

# SIMON PLACKS

## DIGITAL FORENSICS

### CAREER OVERVIEW

Dr Placks has been employed as a digital forensic practitioner since 2003. He provides expert testimony on the authenticity, integrity and provenance of electronic documents and data disclosed in commercial disputes.

### EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

With over 20 years of experience, Dr Placks provides forensic insights on cases involving manipulated documents, spurious metadata and digital fabrication. He also advises on the integrity and reliability of digital documents and electronic evidence produced through eDiscovery workflows.

Dr Placks provides expert analysis and testimony on the authenticity of electronic evidence, including:

- Electronic documents (e.g. PDF, MS Office files, scanned documents)
- Email and electronic communications
- Database records and system-generated data
- Detection of generative AI content

Cases typically involve claims of document manipulation, backdating, and challenges surrounding provenance and metadata reliability.

Dr Placks also advises on the identification, preservation and collection of electronically stored information (ESI) in support of complex investigations and eDisclosure, drawing on his extensive experience in directing large-scale, cross-border matters.

Dr Placks has provided expert testimony in England & Wales, Republic of Ireland, and the United States, across civil, criminal, and regulatory proceedings including High Court litigation, arbitration and regulatory investigations. He has undertaken forensic analysis and investigations in over 20 jurisdictions across the globe.

### SPECIALISMS

- ★ Digital forensics
- ★ Document and data authenticity
- ★ eDiscovery

### QUALIFICATIONS

- 📖 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Science, Durham University
- 📖 PhD in Computer Science, Durham University
- 📖 LL.M in IT & Telecommunications Law, University of Strathclyde

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