

CURRICULUM VITAE

Stephen D. Coker Jr.

Stephen D. Coker Jr. is the founder and owner of Coker Forensics LLC, a digital forensics company with offices in Birmingham, AL and Mobile, AL. Stephen has extensive experience in a wide range of digital forensic investigative and technical consulting services. He is also an expert in testifying on all types of digital forensics evidence involving criminal law, trade secret theft, high profile investigations, and matters involving spoliation (destruction of mobile phone evidence). He has appeared through deposition or testimony in local, state, and federal courts. He has been qualified as an expert witness in the state of Alabama. Stephen also coordinates and manages large collection projects involving hundreds of devices and geographically dispersed custodians.

Stephen is credentialed as a Certified Computer Forensic Examiner (CCFE) and Certified Mobile Forensics Examiner (CMFE) through the Information Assurance Certification Review Board. He also holds an Accessdata Certified Forensic Examiner (ACE) Certification and Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) as well.

Stephen also conducts speaking engagements designed to share best practices and case strategy with criminal attorneys regarding cell phone forensics; specifically, breaking passcodes, imaging metadata, iMessage, SMS and MMS text recovery and location data coordinates. These engagements also count as 4 hours toward each attorney's required legal CLE credit.

Skills & Certifications

- Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst (CCPA) Certification - February 25, 2022
- Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO) Certification - February 19, 2022
- Certified Computer Forensic Examiner (CCFE) Certification - November 2017
- Certified Mobile Forensics Examiner (CMFE) Certification - April 2018
- Accessdata Certified Forensic Examiner (ACE) Certification - March 2015
- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer '98
- 20 years of experience in Digital Forensics
- Proficient in forensic tools such as Accessdata FTK, Magnet Axiom, and Cellebrite UFED
- Experience testifying as expert witness

MEMBERSHIPS

Forensic Expert Witness Association www.forensic.org

Forensic Focus For Digital Forensics & E-Discovery Professional www.forensicfocus.com

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Accredited by the Alabama State Bar Foundation for continuing legal education courses on cell phone and computer forensics.

January 14, 2022 Lead off speaker ACDLA “Loosening the Death Belt” CLE conference held at the Embassy Suites in Hoover, AL. Presentation Topic: “Electronic Evidence”

December 16, 2021 CLE class titled “Cell Phone Forensics in Family and Criminal Law” luncheon seminar

hosted by Judge Melody Walker at the Classic on Noble in Anniston, AL.

July 29, 2021 CLE Class titled “Cell Phone Forensics for Legal Professionals” held at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery, AL. Attendees include attorneys from the Law Offices of Beasley Allen Law and Rushton Stakely

April 6, 2021 Tuscaloosa Bar Association Seminar: Spoke for attorneys and Judges on cell phone forensics and the difference of location coordinates from carrier call detail reports, GPS fixes, and Wi-Fi connections in criminal cases.

March 5, 2020 Alabama Association for Justice Seminar: CLE class on cell phone forensics used in car wreck cases with 24 attorneys attending in Mobile, AL.

October 9, 2019 International Association of Special Investigation Units (IASIU): Fall seminar hosted by Allstate Insurance - educated multiple SIU investigators from many insurance companies on the use of digital evidence in case work, specifically insurance fraud.

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECT EXPERIENCE

September 2024 - ELG Holdings, LLC v. Williams Construction Consulting, LLC, et al – Appointed court neutral expert for the honorable Judge Patrick Ballard

August 2024 – State of Alabama v Dailen Gaines – Trial testimony on data usage sessions and cell tower connectivity from AT&T subpoena response working with Attorneys Leroy Maxwell and Frankie Lee.

April 2024 – Tate v. Des Rosiers – Testified in deposition for Plaintiffs Attorney Calvin Whaley in wreck case.

March 2024 — Kimberly Bagley v. Maureen Tabor – Testified with Defense Attorney Ann Breeden for wrongful death case in Cocoa Beach, FL.

February 2024 — Estate of Tinia Cook v Dee Hindman Wrecker Service – Cell phone extraction in Talladega County courthouse for Plaintiffs Attorney Brooks Leach for wrongful death case.

