

## JOHN H. HORST, CISSP®-ISSAP®



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### SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Information technology/cybersecurity professional with over 25 years' experience in software development, secure software architectures and coding, systems integration and testing, and user support.

### CASE HISTORY

- *Lin, et. al. v. Suavei*. This matter was brought in federal court (San Diego) by investors in a cybersecurity startup company with a cloud-based vulnerability scanning product. I was asked to provide an expert opinion on claims made by the Defendant as to the scalability of their product. I wrote a report, reviewed the Plaintiff's expert's rebuttal, and helped prepare defense counsel to depose the Plaintiff's expert witness. The case settled immediately prior to depositions.
- *Tirgari v. Namdar, et al.* This was a defamation matter on which I consulted for the Plaintiff. The defendant's cell phone was examined by an expert hired by the defense. I reviewed the report and offered initial rebuttal thoughts to the plaintiff's counsel. I was deposed by defense counsel. The case settled before trial.
- *Planned Parenthood Federation of America, et. al. v. Center for Medical Progress, et. al.* in federal court (San Francisco). I presented a report and rebuttal and was deposed in the case. The Plaintiff subsequently abandoned the damages claim related to my report and testimony.
- *QCB v. Hill Construction*. This case involved "domain spoofing" in emails resulting in funds being fraudulently wired. I reviewed email discovery and explained how the likely domain spoofing and apparent invoice forgeries deceived the Plaintiff into wiring money. The case was settled before trial.
- *In Re Lucia Torres-Trillo v. Nelson Rivera*. Submitted report and testified in Superior Court of Los Angeles County - Pomona, Family Court.
- Retained by Thomas More Society to support federal court litigation in Colorado subsequently abandoned.
- Retained by Thomas More Society to assist a Nebraska state senator in drafting legislation to protect children from obscene content in commercially provided educational resource databases.
- *Stevenson v. Underwood* This case pertained to the operation of a security system over the Internet. The matter was settled out of court.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- *United States v Peter James Cariani I* was retained by Federal Public Defender, District of Nevada in for forensic examination of multiple devices. The practice no longer defends Mr. Cariani.
- Managing Member for Technology & Innovation, Xanesti Technology Services, LLC (August 2009 to present)
- Cyber Security Engineer V, VSolvit, LLC. (November 2018 to February 2019).
- Cybersecurity Manager/Engineer, Engility Corporation, San Diego, November 2017 to Present.
- Security Analyst V, MI Technical Solutions, Inc. (Jan 2014 to Sep 2017)
- Senior Software Developer, MI Technical Solutions, Inc. (Jul 2008 to Jan 2014)<sup>1</sup>
- Software Development Manager, InnovaSystems International, LLC. (June 2005 – June 2008).
- Consultant Software Developer, University of California, San Diego Business and Financial Services (4/2004 – 7/2005)
- Consultant Software Developer, Newland Communities (10/2003 - 4/2004)
- Consultant Software Developer, Maxim Pharmaceuticals (2/2002 – 10/2003)
- Consultant Software Developer, Digital Documents (12/2001 – 2/2002)
- Consultant Software Developer, Greenpoint Credit (12/2000 – 2/2002)
- Consultant Software Developer, Viterra Energy Services (2/1999 – 12/2000)
- Consultant Software Developer, Golden Eagle Insurance (3/2000 – 9/2000)
- Software Developer, Prometheus Labs (1/1999 – 3/2000)
- Software Developer, Medaphis Physician Services (8/1997 – 12/1998)
- Database Developer, Rhino Linings Corporation (10/1996 – 7/1997)

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<sup>1</sup> I started with MI Technical Solutions as a software developer. Upon gaining cybersecurity certifications, security analysis was added to my job responsibilities. Due to tight schedules for installing our product onboard U.S. Navy ships, and as a San Diego resident, I was tasked with supporting shipboard installation/integration at the same time as working on the software development/security side. Shipboard integration and testing gradually became my primary function. The date of January 2014 is a rough estimate of the point in time this transition occurred.

