

# Search Orders

## Digital Forensics and Investigations

Digital forensic expertise is integral when executing search and seizure orders. Working with legal and enforcement professionals, our experts can support you throughout the process, appropriately handling physical and online electronic data sources, performing triage and analysis, and reporting on captured data.

### EXAMPLE DATA SOURCES



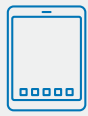
Laptops



Desktops



Mobile phones



Tablets



Cloud platforms



Online storage and backup accounts



Enterprise platforms



USB device



Webmail accounts



Bring your own device (BYOD)

FTI Consulting can perform on-the-ground execution of searches and seizures and provide live data insights on-site. We can also conduct remote and online account capture across a broad range of recognised and emerging cloud data sources.

We support dawn raids, regulator activity, Anton Piller orders, law enforcement warrants and can execute multiple search and seizures at once – locally and globally. Wherever you need us, we have experts worldwide to support you in person or remotely.

Where additional support is needed, we can assist with planning appropriate search execution to help minimise business disruption and reduce the likelihood of evidence destruction.

### OUR SERVICES



- Ensure court order is digitally inclusive
- Plan search to ensure volatile electronic data sources are secured to prevent data destruction
- Conduct search team briefing on identifying and handling electronic devices
- Assess privacy implications of data captured
- Secure evidence storage
- Draft data inspection protocol
- Perform forensic analysis of data sources seized during the search
- Process captured data for legal stakeholder review
- Provide forensic reporting and prepare affidavit
- Identify electronic sources using defensible techniques to ensure evidence preservation, including chain of custody
- Secure digital assets in a time-sensitive manner
- Assist with authentication complexities and access to devices
- Onsite triage and early assessment of electronic devices
- Live data capture from online data sources

## Search Order Response Simulations

FTI Consulting can proactively help your clients prepare and respond to search orders before they occur. We provide 3 key strategies customised to suit your clients' situation.



### Preparation

Planning for a dawn raid can dramatically reduce the impact of a search event. Preparation ensures compliance with regulators and search entities while protecting valuable digital assets, securing sensitive data, maintaining your client's reputations, and safeguarding their employees. We assist with:

- Technology and strategic communications onboarding
- Existing data landscape reviews
- Creating chain of command and escalation procedures
- Retention and disposal reviews against policy
- Enhancing data availability and export readiness
- Strengthening information governance maturity.



### Simulation

Executing a simulated technical search can help assess your client's current data risk landscape. Simulations can range from tabletop exercises to on-the-ground searches and seizures followed by a review of captured data. Performing this search can:

- Identify procedural shortcomings
- Highlight potential communication improvements
- Surface residual risk in data over retention
- Identify areas and actions of concern for remediation.



### Response

If your client is the subject of a search order, they may be concerned about the data and information found. Our team can use a duplicate of the captured data to expedite data processing and quickly identify key documents and themes. This can help your clients:

- Alleviate concern for continued operations
- Enable fact-based stakeholder and public communications
- Seek leniency or immunity for alerting an authority of issues ahead of formal findings.

## CASE STUDY

### Search and Seizure for State Government

A state government department required multiple searches and seizures of electronic evidence at physical premises around Australia.

#### Our role

FTI Consulting assisted with the planning, digital forensic capture and review strategy for multiple data sources, including laptops, mobile phones, USB drives and Cloud accounts (iCloud and OneDrive). Our team attended multiple residences simultaneously, capturing all digital evidence promptly.

#### Our impact

We successfully executed a search strategy to triage user-generated data for specific users. We provided early data insights for analysis before processing all the data into a searchable format for legal review. Our team then assisted legal counsel by reducing large quantities of data into a manageable set for review and ensured compliance with related court processes. The initial data set was over 10,000 documents, reduced to a relevant set of 1,400 documents.

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