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Note from the Editor:

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Electronic Discovery: A Word of Caution

By Albert Barsocchini, Esq.

Electronic discovery is quickly going mainstream in civil discovery. In fact, ninety-five percent of all legal documents produced since 2000 were generated digitally. Knowing where to get help is an important part of a successful electronic discovery plan. Aggressive law firms are now seeking computer-generated evidence, especially in cases related to defamation, trade secrets and intellectual property theft, sexual harassment in the workplace, fraud, breach of contract, divorce proceedings, and spoliation of evidence. Due to the growing demand for electronic discovery services, legal vendors are retooling their businesses to include digital evidence discovery, retrieval, preservation and analysis.

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CyberCrime Business Risk: What can you do?

Stan Stahl, Ph.D.

The prudent business manager has long been used to mitigating business risk, whether from the whims of the gods or the nefarious schemes of those who live outside the law. With the ubiquitous appearance of the Internet, the challenge of risk management has undergone its most profound change in 100 years.

In the last 10 years, businesses have become connected through the Internet, which provides a communication path between any two computers anywhere in the world. This path exists regardless of the extent to which the business makes use of it.

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Authentication for Web Services

By Bruce Johnson

Consider authentication of your web service to be like a door on your house. It needs to be wide enough to allow people to enter, but only if they've knocked first. Getting away from the cutesy analogies, authentication is the process of making sure that the person who is asking to use the web service is really the person that they claim to be. This is done by requiring the user (also known as the "principal") to provide a set of credentials. In return, they will receive a security token that can be used to access the server.

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