

Simon M. Ragona III, EnCE, CCE

Simon M. Ragona III is an expert in the field of cybersecurity, data forensics, incident response, and eDiscovery. He was recently a founding team member at a Series-A funded cybersecurity startup, focused on eliminating the effects of data breaches. Simon brought his years of managing hundreds of cyber investigations and his entrepreneurial, innovative creativity to building one of the most disruptive products in the industry. Simon's prior work involved the preservation, examination, and technical reporting of matters involving electronically stored information and cyber intrusions. He has provided oral and written testimony in several jurisdictions and has qualified as an expert witness. Being well versed in the areas of anti-money laundering and compliance technology, Simon also served as a member of multiple U.S. Government appointed monitorship teams for high profile financial institutions.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

The NGH Group, Inc.

January 2021 to Present

Senior Forensic Consultant (Contractor)

Responsible for managing and leading cyber incident response, computer forensic, eDiscovery, and cybersecurity engagements.

LGC Innovations LLC

September 2020 to Present

Owner and President

Provide independent consulting services related to cybersecurity, data forensics, and incident response.

Calamu Technologies Corporation

October 2021 to February 2023

Vice President of Customer Success

Calamu is an early-stage startup in the cybersecurity software space changing the way the world views data protection. Simon, and the team he managed, focused on customer engagement and business development by leading pre-sales, post-sales, and technical support. Working closely with the Product and Engineering teams, Simon assisted with roadmap development and product management. In Calamu's first year of GA, Simon was key to converting 25% of trial customers to paying customers. As a member of the leadership team, Simon played an integral role during Calamu's Series-A funding pitches by presenting and demonstrating the value of the product, leading to a successful round led by Insight Partners with support by Dell Technologies Capital. He also led Calamu's internal IT and InfoSec programs, and spearheaded an initiative to achieve SOC 2 compliance.

September 2020 to October 2021

Vice President of Product

Prior to Calamu's seed funding, Simon was requested by the founder to assist with product development which led to a full-time position as employee number 4 in January 2021 following financing. He then focused full time on defining the initial product vision and strategy by standing at the intersection of business, sales, marketing, and development. Simon's thought leadership and attention to market fit led to the development of Calamu's initial MVP.

T&M Protection Resources, LLC

July 2017 to September 2020

Managing Director, Cybersecurity

As part of the executive leadership team, Simon was a Managing Director within T&M's Technology Risk practice area. He was responsible for managing and leading cyber incident response, computer forensic, eDiscovery, and cybersecurity engagements globally. Simon was

also responsible for maintaining and expanding existing client relationships as well as developing new business. Manage teams of incident responders, forensic examiners, penetration testers, and cybersecurity analysts. Produce expert reports and provide written and oral testimony. Continue to develop, maintain, and enhance standard operating procedures.

January 2012 to July 2017

Director, Cyber Incident Response and Data Forensics

Responsible for leading cyber incident response and computer forensic engagements globally. Managed a team of incident responders, forensic engineers, and evidence custodians. Managed data collections and forensic analyses. Provided written and oral testimony. Produced expert reports based on analysis findings. Developed and maintained standard operating procedures as they relate to chain of custody and data forensic examinations. Assisted with the design and development of global data forensics technology infrastructure. Maintained and expanded existing client relationships as well as developed new client relationships.

January 2010 to January 2012

Manager, Data Forensics

Responsible for managing computer forensic projects. Performed forensic preservation of data from a variety of hardware including PCs, laptops, servers, removable media, and handheld devices. Conducted examinations of numerous and various types of electronic media, including locating, recovering, extracting, and analyzing electronic data utilizing standard forensic protocols. Developed comprehensive chain of custody documentation used for data collections. Assisted with the development of standard operating procedures for forensic acquisitions. Designed a framework and standard operating procedures for information security assessments.

Protiviti, Inc. (Robert Half International)

June 2007 to December 2009

Computer Forensic Examiner / Consultant

Utilizing best practices and protocols in the industry, conducted numerous examinations of various electronic media including PCs, laptops, Apple computers, servers, handheld devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy discs, and USB flash drives. Forensically preserved over 250 personal computers and over 100 servers. Responsible for the research and testing of new forensic hardware. Developed several standardized forensic tool kits which were deployed globally. Performed information security assessments as part of the IT Security Risk Management team. Knowledge and experience with PCI DSS. Promoted to Senior Consultant in December 2009 to be effective January 2010.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

January 2007 to May 2007

Computer Forensics Intern

Served as a computer forensics intern at the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Professional Responsibility (DHS-ICE-OPR). The OPR is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct involving employees of ICE and Customs and Border Protection. Primarily used AccessData's Forensic ToolKit to perform computer forensic analysis and worked on several high profile cases with the Senior Special Agent responsible for computer related investigations.

EXPERIENCE

- Cybersecurity software development startup experience from Seed funding round through Series-A investment through Insight Partners and Dell Technologies Capital.
- Project manager on several high-profile matters involving multimillion-dollar settlements.
- Talented and experienced cyber investigator with hands-on knowledge across many sectors.

- Provided oral and written testimony on many occasions in several jurisdictions and have qualified as an expert witness.
- Appointed as a member of the compliance Monitor teams to the United States Government for HSBC, Western Union, and MoneyGram with a focus on compliance technology, specifically transaction monitoring, data analytics, and the implementation of technical controls.
- Performed hundreds of data collections and examinations across multiple data sources.
- Produced standard operating procedures for data collections and analysis.
- Developed field data collection tool kits deployed globally.
- Past experience using many industry recognized data forensic, cybersecurity, and OSINT tools such as EnCase, FTK, Axion, X-Ways, BlackBag, Cellebrite, Paraben, Intella, Burp Suite, Kali Linux, Qualys, Nessus, Metasploit, nMap, Wireshark, Ekahau, Maltego, SpiderFoot and others.

