



Brandon Benallie, EnCE

Professional Profile

Brandon Benallie has over 17 years of professional experience in fields related to computer forensics, electronic discovery, network administration, information security, private and corporate investigations.

Mr. Benallie's expertise in website design, network administration, and information security enabled him to be employed in various companies across the US and abroad in Tokyo, Japan. As a computer forensics investigator, Mr. Benallie has been trained in various law enforcement and enterprise class applications and hardware related to information security and computer forensic investigations.

During his tenure with Lightstone Solutions, Mr. Benallie worked on over 400 computer forensic, electronic discovery, and network security cases; clients of which include Fortune 500 companies, law firms, utility companies, as well as federal, state, tribal and municipal governments. He has also conducted numerous private investigation cases and undercover assignments.

Mr. Benallie has extensive experience designing, configuring and maintaining corporate and government network environments, as well as finding unique hardware and software solutions to assist clients in meeting IT security compliance such as HIPAA, PCI, COBIT, SARBOX, ISO 27001, etc.

Mr. Benallie, of Navajo and Hopi descent, is also the first and only Native American to hold an EnCase® Certified Examiner certificate. Few computer forensics investigators complete the rigorous certification process. Only 3000 people worldwide -- 600 of them in the United States -- have earned EnCase® certification since Guidance Software began offering the certificate in 2001.

Mr. Benallie is also a multiple award recipient of the "SANS Lethal Forensicator Coin", which is designed to be awarded to those who demonstrate exceptional talent, contributions, or helps to lead in the digital forensics profession and community. The Coin is meant to be an honor to receive it; it is also intended to be rare.

Mr. Benallie specializes in the following services:

- Network Security and Architecture Audits
- Forensic Imaging and Analysis of Digital Media (Hard Drives, USB Drives, Servers, Floppy Disks, CD-ROMs, DVDs, Mobile Phones, Tablets, etc.)
- Deleted File Recovery
- Electronic Surveillance Detection and Countermeasures
- Internal Investigations

- Theft Investigations
- Sexual Harassment Investigations
- Witness Interviews
- Internet Activity Analysis
- Web Development and Website Security Auditing
- Volatile Data Acquisition and Analysis
- Workstation/Server Security Hardening
- Malicious Software Analysis
- Network Penetration Testing

Credentials and Professional Association

- American Indian Science and Engineering Society
- High Technology Crime Investigators Association
- EnCase Certified Examiner (EnCE)
- HELIX Forensics Training
- SANS 508 Advanced Computer Forensic Analysis and Incident Response
- SANS 560 Network Penetration Testing and Ethical Hacking

Case Work History

Participated in numerous pre-trial interviews, as well as pre-trial hearings involving testimony related to computer crimes. Assisted prosecutorial counsel in preparation for trial and pre-trial proceedings dealing with electronic evidence and computer forensic issues

The following is a small sample of real cases where Mr. Benallie has been named an expert consultant or provided analysis in conjunction with a named expert. The majority of these cases have either settled out of court, are pending, or have yet to be disclosed to the public.

Representative Cases

Parties: Case Number: Court: Client Law Firm: Type:	Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. vs. Mesa Air Group, Inc. Bankr. Case No. 03-00817 United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Hawaii Hennigan Bennett & Dorman Forensic Analysis
Parties: Case Number: Court: Client Law Firm: Type:	MALDONADO MEDICAL, LLC vs. AMERICAN SOUTHWEST CPM & MEDICAL SUPPLY, Inc. KEVIN R. RANDALL, JOHNSTON MEDICAL, INC., and STEVEN A. JOHNSTON. CV2008-015487 Maricopa Superior Court, Arizona Ballard Spahr Forensic Analysis and Expert Report

Parties: Case Number: Court: Client Law Firm: Type:	Veolia Transportation Services, Inc., a Maryland corporation vs. John Does I-VII 2:10-cv-1392-NVW United States District Court, District of Arizona DLA Piper Forensic Analysis, Expert Reports and Declarations
Parties: Case Number: Court: Client Law Firm: Type:	Karen S. Sauvageau, plaintiff vs. IASIS Healthcare, LLC; Mountain Vista Medical Center; Jeffery C. Proudfoot, D.O. and Jane Doe Proudfoot, a husband and wife; Quantum Medical Radiology, P.C.; US Teleradiology, L.L.C.; Hospital Physicians Partners, Inc.; Mountain Vista Emergency Physicians, L.L.C.; John and Jane Does I-V; Black and White Corps. I-V; and Grey Partnerships I-V, Defendants. CV 2008-004469 Maricopa Superior Court, Arizona Renaud, Cook, Drury and Mesaros, P.A. Expert Report and Deposition
Parties: Case Number: Court: Client Law Firm: Type:	Stacey Chandler (NKA Hellsten) vs. Dr. Blake Chandler FC 2003-093706 Maricopa Superior Court, Arizona Gillespie, Shields & Associates, P.A. Forensic Analysis, Expert Report and Expert Testimony
Parties: Case Number: Court: Client Law Firm: Type:	TUSCANO, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, Plaintiff, vs. COLORADO BELLE GAMING, LLC., a Nevada limited liability company, Defendants. A09-603547 District Court, Clark County, Nevada Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP Forensic Analysis, Deposition, Expert Report and Expert Testimony

Medical Malpractice

Provided technical consultation for a hospital located in Arizona in preparation for a medical malpractice suit. Assisted client with creating a data-flow map to show the devices on a network accessed during a specific time frame a doctor was required to access data relevant to the case. Along with the data-flow map, counsel was also able to establish a consistent audit log of events as they occurred during relevant time frames.

Financial Fraud

Assisted special prosecutor to a tribal government committee by forensically imaging and analyzing several workstations and servers used by the tribal government's financial and budget departments. Analysis also included successfully recovering deleted files relevant to the matter as well as recovering passwords to several password-protected financial documents.

Intellectual Property Theft

Former company executives and their departments resign from our client's company and join competing company. Recovered several key webmail email fragments from each former employee's workstation discussing their plans to resign as well as indications of proprietary data having been copied to removable storage devices.

E-Discovery

Client is a multinational mining company that needed to prepare for a class-action lawsuit filed against them. Forensically acquired and processed over 100 terabytes of data gathered from several North American and European countries for production and review using client's own e-Discovery platform.

Stalking and Harassment

Client is a celebrity who suspected someone within his circle was providing private information to a former acquaintance who shared the information publicly to several celebrity gossip websites. Internet posts or comments also included attempts to defame and disparage our client who was involved in several sensitive business opportunities. Assisted client with filing John/Jane Doe lawsuits to serve subpoenas to sites such as Facebook, Google, and several other celebrity entertainment websites. Developed covert strategies and tactics by implanting unique and easily traceable routes of misinformation. Performed Technical Surveillance Counter-Measures ("TSCM") sweeps of client's home and offices. Once suspect was identified, assisted with computer forensic analysis of devices used by suspect to publish and spread private client information.