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Steve DeBroda is a Vice President and Chief Counsel at the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). Steve was federal prosecutor for 30 years in Indianapolis, most recently the Deputy Chief of the Major Fraud, Public Integrity, and Child Exploitation Unit, having previously held other positions, including Senior Litigation Counsel, Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Coordinator, Corporate Fraud Coordinator, Environmental Crimes Taskforce Coordinator, Project Safe Childhood Coordinator, and Computer and Telecommunications Coordinator. Steve advises the Indiana State Police on cybercrime and digital evidence matters. Steve is an Adjunct Instructor in the Indiana University Bloomington Department of Criminal Justice, where he has taught classes in cybercrimes, digital evidence, famous crimes, and famous trials since 2006.

Frequently using digital forensic evidence, Steve prosecuted cybercrime, complex fraud, white collar crime, computer crime, environmental crime, intellectual property, public corruption, securities fraud, network intrusions, money laundering, crimes against children, human trafficking, tax crimes, and violent crime. He won over 30 federal jury trials and had a 100% conviction rate in 500+ crimes against children cases.

Steve served on the Advisory Committee on Nationwide Child Exploitation Investigations, chaired the Technical Assistance Committee for the National Strategy in Child Exploitation Cases, and served on the Advisory Committee on Computer Forensics Examinations and Digital Evidence. Steve testified before the U.S. Sentencing Commission as a DOJ designated a subject matter expert on child exploitation cases.

Among other honors, Steve was awarded the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service; a National Award for Investigative Excellence from the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association; a Silver Metal for Superior Service from U.S. EPA; a Bronze Metal for Commendable Service from the U.S. EPA; a Commendation for Outstanding Work from the FBI; and the Director's Award for Superior Performance from EOUSA. The Indiana Anti-Sexual Violence Movement named Steve the "Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year." The Governor of Indiana recently named Steve a "Distinguished Hoosier" and the City of Indianapolis proclaimed "Steve DeBroda Day" on April 16, 2021.

Since 1995, Steve has presented more than 150 lectures, including keynotes and case studies at national and international conferences. He has also lectured at numerous training centers about computer crimes, digital evidence, federal sentencing practice, trial strategy, cybercrimes, and other topics.

Steve has participated in interviews with local and national media, including CNN. His work has been highlighted on television, in feature stories in newspapers and magazines, and in a chapter of *The Internet Police: How Crime Went Online, and the Cops Followed* by Nate Anderson. The Australian Television Program *Four Corners* extensively interviewed him about United State v. Mark Newton and Peter Truong, an international child exploitation case. The AP published a multi-part feature story in 2010 discussing his



work in Operation Nest Egg, a child exploitation case. The Indianapolis Star published feature articles about Steve in 2002 and 2016. Also, Indianapolis Monthly published the feature story *A System Reboot for Child Pornography Detectives: Three Hoosiers revolutionized the way authorities now investigate those crimes all over the world*. The piece discussed Steve's role with Charles Cohen at NW3C in developing the Computer Forensics Field Triage Process Model.

Steve is a published author of *Computer Forensics Field Triage Process Model*, Rogers, Goldman, Mislan, Wedge & DeBrotta (Association of Digital Forensics, Security and Law 2005); and *Computer Forensic Analysis Checklist*, (DOJ 2005); *Image Analysis in Child Exploitation Cases*, (DOJ 2001); and *Arguments Appealing to Racial Prejudice: Uncertainty, Impartiality and the Harmless Error Rule*, 64 Ind. L.J. 375-89 (Spring 1989).

Steve presently serves on the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center Crimes Against Child Conference Advisory Committee. Before joining NW3C, Steve served on its Prosecutorial & Judicial Advisory Board.

Steve's formal education includes a law degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law (*Magna Cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, *Order of the Barristers*), and an undergraduate degree from Butler University (*Magna cum laude*) with majors Political Science (Highest Honors) and Physics (honors).

