Digital Evidence for Legal Professionals

ONLINE SELF-PACED COURSE · ATTORNEYS, PARALEGALS, AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS

Professional education on digital evidence and electronic discovery, taught by a forensic examiner: where digital evidence lives, what the rules of evidence require of it, preservation and spoliation, how it is used and challenged, and the working steps that keep it usable. One continuous fictional case runs from the first lesson to the final exam. We teach the evidence and the forensics. You bring the lawyering.

Format	Online, self-paced
Duration	About 5.5 hours of video and reading, plus quizzes and the final exam
Curriculum	5 modules, 22 lessons, about 2 hours 40 minutes of video
Downloads	18 downloadable references (4 of them fill-in templates) plus the CLE self-application packet
Assessment	Five 20-question module quizzes (15 correct to pass) and a 25-question final exam drawn from all five modules (19 correct to pass); retakes allowed
Access	12 months
Credential	Certificate of Completion, Digital Evidence for Legal Professionals
CLE	Not accredited CLE; no credit claimed or guaranteed. A self-application packet (timed agenda, learning objectives, instructor credentials) is included for states that allow it.
Tuition	**$697 per seat**

Full Curriculum

MODULE 01

Digital Evidence Literacy

By the end of Module 1 you can read a production request and an expert report without a translator, map any matter to the data sources that hold its evidence, describe the lifecycle that evidence must survive to reach a courtroom, and spot the overstated conclusion that attribution will not support.

- Where Digital Evidence Lives
- The Evidence Lifecycle
- The Vocabulary of Electronically Stored Information
- Reading a Forensic Report and an Examiner CV

MODULE 02

What the Rules Require of Digital Evidence

By the end of Module 2 you can separate authentication from weight, recognize when a certification can replace live testimony, describe what Daubert and Rule 702 ask of a forensic method, and identify whether evidence was collected within the Fourth Amendment, the CFAA, and the Stored Communications Act.

- Authentication and the 901 Threshold
- Self-Authentication by Certification
- Reliability, Daubert, and Rule 702
- Collection Limits, the Constitution and the Statutes

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MODULE 03 Preservation, Spoliation, and Data Loss

By the end of Module 3 you can say when the duty to preserve begins, name the technical ways digital evidence is lost, and explain what separates a curative measure from an intent-based sanction under Rule 37(e). You will understand why the Signal thread in the running case is the most dangerous source in the matter.

- The Litigation Hold
- How Digital Evidence Is Lost
- Spoliation in Plain Terms, Rule 37(e)

MODULE 04 Using and Challenging Digital Evidence

By the end of this module you can see how each exhibit in a matter would be used and attacked, authenticate the common evidence types, commission an examination that holds up, read an opposing report for its weak points, and explain to a jury or a judge why a method should or should not be believed.

- How Digital Evidence Is Used and Challenged
- Authenticating Each Evidence Type
- Commissioning a Forensic Examination
- Reading the Opposing Examination
- How the Fact-Finder Weighs Digital Evidence

MODULE 05 The Digital Evidence Workflow

By the end of Module 5 you can handle a device without harming it, keep a defensible chain-of-custody log, draft a hold and a custodian map, coordinate a sound acquisition, assemble a clean production with a privilege log, and calendar the deadlines that keep evidence usable.

- Do-No-Harm Handling
- The Chain-of-Custody Intake Log
- Preservation and Hold Logistics
- Coordinating the Examiner
- Production Mechanics
- Calendaring Notice and Production Deadlines

Enroll at $697 per seat. Includes 12 months of access, the reference library and CLE self-application packet, a publicly verifiable certificate of completion, and the 30-Day Look refund window. Each person needs their own seat; for five or more seats, contact us for group pricing and invoicing. Government purchase orders and net-30 invoicing are accepted.

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