

Paul French

Director of Forensics

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Paul French is a Director of Forensics at Sync Forensics. Mr. French has over 25 years of experience in the field of digital forensics, following a 13 year career in the U.S. Air Force. His military training and experience inform his forensics investigations in the areas of felony criminal matters, counterintelligence operations, anti-terrorism training and forensic computer analysis.

Mr. French has built and managed e-discovery practices from the ground up, spearheading large-scale electronic discovery engagements for law firms, Fortune 1000 corporations, and government entities across the globe. He is adept at planning and executing large-scale electronic collections and managing high visibility e-discovery engagements.

To better serve his clients and their specific needs, Mr. French has authored over 75 custom software utilities to convert, search, analyze and present data from a variety of platforms. His body of work includes matters related to spoliation, theft of intellectual property, SEC violations, document recovery/validation, and employee/employer misconduct.

Mr. French has provided written expert declarations and verbal testimony in over a dozen depositions and court proceedings. A respected leader in the industry, he has participated in think tanks and national panels to help create best practices and develop unified terminology for the field. Mr. French has written articles, appeared on television, and presented at conferences, corporate retreats and CLE sessions to educate professionals and consumers alike on various facets of information discovery and protection.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Forensics

2026 – Present

Sync Forensics • Spokane Valley, WA

Associate Director <i>Berkeley Research Group • Spokane Valley, WA</i>	2021 – 2026
Director of Data Forensics <i>Lighthouse Global (Formerly Discovia) • Spokane Valley, WA</i>	2019 – 2021
Data Forensics Expert <i>Lighthouse Global (Formerly Discovia) • Spokane Valley, WA</i>	2010 – 2019
Director of Data Forensics <i>Bridge City Legal • Portland, OR</i>	2006 – 2010
Managing Director <i>New Technologies, Inc. • Gresham and Portland, OR</i>	1999 – 2006
Office of Special Investigations – Special Agent <i>United States Air Force • Scott AFB, IL / McChord AFB, WA</i>	1994 – 1999
Ground Radar Technician <i>United States Air Force • Eglin AFB, FL</i>	1986 – 1994

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Institute of Science and Technology (2003)

Sat on a panel to develop a first responders “best practices” guide for law enforcement agencies related to the preservation of electronic evidence.

Information Technology Study Group (2004)

Participated in think tank to develop strategies and study risks associated with emerging technologies.

CASE Adoption Committee (2019)

Attended a consortium of industry and government organizations with the goal of creating a standardized ontology for forensic metadata produced by all major digital investigative applications.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- Federally certified by the U. S. Department of Defense to seize, extract, process and document electronic evidence from a variety of Microsoft-based platforms (09/1998)
- Expert Witness Training with Oregon State Certification credit (01/2003)
- Computer Forensic Field Examiners Course, U.S. Air Force (09/1998)
- Advanced PC Troubleshooting Techniques, U.S. Air Force (07/1998)



- Computer Crime Evidence Workshop, U.S. Air Force (04/1996)
- Advanced Special Investigators Course, U.S. Air Force (02/1996)
- Counterintelligence Collections & Investigations Course, U.S. Air Force (05/1995)
- Special Investigators Course, U.S. Air Force (06/1994)
- Leadership Training (Distinguished Graduate), U.S. Air Force (03/1989)

PUBLICATIONS

- *Scrub, Scrub, Scrub* - LawNet, Inc., December 2001 issue
- *Unlocking E-Evidence: Know How to Discover Computerized Information* - Los Angeles Daily Journal, August 2002
- *Electronic Document Retention Policies (And Why Your Clients Need Them)* - American Bar Association Law Practice Today, January 2004

EXPERT TESTIMONY

LIQUID ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS OF TEXAS, L. P. V. LEROY ARCE, THOMAS E. STARUSTKA, SCOTT EASTIN, US OIL RECOVERY, LLC, AND KLAUS GENSSLER
80th Judicial District, Harris County, TX.

Cause No. 2003-61497 (2003)

Deposition on behalf of the Plaintiff resulted in settlement in favor of the Plaintiff a week after testimony.