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## CERTIFICATIONS & CLEARANCES

- Certified Information Security Systems Professional (CISSP®) since August 2011 (ID/Exam #398094). This is an internationally recognized certification from (ISC)<sup>2</sup> of expert-level competency across a wide scope of the field of information technology, including matters pertaining to legal and regulatory compliance.
- Information Security Software Architectures (ISSAP®). After obtaining the CISSP® certification, a member of (ISC)<sup>2</sup> may elect to be examined in various areas of focus. The ISSAP® exam/certification indicates an expert-level command of secure software architectures and best practices for writing code.
- Active U.S. National Security Clearance – TOP SECRET

## TEACHING POSITIONS

- Adjunct Faculty in Information Technology, Philosophy, and Religion. University of Phoenix, San Diego Campus (4/2004 – 12/2009)
- Adjunct Faculty in Information Technology, Coleman University. 2/2005 – 10/2005)

## PUBLIC POSITIONS

- Treasurer, San Diego Chapter of (ISC)<sup>2</sup> (2013 - 2015)
- Chairman, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group (2014 – 2017)
- Secretary, Mira Mesa Community Planning Group (2009 - 2017)

## FORMAL EDUCATION

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Bethel University 2008
- Master of Arts, Theology, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary 1994

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## RATES

**Preparation, Research,  
Writing, & Trial Support:** **\$600/hr.**

**Sworn Testimony:** **\$750/hr.**

**Southern California  
Commute:** **\$125/hr. + IRS mileage.**

**Outside Southern California:** **Airfare + Lodging + Car Rental + US Govt (GSA)  
Per Diem (Meals & Incidental Expenses).**

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**CASE STUDY:**

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA

v.

CENTER FOR MEDICAL PROGRESS

In this high-profile case, the Plaintiff sued the Defendant in Federal Court (San Francisco) for damages arising from cyber security related events (among others) occurring shortly after the Defendant published undercover videos pertaining to what the Defendant claimed was trafficking in fetal body parts.

Details of this case remain subject to a Protective Order, but I can say that I provided expert consultation and testimony (at deposition) for the Defendant. I attended depositions of other persons, assisted the defense in determining lines of questioning, and helped clarify industry jargon for the record. I reviewed a wide range of documentation and provided a written report. I was subsequently deposed by the Plaintiff's team.

After my deposition and prior to trial in November 2019, the Plaintiff abandoned their multi-million dollar claim of damages related to cyber security.

Mr. Charles LiMandri, Esq., led the defense team and can be contacted for reference at (858) 759-9948.

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**CASE STUDY:**

UNITED STATES

v.

PETER JAMES CARIANI

In this case, Mr. Cariani was accused of crimes related to information proprietary to a major defense contractor. I provided expert consultation for the defense.

Details of this case remain subject to a Protective Order, but I can say that I provided expert consultation to the Defense by evaluating the cyber security practices of the defense contractor as they related to “incident response.” The Federal Bureau of Investigation recorded their investigatory activities in what are known as “FD 302s.” In this documentation it became apparent the defense contractor did not provide certain information necessary to authenticate the evidence in the case against the “original specimen.” I provided a written report to this effect in support of a Motion in Limine to Exclude Evidence of Digital Files.

The Federal Public Defender, District of Nevada no longer represents the Defendant and my involvement in the case terminated with that development.

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**CASE STUDY:**

IN RE LUCIA TORRES-TRILLO

v.

NELSON RIVERA

In this case in Los Angeles County Family Court I evaluated evidence presented by the Petitioner in her request for a restraining order against the Respondent (on behalf of the Respondent). The Petitioner claimed harassing text messages were sent to her by the Respondent. In making a showing to the court that it appeared “more likely than not” that the Respondent sent these messages, the Respondent was put in the position of “proving a negative.”

Upon reviewing the evidence provided to the court by the Petitioner, it became clear that the messages could have been originated by the Petitioner, or someone acting on her behalf, as easily as by the Respondent. The court accepted my report to this effect, and I testified at trial.

Multiple subsequent hearings were held on this matter and I was not asked to provide further services or notified of any disposition.