SYNC FORENSICS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Darcie Winkler is an Associate Director of Forensics at Sync Forensics with over 11 years of experience conducting digital forensic and business email compromise investigations. Her experience includes providing investigative consulting services to law firms and corporate clients and handling highly sensitive matters involving the theft of trade secrets, unauthorized access, departing employee review, and internal investigations. Darcie is a technical expert in digital forensics and has submitted several written declarations in support of litigation.

Darcie has a demonstrated history of striving to grow her expertise and staying on top of the evolving cybersecurity landscape, exemplified by earning and maintaining nine GIAC certifications over the course of her career. She remains active in the industry through managing an active docket of digital forensic and email compromise investigations and investigations as well as being a member of the Executive Women's Forum and Women in Cybersecurity.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director of Forensics 2026 – Present
Sync Forensics • Columbus, OH

Director, Digital Forensics and Incident Response 2025 – 2026
LevelBlue (formerly Stroz Friedberg) • Columbus, OH

Director, Digital Forensics and Incident Response 2023 – 2025
Stroz Friedberg, an Aon company • Columbus, OH

Manager, Digital Forensics and Incident Response 2020 – 2023
Stroz Friedberg, an Aon company • Columbus, OH

Senior Consultant, Digital Forensics and Incident Response 2018 – 2020
Stroz Friedberg, an Aon company • Washington, DC

Consultant, Digital Forensics and Incident Response 2016 – 2018
Stroz Friedberg, an Aon company • Washington, DC

Consultant, Digital Forensics and Incident Response 2016 – 2016
Stroz Friedberg • Washington, DC

Cyber Associate 2015 – 2016

Stroz Friedberg • Washington, DC

Graduate Assistant 2014 – 2015

Marshall University Forensic Science Center • Huntington, WV

Research Intern 2014 – 2014

Marshall University Forensic Science Center • Huntington, WV

Digital Forensics Lab Graduate Assistant 2013 – 2014

Marshall University Forensic Science Center • Huntington, WV

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- GIAC Open-Source Intelligence (GOSI), 2024
- GIAC iOS and macOS Examiner (GIME), 2024
- GIAC Cloud Forensics Responder (GCFR), 2023
- GIAC Network Forensic Analyst (GNFA), 2021
- GIAC Advanced Smartphone Forensics (GASF), 2021
- Texas Licensed Private Investigator (#**00585338**), 2018
- GIAC Security Essentials (GSEC), 2019
- GIAC Certified Forensic Analyst (GCFA), 2019
- GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH), 2016
- GIAC Certified Forensic Examiner (GCFE), 2015
- AccessData Mobile Examiner Plus (AME), 2014 (inactive)
- AccessData Forensic Tool Kit (ACE), 2014 (inactive)

EDUCATION

M.S.F.S. 2015

Marshall University • Huntington, WV

B.S. 2013

The Ohio State University • Columbus, OH

PUBLICATIONS

- *Online Anonymity: Forensic Analysis of the Tor Browser Bundle*. https://www.marshall.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/157/WinklerDarcie_ResearchPaper_8-6-141.pdf (August 6, 2014).

TEACHING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

- *Getting SaaS-y: Understanding Account Takeovers*, Women in Cybersecurity Conference, 2026
- *Digital Identity Proofing: Maximizing Rewards, Mitigating Risks*, Identiverse Conference, 2025
- *Netting the Phish – Why Isn't Education Working?*, Privacy + Security Forum, 2022
- *Challenges in Determining End-User Actions Based on Cloud Repository Metadata*, AAFS, 2017
- *Online Anonymity: Forensic Analysis of the Tor Browser Bundle*, AAFS, 2015
- *Online Anonymity: Forensic Analysis of the Tor Browser Bundle*, MUFSC, 2014

EXPERT TESTIMONY

Demoree Hadley v. Desiree Perez, et al. and Desiree Perez, et al. v. Javon Hadley
District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Miami Division
Case No. 25-cv-22162-BLOOM/LOUIS, Consolidated Case No. 25-cv-21607-BB
Provided a written declaration on behalf of the Defendant Desiree Perez.

Trinity Signature Homes LLC v. Truist Bank, et al.
District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division
Case No. 4:25-cv-04841
Served as named expert on behalf of the Defendants related to digital forensics, cybersecurity investigations, and email compromise analysis; provided an expert report but case resolved prior to being filed with the court.

K and M Communications Corp. v. Dube, Tyson, et al.
Superior Court of Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Bristol County
Civil Action No. 2373CV00220
Provided a written declaration on behalf of K and M Communications Corp.

Belcan, LLC, et al. v. Xenith Solutions, LLC, et al.
Circuit Court of Commonwealth of Virginia, Loudoun County
Case No. CL19000444-00
Provided a written declaration on behalf of Gryphon Technologies, Inc.