CERTIFICATIONS

- EnCE – EnCase Certified Examiner, Guidance Software (April 2010 to Present)
- CCE – Certified Computer Examiner, International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners (September 2008 to Present)
- ACE – AccessData Certified Examiner, AccessData (July 2011 to July 2012)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ACFE – Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Associate Member (September 2006 to Present)
- ISFCE – International Society of Forensic Computer Examiners, Member (September 2008 to Present)
- HTCIA – High Technology Crime Investigation Association, Member NE Chapter (December 2010 to Present)
- NY/NJ ECTF (USSS) – Electronic Crimes Task Force of New York & New Jersey, United States Secret Service (November 2011 to Present)
- ISSA – Information Systems Security Association, Member NJ and NY Metro Chapters (May 2016 to Present)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *“Data-First: A New Approach to Ransomware Mitigation”* Panel Discussion, Panelist, Flash Memory Summit, Santa Clara, CA (August 2022)
- *“What Happens During a Ransomware Attack”* Co-presenter, Calamu webinar (August 2022)
- *“How to Thwart Data Exfiltration Attacks”* Co-presenter, Calamu webinar (March 2022)
- *“Cyber Security 9 Tips to Staying Safe in a Very Dangerous World”* Presenter, Merrill Lynch, Virtual (October 2019, November 2019, April 2020, May 2020)
- *“Cyber Security 9 Tips to Staying Safe in a Very Dangerous World”* Co-presenter, Merrill Lynch, Fairfield, CT (May 2019)
- *“Cyber Security Best Practices for the Home”* Presenter, WW International, Inc. (formerly Weight Watchers) NCSAM event, New York, NY (October 2018)
- *“Phishing & Ransomware—Big Trouble for SMB”* Co-presenter, Global Learning Systems webinar (March 2018)
- *“Cyber Breach Response”* Co-presenter, Goldman Sachs, U.S. Secret Service NY/NJ Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF) quarterly meeting, New York, NY (June 2017)
- *“Cyber Security – Protecting Your A\$\$ets”* Panel Discussion, Panelist, Mortgage Bankers Association of New York, Inc. Strategic Real Estate & Lending Summit, New York, NY (June 2017)
- *“Cybersecurity Best Practices Related to Social Media”* Presenter, Bucks County Community College ‘Focus on Security’ Conference, Newton, PA (October 2016)
- *“Digital Defense 101: Protecting Your Client’s Electronic Communications and Digital Information from Compromise in Enhanced Risk Scenarios”* CLE Presentation, Co-presenter, Rockland County Bar Association, New City, NY (January 2015)

- “*Digital Evidence for the Domestic Practitioner*” CLE Presentation, Co-presenter, 26th AAML Ohio Chapter Harold R. Kemp Annual Family Law Symposium, Columbus, OH (October 2014)
- “*I’ve Been Hacked. Now What?*” *Handling a Security Incident from A – Z*” Panel Discussion, Moderator, MISTI ITAC Conference, Boston, MA (November 2013)
- “*Mobile Device Forensics*” Co-presenter, MISTI ITAC Conference, Boston, MA (November 2013)

COURT TESTIMONY

- Dennis Maas v. Hoyt Corporation, a Corporation of the State of New Jersey; Michael Bradford; Susan Nixon Bradford; Nicholas B. Nixon; Maria Esparraguera; The William H. Nixon Revocable Trust; The Estate of William H. Nixon; and John Does 1-10, the latter names being fictitious and imaginary (Docket No. L-10204-15 Civil Action), Expert Witness Deposition (October 2018)
- Computer and Financial Associates, Inc., and Naomi Levine v. Spectrum Data Systems, LLC, Janusz Krajnik, Igor Kaplun, Blachnio Slawomir and John Does 1-5 and ABC Corps 6-10 (Docket No. BER-L4629-16), Expert Witness Deposition (March 2018)
- John Young v. Andrew Sun, et al. (Case No. 30-2013-00659963-CU-NP-CXC), Expert Witness Deposition (July 2016)
- Grand Jury Testimony (Confidential), Expert Witness (June 2016)
- UMS Solutions, Inc. D/B/A Universal Ultrasound and Universal Medical Systems, Inc. v. Biosound Esaote, Inc., Jeff Fishel, Michael Collins, Kevin Gouvin, Dr. Paul Brazzell, Vetel Diagnostics, Inc., And Boothroyd Imaging Solutions, Inc., d/b/a/ Canada Boothroyd Imaging Solutions (BIS), Esaote Canada, Boothroyd Imaging Solutions, Canadian Veterinary Imaging Inc. And BIS, Inc., (Index No. 11590/2010), Non-party Expert Witness (December 2014)
- David Simon v. Linda Simon (Index No.: 14218/11), Non-party Deposition (June 2014)
- State of Connecticut v. Carlos Trujillo, Connecticut State Superior Court, Expert Witness (December 2010)

EDUCATION

- Hilbert College, Hamburg, NY
BS Economic Crime Investigation, Computer Security Concentration, 2007
Received specialized training in computer crime and forensics, anti-money laundering (AML), financial investigations, law of economic crime, accounting principles, information security, and intelligence research methods.
- Erie Community College, Buffalo, NY
Criminal Justice, 2002-2004

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Tau Sigma Honor Society – Inducted May 2006
- Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society – Inducted May 2006

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Orchard Park (NY) Little League (OPLL) Coach – 2022 to Present
- North Hunterdon (NJ) Youth Baseball & Softball (NHYBS) Board Member – 2021 to 2022
- North Hunterdon (NJ) Youth Baseball & Softball (NHYBS) Manager/Coach – 2019 to 2022

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