January 2024 - United States v. Carl Zaglin, Aldo Marchena, Francisco Cosenza – Referred by the U.S. Attorney’s office in Miami, FL for examining 10 servers and 9 laptops to produce documents relative to two federal subpoenas.

December 2023 - Estate of Sharon Westerfield v. Ward – Testified in deposition with Attorney Michael Vercher in wrongful death truck wreck case.

August 2023 - Wilkerson v. Industrial Service and Supply - Testify in deposition for attorney David Gordon in wrongful death truck wreck case.

July 2023 – Estate of William Larry Skipper v. Ken Fitzpatrick and Premier Transportation, Inc. – Testify in Deposition in commercial wrongful death case.

June 2023 - Fifth Dimension Architect & Interior, LLC v JK Commerce, LLC - Testify as court neutral expert for the Honorable Judge Patrick Ballard.

May 2023 - Jane Doe v. Eddie Napleton, Pete Grinnell, and North American Automotive Services - Attorney Jenny Rossman in New York

April 2023 - Molly Wilson v. Anthony James Nunn\Wendy's Corporation - Examination of Cell phone extractions done by the City of Clanton Police Department for both the plaintiff and the person accused of Rape. Worked with attorney Peter Wolter with Smith, Spires, and Petty.

February 2023 - David A. Waits and Vicki A. Waits vs. Phillip Deutschler - Testify via zoom in superior court of Gwinnett County GA on DVR surveillance video with attorney James Penland.

October 2022 - State of Florida v Laura Carroll - Testify in Pensacola for "Homecoming Queen" scandal.

August 2022 - Estate of Chase Pannell v Reed Contracting - Retained by Defense attorney Steve Hammond for cell phone examination in wrongful death truck wreck case. Testified in deposition.

July 2022 -Milton Freeze as administrator of Estate of Gwenn Savannah Freeze vs. Knight Transportation – Testified in deposition. Retained by plaintiff's attorneys Tom Willingham and Mary Leah Miller to examine truck driver's cell phone.

May 2022 - Anthony Lynn Bearden Jr. v. Floyd Daniel Young - Testify in Decatur AL in Jury Trial for plaintiffs attorney Brandon Bishop regarding cell phone usage while driving a truck causing brain injury.

April 2022 - Faulkner v. The Wishbone Group Chick Salad Chic - Testify in Tuscaloosa AL for plaintiffs attorneys Dell Cross and Justin Smith on cell phone usage. Testified in deposition

February 2022 - Green v. Keenum - Testify in Florence AL in Jury Trial for defense attorney Steve Burford for cell phone extraction and cell tower locations.

January 2022 - Wasdin v PJ Helicopters - Perform three cell phone extractions in wrongful death case. Hired by attorney Tobey Brown and Billy Bonner with Cunningham Bounds.

December 2020 thru September 2021 - Retained by the Alabama State Bar Foundation to successfully recover over 300,000 deleted emails from an exchange server and 13 other devices. Developed SQL .Net web portal for multiple law offices to share evidence online.

December 2021 - Danny's Raceway v. Dixie Amusement - Testified in Georgia Lottery Licensure hearing on a contract dispute focused on the authentication of text message attachments and the signed contracts sent via MMS. Hired by attorneys Chris Anulewicz and Jonathan Deluca

October 2021 - Wofford v. T2 Trucking - Retained by attorneys Brad Griffin and Brandon Bishop to conduct a cell phone extraction of the truck driver's cell phone.

August 2021 - Mitchell v. English and Republic - Testified in Jury Trial in the circuit court of Baldwin County in a trucking case with Attorneys Andy Citrin and Brad Kittrell.

April 2021 - Brenda Jones v. Victor Turner - Testified in deposition for Attorney Josh Wright tracking cell phone location coordinates throughout the entire day that car wreck occurred

December 2021 - BRUCE HILL, as the Executor of the Estates of Leland C. Courson, Jr. and Stephanie B. Courson, Deceased vs. TIFFIN MOTOR HOMES, INC.; DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA, LLC;

November 2020 - State of Alabama v. Jacory Campbell - Hired by Criminal Defense attorney Lee Hale Jr. to examine the cell phone data from the witness in a capital murder case.

October 2020 - State of Alabama v. Richard Jones - Hired by Criminal Defense attorney Tom Walsh to examine the cell phone data for defendant in a capital murder case.