LASALLE BUSINESS CREDIT, LLC, ET AL. V. CHINATRUST BANK; FAR EAST NATIONAL BANK; DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SINGAPORE,
Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County, CA.

Case No. BC304063 (JAMS Case No. 1200035858) (2006)

Testify before Discovery Referee regarding best practices in processing hundreds of gigabytes of bank data.

WALTRIP V. KIMBERLIN, et al.,

Superior Court for the State of California, San Francisco County, CA.

Case No. C054324 (2005)

Testify at deposition on behalf of Defendant regarding my findings during the examination of over a dozen computer systems. Also assist client in deposition of opposing expert. Settlement reached a week prior to trial.

LARRY BRANNUM, et al. v. OVERTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, et al.,

Overton County Circuit Court, Livingston, TN.

Case No. 3856-M (2008)



Testify at deposition and trial on behalf of Defendants.

TEKMIRA PHARMACEUTICALS, et al. v. ALNYLAM PHARMACEUTICALS, et al.,

Massachusetts Superior Court, Boston, MA.

Civil Action No. 11-1010-BLS2 (2012)

Testify at deposition on behalf of Plaintiffs. Case settled.

PEGGY FORAKER v. USAA CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY,

United States District Court, District of Oregon, Portland Division, Portland, OR.

Civil Case No. 3:14-cv-00087-BR (2016)

Testify in court on Defendant's behalf in a Rule 37 motion. Favorable decision for Defendant – motion was denied.

SHAKEEL MUSTAFA BAJWA v. ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL, INC., NICKINA ROBERTS and DOES 1-50,

Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, San Francisco, CA.

Case No. CIVMSC13-01909 (2016)

Testify at deposition on behalf of Defendants.

WAYMO LLC. v. UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; OTTOMOTTO, LLC.; OTTO TRUCKING, LLC.,

United States District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, San Francisco, CA.

Case No. 3:17-cv-00939-WHA (2017)

Testify at deposition on behalf of Plaintiffs.

WAYMO LLC. v. UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; OTTOMOTTO, LLC.; OTTO TRUCKING, LLC.,

United States District Court, Northern District of California

Case No. 3:17-cv-00939-WHA (2017)

Provided two declarations and related deposition testimony validating Plaintiff's forensic practices and noting deficiencies in the work performed by Defendant's eDiscovery experts. Case settled.

AMGEN INC, and AMGEN USA INC. v. COHERUS BIOSCIENCES INC.; KBI

BIOPHARMA INC; HOWARD S. WEISER; and DOES 1-20

Superior Court of the State of California, County of Ventura

Case No. 56-2017-00-493553-CU-BT-VTA (2017)

Provided deposition testimony as both expert rebuttal witness and subject matter expert.

JAVANNI MUNGUIA-BROWN et al. v. EQUITY RESIDENTIAL

United States District Court, Northern District of California, Oakland Division

Case No. 4:16-cv-01225-JSW-TSH (2021)

Provided expert witness deposition and trial testimony on behalf of Plaintiffs.

METRICOLOR LLC, v. L'ORÉAL USA, INC, et al.

United States District Court, Central District of California

Case No. 2:18-cv-00364-CAS-Ex (2018)

Provided expert witness deposition testimony on behalf of Defendants.

B&K HUNTER, LLC, et al., v. AIRCLEAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC, et al.

Superior Court for the State of Washington in and for the County of King

Case No. 23-2-20871-4 SEA (2024)

Provided written testimony on behalf of Plaintiffs.

ALMIN BULLARD, et al., v. CORRECTHEALTH CLAYTON, LLC, et al.

Superior Court of Fulton County State of Georgia

Civil Action No. 2023CV379078 (2023)

Provided expert witness deposition testimony on behalf of Defendants.

AEROSONIC LLC v. JOBY AERO, INC.

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division

Case No. 8:25-CV-00554-VMC-AAS (2025)

Provided expert witness deposition testimony on behalf of Defendants.