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Keith Chval, Principal



Keith Chval's prosecution and litigation background provides clients with the savvy gained from first-hand experience working with enterprises navigating the less-pleasant impacts of technology in the workplace, while also ensuring that Protek work will withstand the rigors that it might face in whatever legal context it might be used.

Mr. Chval's years of high tech crime background have allowed him to effectively assist clients seeking to protect their information assets from outsiders and rogue employees, clients where "smoking gun" digital evidence has been critical to the success of their litigation, as well as clients who are navigating the uncertain waters created by the impact of technology in the workplace.

Prior to co-founding the firm in April of 2005, Mr. Chval conceptualized, created and supervised one of the nation's pioneering high tech crimes units at the Illinois Attorney General's Office. In this capacity, he supervised the investigation, computer forensics analysis, and prosecution of hundreds of cases involving high tech evidence, as well as delivered cutting edge training programs to Illinois-based federal, state, and local prosecutors and investigators.

The High Tech Crimes Bureau maintained a 100% conviction rate over Mr. Chval's seven year tenure. Mr. Chval's thirteen year prosecutorial career began in the DuPage County Illinois State's Attorney's Office.

A sought-after speaker, Mr. Chval recently delivered the keynote address at the 2005 annual International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists training conference in Orlando, Florida. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law in the John Marshall Law School LLM program in Information Technology and Privacy Law where his Cyber Crime, Information Warfare, and Economic Espionage class was the top-rated class for the Fall 2004 semester. He also teaches classes on Electronic Discovery, Computer Forensics, and Digital Evidence for the Program.

Education

J.D., Illinois Institute of Technology – Chicago Kent College of Law (1992)
B.S., Indiana University (1985)

Admissions

Illinois
United State's District Court - Northern District of Illinois, Including Trial Bar

Affiliations

- Adjunct Professor, The John Marshall School of Law, LLM Program in Information Technology and Privacy Law
- Past President, High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA) – Midwest Chapter
- Member, FBI InfraGard Chapter
- Member, Secret Service Electronic Crimes Task Force
- Member, Working Group to Develop High Tech Prosecutions Training Programs, National Institute of Justice & International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)
- Certified, Electronic Evidence Collection Specialist (IACIS)
- Certified Instructor, High Tech Crimes Investigations (Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board)
- Member, Advisory Board, Quinlan's Computer Crime Bulletin

Publications and Speaking (Selected)

- *Authenticating On-line Communications and Making Them Count*, co-authored with Craig Chval; published numerous times including in the March 2002 DuPage County Bar Association Brief (Vol. 14, Issue 7), and the HTCIA International Newsletter.
- *Protect Your Business From Insiders – Managing the People Threat*, CDW Solutions Catalog, September 2005.
- *"Digital" Is Not a Four Letter Word – Using High Tech to Win Your Case*, DuPage County Bar Association "Mega-Event," January 2005
- *The "CSI Effect" on Computer Forensics and Digital Investigations*, Keynote Address, IACIS Annual Training Conference, Orlando, FL, 2005
- *The Impact of the Internet and Computers on the Security and Operations of the Modern Workplace*, Institute of Internal Auditors, Chicago Chapter, November 2003
- *"Data Security" – The Mother of All Oxymorons?*, Workplace Employee Benefits Association, West and North Suburban Chapters, October 2204, and May 2005.
- *Privacy, Discovery, and John Doe Lawsuits*, Internet Cybercrime Conference, Foxwoods Resort, Connecticut, Spring 2001.
- *Investigation & Prosecution of "High Tech" Intellectual Property and Trade Secrecy Theft Under Illinois Law*, Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago/John Marshall Law School, Eleventh Annual Trade Secrets Seminar, Chicago, IL, December 2000.
- *Internet Safety and Ethics for Children*, Numerous presentations, 1998 to present
- *Privacy and the Internet*, Roundtable Discussion Panelist, United States Senator Richard J. Durbin Town Hall Meetings, Edwardsville and Chicago, IL, 2000
- *Computer Evidence: Court and Trial Issues*, National Cybercrime Training Partnership/National White Collar Crime Center Prosecutor Training Program, December 2001.

Personal

Mr. Chval, his wife and five children live in suburban Chicago. Mr. Chval enjoys an active civic life participating in activities through his church, serving for several years on the board of his local Lions Club, and coaching youth soccer since the late '90's.