January 2020 - Nguyen v. Jared Burnham – Testified in deposition with Attorneys Steve Moore and Fred Moore from The Moore Law Firm.

July 2019 - Hudgens v. Bonham - retained by Defense Attorney David Hamby to examine cell phone used by truck driver in wrongful death case.

September 2020 - Drummond v. Pederson – Testified via zoom in Jefferson County Circuit court in front of the Honorable Judge Patton on evidence recovered from hard drive in commercial litigation case.

July 2020 - Wurth Wood Group v. Kevin Tillery - Appointed a third time by Jefferson County Circuit Court to work as a neutral Digital Forensic Expert to perform a forensic examination of one iPhone. Reference: Honorable Patrick J. Ballard, Jefferson County Circuit Court, Birmingham, AL.

July 2020 - McNamee v. Thompson - Hired by Defense Attorney, Robert Heath with Porterfield Harper Mills Motlow & Ireland, to examine a call detail report of the truck driver's cell phone number to triangulate coordinates relative to the crash time. Testified in Deposition.

May 2020 - Kelly Beeker v. Jennifer Lynn Miller - Hired by Plaintiff's Attorney Andy Citrin, with the Andy Citrin Firm, to analyze driver's call detail report.

April 2020 - Speegle v. Treece - Hired by Plaintiff's Attorney Todd Buchanan, with Alexander Shunnarah P.C., to perform a forensic extraction of the truck driver's cell phone for a car accident case then cross reference to the call detail report.

March 2020 - Rodrigo Ricardo v. Vantrell Fox - Hired by Plaintiff's Attorney Andy Citrin, with the Andy Citrin Firm, to perform a forensic extraction of driver's iPhone and cross reference to the call detail report.

February 2020 - Roe v. Roe - Testified in front of the Honorable Judge Hamner for Evidentiary Hearing in the Tuscaloosa County Court. Digital evidence from a Cellebrite extraction of an iPhone was successfully admitted to the court as evidence discovered by Digital Forensic Examiner Stephen D. Coker Jr.

January 2020 - Snider v. Alabama Power Company - Testified in deposition going over reporting on four cell phone extractions and the data that was produced. Reference: Attorneys Andrew Moak and Brandon Bishop from Alexander Shunnarah and Associates

November 2019 - State of Alabama v. Lena Edwards – Worked again with Charley Tudisco and Kelly Livingston in Saint Clair County.

November 2019 - State of Alabama v. Dkota Chance Griffin - Hired by criminal defense attorneys Charley Tudisco and Kelly Livingston to examine 19 devices total.

October 2019 – State of Alabama v Michelle Owens - Hired by criminal defense attorney Brian White to examine more than 6 devices.

October 2019 - Hunter v. Blankenship - Appointed by Limestone County Circuit Court to work as a neutral Digital Forensic Expert to perform a forensic examination of two cell phones for a car wreck case. Reference: Honorable Robert Baker, Limestone County Circuit Court, Athens, AL.

June 2019 - Commercial Credit Group v. Gray - Appointed a second time by Jefferson County Circuit Court to work as a neutral Digital Forensic Expert to perform a forensic examination of one cell phone, one tablet computer, and one laptop computer. Reference: Honorable Patrick J. Ballard, Jefferson County Circuit Court, Birmingham, AL.

June 2019 - Stephens v. R & L Carriers - Hired by Plaintiff's Attorney Summer Wells with Serious Injury Law Group to perform a forensic extraction of the Truck Driver's Droid.

April 2019 - Allstate Insurance v. Averett No. 0510430424 (Fire Loss Claim) - Hired by insurance defense Attorney Mark Spear to assist in the investigation of the Averett fire loss claim with forensic extraction of claimant's cell phone around the time of the fire. Forensic extraction of two cell phones belonging to one witness also performed. Cell phone extractions done at Allstate office in Enterprise, AL.

April 2019 - Drake v. HHH - Hired by insurance defense Attorney Steve Burford to perform forensic extractions of both the iPhone and the Droid belonging to the driver in the car accident.

December 2018 - Allstate Insurance v. Harden Claim No. 0510430424 (Fire Loss Claim)- Hired by insurance defense Attorney Mark Spear to assist in the investigation of the Harden fire loss claim with forensic extraction of claimant's cell phone around the time of the fire. Cell phone extraction done at law office in Selma, AL.

