

COMPUTER CRIME AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECTION

What we can do for you.



The Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (“CCIPS”) is in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. CCIPS attorneys focus on the issues raised by computer and intellectual property crime. We provide advice to law enforcement personnel regarding computer and intellectual property crimes, and on obtaining electronic evidence. We also work on legislation, coordinate domestic and international efforts to combat computer crime, litigate cases, train law enforcement groups, and work on related issues, including working with the private sector.

Investigative Assistance: CCIPS is available to assist you regarding laws and procedures for searching and seizing computers and investigating computer and network crimes. CCIPS publishes and updates *Searching and Seizing Computers and Obtaining Electronic Evidence in Criminal Investigations* (available at cybercrime.gov or by contacting us directly), and has attorneys on call every day to provide guidance to investigators and prosecutors. Our attorneys can help you by:

- ★ Providing expert legal assistance;
- ★ Obtaining and helping you obtain certain types of investigatory legal process, such as orders under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(d);
- ★ Providing advice on preparing applications for search warrants, trap and trace and pen register orders, and Title III orders;
- ★ Supplying guidance and assistance if your investigation leads outside the United States.

Prosecuting cases: CCIPS attorneys take a leading role in computer crime and intellectual property prosecutions. We also coordinate investigation and prosecution of cases that involve numerous judicial districts, victims or investigative agencies. Organized into flexible teams and working closely with expert AUSAs throughout the United States (“Computer and Telecommunications Coordinators”), CCIPS has become a central point for government efforts to fight cybercrime.

Trainning: CCIPS leads the Department’s efforts to train local, state, and federal agents and prosecutors on the laws governing the investigation and prosecution of cybercrime. In the year 2000 alone, CCIPS attorneys gave over 200 presentations to a wide variety of audiences.

International: CCIPS chairs the G-8 Subgroup on High-tech Crime. The subgroup has created a network of points of contact in numerous countries throughout the world that permits rapid preservation of electronic evidence. This network is available through CCIPS around the clock, seven days a week. CCIPS also plays a leadership role in the Council of Europe Experts’ Committee on Cybercrime and in other international matters concerning cybercrime. With the Office of International Affairs, CCIPS is available to help you when your cybercrime cases require international assistance.

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