

Steven DeBrota

Steve DeBrota is a Vice President and Chief Counsel at the National White Collar Crime Center. Steve was federal prosecutor for 30 years in Indianapolis, most recently Deputy Chief of the Major Fraud, Public Integrity, and Child Exploitation Unit, having been 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. Steve teaches cybercrime, digital evidence, and famous crimes and trials at Indiana University. 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 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 a 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.

Steve was awarded the AAG Award for Distinguished Service; a National Award for Investigative Excellence from the FLEOA; Silver and Bronze Metals from U.S. EPA; an FBI Commendation for Outstanding Work; and EOUSA Director's Award for Superior Performance. The Indiana Anti-Sexual Violence Movement named Steve the "Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year." The Governor of Indiana named Steve a "Distinguished Hoosier" and Indianapolis proclaimed "Steven DeBrota Day" on April 16, 2021.

Steve has presented 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 was interviewed by local, national, and international media. His work was highlighted on television, in feature stories in newspapers and magazines, and *The Internet Police: How Crime Went Online, and the Cops Followed*. Australian television interviewed him concerning international child exploitation cases. AP published feature stories about his work in *Operation Nest Egg*, a child exploitation case. Indianapolis Monthly published "A System Reboot for Child Pornography Detectives: Three Hoosiers revolutionized the way authorities now investigate those crimes all over the world" about his role in developing new ways to do those cases.

Steve coauthored *Computer Forensics Field Triage Process Model* (ADFSL 2005); and authored *Computer Forensic Analysis Checklist* (DOJ 2005); *Image Analysis in Child*

Exploitation Cases, (DOJ 2001); and *Arguments Appealing to Racial Prejudice*, 64 Ind. L.J. 375-89 (1989). Steve serves on the Dallas Crimes Against Child Conference Advisory Committee and the Board of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency.

Steve has a law degree from IU School of Law (*Magna Cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, *Order of the Barristers*), and an undergraduate degree from Butler University (*Magna cum laude*) in Political Science and Physics. Steve is a Certified Cyber Crime Investigator and Special Deputy Sheriff with the Morgan County Sheriff's Department.

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