December 2018 - Allstate Insurance v. Battle (Fire Loss Claim) - Hired by insurance defense Attorney Mark Spear to assist in the investigation of the Battle fire loss claim with forensic extraction of claimant's cell phone around the time of the fire. Cell phone extraction done at law office in Eufaula, AL.

December 2018 - Jenkins v. Koch Foods et al - Testified in front of the Honorable Chief Magistrate Judge Capel for Evidentiary Hearing in Federal Court in Montgomery. Digital evidence from a Cellebrite extraction of an iPhone was successfully admitted to the court as evidence discovered by Digital Forensic Examiner Stephen D. Coker Jr. References: Attorney Cynthia Wilkinson with The Wilkinson Firm, Attorney Heather Leonard with Heather Leonard PC, and Attorney Alicia Haynes with Haynes & Haynes PC.

November 2018 - McGriff Seibels and Williams v. Young - Appointed by Jefferson County Circuit Court to work as a neutral Digital Forensic Expert to perform a forensic examination of two hard drive images. Reference: Honorable Patrick J. Ballard, Jefferson County Circuit Court, Birmingham, AL.

November 2018 - Cincinnati Insurance v. Stodghill (Fire Loss Claim) - Hired by insurance defense Attorney Mark Spear to assist in the investigation of the Stodghill fire loss claim with forensic extraction of claimant's cell phone around the time of the fire. Cell phone extraction done at law office in Birmingham, AL.

November 2018 - Allstate Insurance v. Cole Claim No. 0515599941 (Fire Loss Claim) - Hired by insurance defense Attorney Mark Spear to assist in Allstate's investigation of the Cole fire loss claim with forensic extraction of all cell phones in the household along with retrieval of all Facebook data around the time of the fire. Cell phone extractions done in Prattville, AL.

October 2018 - Southwest I.T. Management v. JCUA - Hired by attorney Ryan Northrup with The Northrup Firm as his Network Engineer Expert Witness in Arbitration.

October 2017 - Livingston vs. MGT Capital - Recovery of more than 50,000 emails from remote offsite employee's hard drive. Reference: Dr. Wiley Livingston of Birmingham, AL.

November 2017 - Grainger Insurance vs. Jane Doe (Name Confidential) - Analyzed Facebook data and transaction log files for the purpose of proving potential Arson and Insurance Fraud. Reference: Attorney Mark Spear with Spear, Spear & Hamby, Mobile, AL

July 2017 - City of Mobile vs Knapp\Everett - Performed a full acquisition and recovery of a Samsung Galaxy 6 belonging to the Defendant resulting in more than 2000 deleted text messages recovered to assist in a capital murder case. Reference: Attorney John Brutkiewicz, Mobile, AL

June 2017 - Johnson vs. Carr - Analyzed cell phone records with a focus on SMS text messages that were sent by the driver in a car accident. Text message Timestamps were compared to GPS coordinates derived from the accident report of the wreck from the accident report. Reference: Attorney Mark Spear with Spear, Spear & Hamby, Mobile, AL

February 2016 - Berry vs Berry - Forensic Acquisition and analysis of an iPad for Divorce case. Reference: Julie Katz Callaway in Birmingham, AL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Coker Forensics, LLC.

04/2017 to Present

Owner

- Analyze & understand mobile apps interface with mobile device operating systems; identifying artifacts
- Forensic data recovery from all operating systems and digital media
- Cross reference Call Detail Report transactions to mobile app logs from extraction data
- Utilized extensive skills in digital media analysis to support civil litigation and divorce cases
- Performing forensic examinations across various digital devices and storage media utilizing forensic software such as Accessdata Forensic Toolkit, Cellebrite UFED, and Magnet Forensic IEF.
- Oversee evidence management/chain of custody (case management, acquisition/preservation, analysis, reporting)
- Produced written and digital reports of forensic examinations
- Manage forensic lab space, equipment and software
- Prepare and present training to various other Forensic examiners
- Ongoing learning of emerging technology; maintain industry's best practices
- Provide technical assistance to investigators and first responders

