



Instructor, John R. Fretts

John Fretts retired from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in 2005, after a distinguished thirty-year career with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. Mr. Fretts began his ATF career as a Special Agent in the Washington, DC Field Division where he led numerous Federal investigations into violations of Federal firearms and explosive laws. In 1991, Mr. Fretts was promoted to the position of Project Manager at ATF Headquarters.

In 1994, Mr. Fretts transferred to Connecticut with his appointment as Supervisor of ATF's Hartford Field Office. While in Connecticut, Mr. Fretts nurtured his technical interests, developing skills as a specialist in computer forensic investigations. He successfully completed the CIS 2000 Program, at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, in Brunswick, Georgia. He was also certified by the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists as a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) in 2004. Because of his management experience and knowledge of computer investigations, John was named Regional Supervisor of ATF Computer Forensic Operations for the northeast United States. While with the ATF, Mr. Fretts testified in Federal Court and is qualified to appear as an expert in Computer Forensics and Data Recovery.

Upon retirement from Federal service, Mr. Fretts accepted a position as Director of Investigations with Security Services of Connecticut (SSC), a regional firm specializing in a full range of investigative services, specializing in computer forensics.

Mr. Fretts had oversight of SSC's computer forensic operation and was regularly called upon to lecture on the topic of computer forensics and data recovery as it relates to fraud and computer misuse. In his presentations to corporate clients and at trade shows, Mr. Fretts has an uncanny ability to explain the most complex aspects of computer forensics to those with the least understanding of the subject. With his law enforcement background, Mr. Fretts was adept at explaining the necessity to respond rapidly to an incident involving fraud or criminal activity involving computers and the need to preserve electronic evidence.

In August of 2007, Mr. Fretts resigned from his position with SSC to concentrate his time and skills on computer forensics investigation and education. Mr. Fretts is a member of the University of New Haven, Criminal Justice curriculum, Student Advisory Board. He is a veteran of the United States Army, and has a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice.