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## **Technology Expansion Brings The Forensics Group's Technology Investigations to Seattle**

.(Seattle, WA) If you stand still for a moment, it's almost as if you can witness the landscape of technology evolve and grow. After over a decade of being dominated by titans Amazon and Microsoft, Seattle's technological culture is decidedly expanding, as companies introduce headquarters in the area. This expansion leaves room for start-ups, and companies with valuations in the millions and low billions. As of Spring 2016, multiple technology offices have opened in Seattle including Google, Facebook, Apple, Twitter, Zillow, Adobe and Real Networks- creating what some believe to be the next "Silicon Valley."

It is for this reason that companies like The Forensics Group have decided to expand into the Pacific Northwest. With current offices in San Francisco, Santa Clara, New York, Chicago and Dallas, Seattle seems the most logical and progressive of steps in the process of expansion. This spring, with Managing Director and international computer detective Kris Haworth at the helm, The Forensics Group is excited to announce its Seattle expansion.

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Haworth, a native of Whidbey Island who attended the Seattle University School of Law, is excited to be back in the area. Coming off a recent victory with Christiansen Law Office, where she was able to provide evidence that the Defendant allegedly defrauded a charity through the deletion of evidence, Haworth has led The Forensics Group to the forefront of computer forensics.

"When you think about technology and expansion, Seattle has it all," says Haworth. "All of the leading technology companies are here. I love what I do, and I'm excited to be able to come back to where I grew up and bring it all full circle." Haworth's cases span the globe, including trips to the Middle East. "The majority of my cases are private, and I cannot speak to them. But some are public. There are times that this line of work can be exciting-like sending a team to Kazakhstan on a fraud investigation. But being in Pakistan with machine guns pointed at me was probably the most scared I've been." It is this excitement and variety coupled with proven skill and experience that Haworth and The Forensics Group bring to Seattle.

Haworth has worked on many cases which have established national precedent in the field of electronic investigations and prosecution- including Verisign Securities Litigation, Playboy v. Welles, Advante v. Intel, World Courier v. Barone, Align v. Orthoclear, and Trigon Ins. Co. v. USA. Her practices have been approved by government agencies, including the Department of Justice, the FBI, the FDIC, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. She also currently consults for various California District Attorneys' offices regarding computer forensics topics.

### **About The Forensics Group**

The Forensics Group is a team made up of professional case managers, legal experts and technology gurus. Together they are experts in litigation support, regulatory inquiries and investigations in electronic discovery matters for corporations and the most respected legal firms. The Forensics Group has led numerous large-scale electronic discovery cases as well as computer forensics matters. Many were investigative cases involving government subpoenas and internal investigations.

The firm has successfully assisted staff counsel with cases involving government agencies, such as the Department of Justice and the FDIC. They work on a variety of legal matters, from small investigations to those that require large teams of attorneys and accountants reviewing electronic data of all types. Expertise includes government investigations,

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bankruptcy reviews, Hart-Scot-Rodino merger review, intellectual property theft, securities investigations, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act compliance matters, and class action litigation.

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