I.T.E. Computer Consulting

Birmingham, AL

Owner - Sold to Dataperk October 2017

3/2001-10/2017

- Forensic examinations of computer hard drives mostly in the area of Divorce from 2002 through 2012 before moving to other areas of law. Billed the Digital Forensic projects from I.T.E. until selling the company in 2017. (Attorney references for those cases a digital forensic examiner: Judy Crittenden - Jessica Kirk Drennan - Candi Peeples - Heather Fann - Robin Burhl - The late Steve Wright - Sara Senesac - Julie Katz Calloway)
- Management of all servers, workstations, Network Security and Network Infrastructure solutions for more than 50 law firms in the Birmingham area.
- Managed six Network Engineers for onsite support and server migration projects.
- First company to offer a flat rate monthly unlimited support agreement for all law firms serviced in the Birmingham area covering any server or workstation break fix issues.
- Law firms under contract include *Note that forensic data recovery particularly in terms of critical deleted email files was done internally when first starting service:
 - o Najjar Denaburg (15 years under contract)
 - o Spain Gillon (14 years under contract)
 - o Benton Centeno (15 years under contract)
 - o Friedman Dazzio Zulanas & Bowling (9 years under contract)
 - o Gentle Turner & Sexton (7 years under contract)
 - o The Crittenden Firm (16 years under contract)

- o McCallum Methvin and Terrell (10 years under contract)
- o McCallum Hoagland Cook and Irby (9 years under contract)
- o Benton Centeno (14 years under contract)
- o Gentle Turner & Sexton (7 years under contract)
- o Collins Horsley (6 years under contract)
- o Simpson McMahan Glick and Burford (6 years under contract)
- o Pitts Zanaty (5 years under contract)
- o Shaw Anderson (5 years under contract)
- o Austill Lewis and Pipkin (5 years under contract)
- o Law Offices of Thomas P. Willingham (5 years under contract)

Imaging Acceptance Corp.

Warrenton, VA

Chief Information Security Officer

5/1999-3/2001

- Management of Network Security and Network Infrastructure solutions, monitoring more than 500 employees' web usage and LAN activity
- Supported the Sales team with the demonstration of Data availability through secured web site functionality
- Led the migration of a 500 node Windows NT 4 Network to a Windows 2000 Active Directory domain in 1999 when first released as Beta version
- Servers supported and configured include Windows 2000 Advanced Server (Domain Controllers), Proxy Server 2.0, SQL Server 7.0, IIS 5.0, and SMS. Experience with configuration of 3com 3300 switches, the Cisco Catalyst 6509 layer 3 switch, the Cisco 3620 router, the Cisco 520 PIX Firewall, and The Synchronix 1000 Storage Management System
- Facilitated Windows 2000 Training Classes for Network Administrators

EDS

Birmingham, AL

Bellsouth Account System Administrator

10/1997-4/1999

- Administered and maintained Microsoft NT Network supporting over 90 NT servers and 50 Netware servers.
- Position involved assigning trustee rights, creating user accounts with login scripts, installing operating systems, workstations and servers through SMS Remote Control.
- Pioneered user groups and supervisors, providing permission and administering Security through Audit Tracking. Construct Backup and Restoring of over ninety NT servers. Responsible for problem resolution related to network connectivity, remote dial-in, application errors and administration of RAS and E-mail accounts.

Southern Company Services

System Analyst (6 Month Contract)

4/1997-9/1997

- Worked with business unit to educate customers on site assessment process and completed individual site assessment for individual business units. Installed Windows NT Workstation software and completed network configurations for WINS, DNS, DHCP

- Responsibility for the creation and modification of Netware and NT Ids to standard formats and ensuring operability in standardized environment
- Supported MS Office Suite

Tapscan, Inc.

Technical Support Specialist

2/1996-4/1997

- Involved in Presales Preparation of Strategic Planning for Network Configurations with Account Executives and Network Engineers.

Led on site software training of television Executives and technical support.

Installation/Upgrading/Maintenance of PC workstations, LAN connectivity, printers, software, etc.

EDUCATION

Cellebrite Certified Operator & Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyst Boot Camp February 2022

Infosec Institute Computer Forensic Boot Camp January 2018

Infosec Institute Computer Forensic Boot Camp September 2008

New Horizons Computer Learning Center February 1998

University of Alabama May 1995

Bachelor of Arts in Communications