

# Expert Profile

Computer forensic investigator and expert witness

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## Profile

Experienced computer forensic expert witness seeking contracts in e-discovery and computer investigative work. Currently trade as Compute Forensics plus work with Secure IR and X-act Forensics primarily on short term computer forensic investigative contracts.

My responsibilities include running a computer forensics lab, managing data handling and destruction, writing of expert witness reports, giving evidence in court, customer relations and lab budgeting responsibilities.

## Education

### Wolverhampton University

Human Biology, Bachelor with honours , 2010

### 7-safe

Certified forensic investigation practitioner, 2010 (Distinction)

### Micro Systemation

XRY Mobile phone Examiner certified 2010

### International Society of Computer Forensic Examiners

Certified computer examiner and member 2011

### Access Data

ACE certified in FTK, imager, registry examiner & PRTK 2012

## Skills

### Applications

FTK, Encase, FTK imager, Intella, Nuix prooffinder, XRY, MPE, Passware password recovery, OS forensics, Caine

### Platforms

Apple, Linux & Windows

## Work Experience

2012

### Compute forensics/owner and analyst

- Canvassing for new clients using SEO and email campaigns.
- Digital investigations.



Alistair Ewing Bsc (hons)

## Quick details:

- Digital Investigator
- Expert Witness
- E-discovery
- Incident response
- Flexible in terms of geography
- Hands on experience
- Data collection
- Team or individual performer
- Adaptable

## Web presence:

1. [LinkedIn](#)
2. [Compute Forensics](#)
3. [Expert Directory](#)

**2009-2012**

**X-act Forensics, Stratford-upon-Avon**

**Computer forensic consultant**

- In charge of lab, investigations and customer relations.
- Performing examinations on a daily basis

#### **Activities**

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**2006-2009**

Mencap social carers, looking after service users with learning disabilities. Stratford district Mencap.

**References:** Available on request \*



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Your ref

23 February 2012

To Whom It May Concern

I am employed by O'Garra's solicitors who specialise in serious fraud cases. In 2011 I instructed Alistair Ewing of X-Act Forensics to interrogate a hard drive and prepare a report thereafter. I instructed Alistair as he came highly recommended by one of my work colleague's.

The case he was instructed on was very complex as it involved a very sophisticated type of fraud. Alistair dealt with all of my queries in an efficient and prompt manner. He was able to provide me with a quotation at short notice and quoted my firm a reasonable amount for preparing an Expert Report. Alistair prepared a very detailed Report in a short space of time. I found Alistair's Reports helpful, concise and easy to understand.

A number of issues pertaining to our case arose some time after the report was prepared which required Alistair's further expertise. Despite the fact that Alistair was abroad on holiday at the time he took time out to speak to me at length in relation to my case.

I would highly recommend Alistair to anyone seeking advice on computer related matters and furthermore I would not hesitate to instruct him again. I trust this information is useful and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

  
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To whom it may concern,

I was Counsel for a defendant charged with a VAT fraud at Canterbury Crown Court earlier this year. The alleged loss was in the region of £7,000,000. We had cause to instruct an expert to deal with issues relating to the client's computer and, in particular, lists of tens of thousands of entries of fraudulent invoice details that he had compiled. We instructed Alistair as he had previously worked with my instructing solicitors, Bark & Co.

The analysis we required was both complex and time consuming. Further, due to delays in releasing the computer hard drive to us, the report had to be prepared quickly. Alistair produced a very detailed report which addressed the issues extremely well within a couple of weeks of receiving the necessary data. All involved on the defence team, solicitors and barristers alike, were extremely impressed by the way the report was written. In particular, we were greatly assisted by the way Alistair managed to translate fairly complicated technical matters into plain, easily understood English.

I had cause to correspond with Alistair after the report had been prepared to obtain clarification of a few points. He was able to give me some of the information I needed immediately over the telephone. What he could not tell me there and then he provided in an email later on that day. I found the way he dealt with my queries to be very helpful and user-friendly, especially the speed at which he responded as there was not much time to lose before the trial.

In short, I would recommend Alistair to others seeking expert advice in any kind of case and would be happy to use him, and X-act Forensics, again. He did an excellent job for us and I am certain that he will continue to do the same for his other clients.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully

Sandesh Singh

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To whom it may concern

I instructed Alistair Ewing on an Indecent Images of Children Case in August 2010. I was extremely impressed with the way he carried out the forensic report in accordance with my instructions in that the report was prepared in a user friendly manner.

Alistair kept me constantly updated with the progress of the report to ensure it was completed within the set deadline.

On the day of the Court Hearing Alistair ensured that he was contactable by phone to answer any queries that we had with the report and he was very helpful in assisting with any extra information we needed.

Overall I would not hesitate to recommend Alistair as an expert in this field.

Yours faithfully

Yolanda Pons  
Rodney Warren & Co