



Securing a Cybersecurity Expert Witness for Sensitive Consolidated Litigation

Speed and expert quality are critical in most expert witness searches. But in high-stakes, high-sensitivity cases, these requirements are often just the starting point. A recent expert engagement for a long-time, top-tier client firm explains why.

The Case Challenge

Our clients needed a cybersecurity expert witness with deep knowledge of software vulnerabilities, access tokens, data breaches, and large-scale online services. On paper, the expert search appeared straightforward: identify strong candidates, vet for qualifications, confirm interest and availability, clear conflicts, and present the best options.

However, this was not a routine request. The law firm represented a high-profile social media company in consolidated litigation involving 11 separate cases. Because the matter was in its early stages and extremely sensitive, the parties' identities could not be disclosed during expert outreach.

This meant we needed to qualify candidates solely on subject matter expertise, without the case specifics that typically help narrow a search or gauge a candidate's fit. Conflicts were expected to be widespread given the scope of the litigation, and every conversation had to be handled with discretion, from initial outreach through final vetting.

The Expert Solution

In this precarious environment, the value of the expert witness search was measured not only by speed and qualifications, but also by personal judgment and the ability to refine results based on each expert interview. Our custom expert witness search team contacted and presented roughly triple the usual number of expert candidates, acting with urgency from day one despite the search's complexity.

Each round of outreach surfaced new information: how cybersecurity experts discussed the technical issues, where conflicts were most likely to arise, and which parts of the market had already been tapped by opposing counsel. Rather than running a single custom search to completion, we continued adjusting our criteria and approach as the picture of the case and its constraints became clearer, ensuring the expert candidates were both highly aligned with the technical issues and free of potential conflicts.

The Outcome

The client ultimately retained one of our presented experts, who helped them work through the technical issues at the center of the case. Most plaintiffs later voluntarily withdrew, and the legal team successfully moved to dismiss a number of significant claims. This reinforced the benefit of a deliberate, confidential expert witness search and selection process.

The IMS Expert Witness Advantage: Discretion and Persistence on Demand

Litigation teams rely on IMS Legal Strategies not only for access to highly qualified experts but also for the practical experience required to navigate sensitive, high-stakes searches where confidentiality, conflicts, and evolving case dynamics can significantly narrow the field.

Our expert witness search team conducts targeted searches on demand, rigorously vets candidates, and coordinates seamless engagements across every sector and dispute type, helping litigators secure the right expertise when it matters most.

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