

Case Study:

Family Law Case

Business Issue

A family law firm requested that an examination of a computer be performed to see if the husband was creating an environment that would not be considered appropriate for a small child. The mother was requesting full custody of their small child and felt that what her husband does during the time that their child was not in his custody was not her concern, but when their child was with him, the child's well being needed to be in the forefront.

Solution

The Wife's attorney had gained custody of the family computer and requested that it be examined for possible issues that could be considered not appropriate for a 4 year old child. The data that was contained on the computer was cataloged and examined with Access Data's Forensic Tool Kit. A report of the findings was produced and the attorney was able to compare the dates and times of when the child was with the Father with the activity that was found on the computer.

Results

When the data that was recovered from the computer was examined, some computer chats were found that had been saved and then deleted. These chats were of a nature that expressed concern for the child's safety as they seemed to talk about leaving the 4 year old child at home alone while looking for sex partners. This information was immediately brought to the attention of the attorney for evaluation. The attorney confirmed that the Father had custody of the children at the time that these chats took place. When the father was confronted with this information, he allowed the Mother to have full custody without any further fight.



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