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Craig Ball is a Board Certified trial lawyer, certified computer forensic examiner and electronic evidence expert. He has dedicated his career to teaching the bench and bar about forensic technology and trial tactics. After decades trying lawsuits, Craig now limits his practice solely to serving as a court-appointed special master and consultant in computer forensics and electronic discovery, and to publishing and lecturing on computer forensics, emerging technologies, digital persuasion and electronic discovery. Craig's award-winning e-discovery column, "Ball in Your Court," appears in Law Technology News. He has consulted or served as a testifying expert in computer forensics and electronic discovery in some of the most challenging and well-known cases in the U.S. Named as one of the Best Lawyers in America and a Texas Superlawyer, Craig is a recipient of the Presidents' Award, the State Bar of Texas' most esteemed recognition of service to the profession and of the Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award in Law and Technology.

EDUCATION

Rice University (B.A., triple major, English, Managerial Studies, Political Science, 1979); University of Texas (J.D., with honors, 1982); Oregon State University (Computer Forensics certification, 2003); EnCase Intermediate Reporting and Analysis Course (Guidance Software 2004); WinHex Forensics Certification Course (X-Ways Software Technology AG 2005); numerous other classes on computer forensics and electronic discovery.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Law Offices of Craig D. Ball, P.C.; Licensed in Texas since 1982.
Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Certified Computer Forensic Examiner, Oregon State University and NTI
Certified Computer Examiner (CCE), International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners
Admitted to practice U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit; U.S.D.C., Southern, Northern and Western Districts of Texas.
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Law Technology News and Law.com (American Lawyer Media)
Board Member, Georgetown University Law School Advanced E-Discovery Institute
Member, Sedona Conference WG1 on Electronic Document Retention and Production
Special Master, Electronic Discovery, Federal and Harris County (Texas) District Courts
Instructor in Computer Forensics, United States Department of Justice
Instructor, Cybercrime Summit, 2006, 2007
Special Prosecutor, Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline, 1995-96
Council Member, Computer and Technology Section of the State Bar of Texas, 2003-
Chairman: Technology Advisory Committee, State Bar of Texas, 2000-02
President, Houston Trial Lawyers Association (2000-01); President, Houston Trial Lawyers Foundation (2001-02)
Director, Texas Trial Lawyers Association (1995-2003); Chairman, Technology Task Force (1995-97)
Member, High Technology Crime Investigation Association and International Information Systems Forensics Assn.
Member, Texas State Bar College
Member, Continuing Legal Education Comm., 2000-04, Civil Pattern Jury Charge Comm., 1983-94, State Bar of Texas
Life Fellow, Texas and Houston Bar Foundations
CLE Course Director: E-Discovery A-to-Z (NY, Chicago, SF, Boston, Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, Miami, Houston, Seattle, Atlanta, Denver, Philadelphia) 2004-7; Electronic Evidence and Digital Discovery Institute 2004-7; Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course 2003; 2002; Enron—The Legal Issues, 2002; Internet and Computers for Lawyers, 2001-02; Advanced Personal Injury Law Course, 1999, 2000; Preparing, Trying and Settling Auto Collision Cases, 1998.
Member, SBOT President's "Vision Council" on Technology, 1999-2000; Strategic Planning Committee Liaison, 2001-02; Corporate Counsel Task Force 2001-02

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

2006 Recipient of the State Bar of Texas CTS Lifetime Achievement Award for Law and Technology
The March 2002 CLE program planned by Mr. Ball and Richard Orsinger entitled, "Enron—The Legal Issues" received the Best CLE of 2002 award from the Association for Legal Education

National Planning Committee, Legal Works 2004 (San Francisco)
Recipient, State Bar of Texas Presidents' Award (bar's highest honor), 2001
Faculty, Texas College of Trial Advocacy, 1992 and 1993
Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law, 1983-88
Listed in "Best Lawyers in America" and Selected as a "Texas Super Lawyer," 2003-2006
Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell

LAW RELATED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Craig Ball is a prolific contributor to continuing legal and professional education programs throughout the United States, having delivered over 450 presentations and papers. Craig's articles on forensic technology and electronic discovery frequently appear in the national media, including in American Bar Association, ATLA and American Lawyer Media print and online publications. He also writes a monthly column on computer forensics and e-discovery for Law Technology News called "Ball in your Court," honored as the 2007 Best Regular Column by Trade Association Business Publications International and as the 2006 Silver Medalist by the American Society of Business Publication Editors as both "Best Feature Series" and "Best Contributed Column," The presentation, "Craig Ball on PowerPoint" (a/k/a "PowerPersuasion") is consistently the top rated educational program at the ABA TechShow.