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René's career extends over 20 years of civil and criminal investigations including white-collar crimes and a number of years doing computer forensic examinations with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police ("RCMP"). René's advanced skills and experience in collecting electronic evidence and understanding information flow in a complex digital environment, significantly speeds up any facts finding assignment.

Prior to joining TD Financial Group in Toronto Canada, René developed and established the Computer Forensics capability for KPMG Ireland and prior to that he set up a similar group for Gowlings/Inkster Group LLP and for the Royal Bank of Canada's national computer investigation group. Previously he had already spent three years with KPMG in Toronto Canada participating in the development and management of its Forensic Technology Services group.

In 1985, René completed extensive training with the RCMP in Regina, Saskatchewan, and the Police Science program in Trois-Rivières, Québec in 1984. Before joining the RCMP, he studied computer programming and system analysis at the Herzing Institute in Montréal. He then completed the CBIS (Computer Based Information Systems) program through the University of Victoria. René finished all Canadian Police College courses pertaining to Electronic Searches and Seizures for a variety of operating systems and networks. He also received training from the FBI academy in Quantico, Virginia for proper incident response for network investigations and hacking. René received training from ASRDATA in Austin, Texas for the SMART software, from Guidance Software in Toronto for the Encase application and from Access Data on the Forensic Toolkit application. René is an A+ Certified Computer Service Professional, a CISSP (Certified Information System Security Professional), a CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor) and an EnCe (Encase certified examiner). René recently completed his Project Management Professional certification and completed the PMP "Green Belt" level shortly after.

René is an experienced speaker and he frequently lectures on computer forensic analysis and e-commerce security issues to organizations such as the Canadian Institute, Law Society for Upper Canada, CICA, ISSA, CIPS, Comdex, ISACA, scholastic institutions, several governmental agencies and the legal community.

René is a member of the Project Management Institute, the Society for the Policing of Cyberspace, the High-Tech Crime Network, the High Technology Crime Investigation Association and the RCMP Veterans Association.