CSI effect” on computer forensics and computer investigations.