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## **Leading American “Cybersleuth” to Reveal Data Discovery Strategies at Electronic Laboratory Notebooks Conference in London**

**Seattle – September 8, 2004** – David P. Stenhouse, a former special agent in the U.S. Secret Service and one of the nation’s foremost authorities in the field of computer evidence discovery, will be a featured speaker later this month at Electronic Laboratory Notebooks (ELN), a London forum dedicated to current and prospective ELN users.

ELNs are primarily used by pharmaceutical companies and other life sciences companies that rely on extensive scientific research. They are essentially computer systems on which sketches, equations, graphs, research notes and other data are recorded on electronic “notebook” pages. They accept input from a keyboard, sketchpad, digital camera, microphone and even directly from scientific instruments.

The London conference, which will take place on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at The Thistle Victoria Hotel, is designed to help attendees minimize their “discovery to distribution” time, protect their intellectual property and save valuable corporate resources. For more information or to register for the conference, go to [www.iqpc.co.uk/GB-2283/T](http://www.iqpc.co.uk/GB-2283/T).

“An electronic laboratory notebook is the digital equivalent of a paper research notebook, which means that these systems create, store, retrieve and share electronic records with other researchers, scientists and business executives,” said Stenhouse, who is vice president of Seattle-based Computer Forensics Inc. “Although ELNs create tremendous efficiency advantages for pharmaceutical and other life sciences companies, they also raise important legal considerations about the protection of intellectual property and the inevitability of being required to turn over proprietary information during litigation discovery.”

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Stenhouse, who will speak on Day Two of the London conference, will address these crucial legal issues by exploring the security issues involved with moving documentation to an electronic format, the authentication of electronic documents for patent purposes, and how to deal with document requests during litigation without turning over all proprietary information.

As director of operations for Computer Forensics Inc., Stenhouse has extensive experience with harvesting and analyzing electronic evidence in civil litigation on behalf of some of the nation's most highly regarded law firms and largest corporate legal departments. Prior to joining Computer Forensics Inc., he was assigned to the Electronic Crimes Special Agent Program for the Secret Service, where he conducted investigations involving the use of electronic data in crimes, including the execution of federal search warrants to perform seizures of numerous computer systems. He also served as a State Trooper for the Washington State Patrol, where he implemented a mobile computer network for the state's law enforcement professionals.

Founded by world-renowned data discovery expert Joan Feldman, Computer Forensics Inc. (CFI) pioneered the fields of electronic media discovery and electronic risk control in the early 1990s. CFI's clients rely upon the company's certified forensic, discovery and testifying experts for services including e-discovery strategy consulting, hard drive imaging and analysis, and tape restoration. The company provides electronic discovery planning and technical support to the nation's most respected law firms and corporate law departments, helping uncover electronic evidence buried in e-mail files, desktop and laptop computers, network servers and backup tapes.

Computer Forensics Inc. is headquartered in Seattle and operates a regional office in Lawrence, Kansas. For more information, please call (206) 324-6232 or go to [www.forensics.com](http://www.forensics.com).

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