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**PROTEK INTERNATIONAL’S KEITH CHVAL PRESENTS ON DIGITAL EVIDENCE AS PART OF  
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL’S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

KEITH G. CHVAL, co-owner of PROTEK INTERNATIONAL, INC., recently presented a three-part series on electronic discovery and digital evidence to assistant attorneys general and support personnel as part of ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MADIGAN’S Professional Development Program. Chval was invited to deliver the in-depth program after assisting the Attorney General’s Office’s in presenting a condensed program to legal counsel from within Illinois governmental agencies the prior year.

Drawing on over a decade of experience in these rapidly-emerging fields, Chval’s presentations were designed to help assistant attorneys general and their staff properly recognize and utilize electronic evidence as they litigate matters on behalf of taxpayers and provide legal advice to state agencies.

Ruta Stropus, Director of Attorney Recruitment and Professional Development for the office, was very pleased with the seminar. “We received overwhelmingly positive responses from the attorneys who participated in the seminar. These responses demonstrated how critical it is for our office to be able to present expert information on this topic,” said Stropus.

The first-ever head of the Attorney General’s High Tech Crimes Bureau, Chval continues to see an explosion of digital evidence, impacting litigation and every area of state government activity.

“More and more enterprises are finding themselves confronted with the need to locate, preserve and produce electronic data,” he says. “Given the ever-expanding array of technologies and devices being used, those tasks are becoming incredibly challenging. Being prepared in advance to effectively respond to such incidents saves time and money.”

Chval also offered practical insights into computer forensics and strategies that enhance the utility and value of digital evidence.

“As our society becomes increasingly reliant on digital devices, we’re seeing new potential sources of digital evidence every day,” Chval says. “Attorneys who don’t figure out whether there is digital evidence in their cases are doing themselves and their clients a grave disservice – and that certainly applies to government lawyers as well as private sector attorneys.”

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