CAPTURA CYBER | ADMISSIBLE CRYPTOCURRENCY EVIDENCE

Curriculum Vitae



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Summary of Expertise

Mr Hamilton is a cryptocurrency and cybercrime investigations expert who has 22 years' experience giving evidence before courts, judges and juries, including 15 years as an expert witness. He managed a team of law enforcement cybercrime detectives during his career in law enforcement and the private sector, and is a university lecturer in cyber security.

He specialises in cryptocurrency tracing, cryptocurrency fraud, and complex financial investigations, and extends this work into decentralised finance (DeFi) and smart contract disputes. He is a Certified Smart Contract Auditor and has completed Duke University's DeFi specialisation. He provides expert reports and courtroom testimony in civil and criminal proceedings.

Areas of expertise include:

- Identifying and valuing cryptocurrencies
- Forensic tracing of cryptocurrency transactions, including through DeFi protocols
- Smart contract analysis in disputes and fraud matters
- Cryptocurrency-related fraud
- Guiding discovery and interpretation of cryptocurrency exchange records
- Review and rebuttal of opposing expert cryptocurrency reports

Education

- Master of Cyber Security, University of New South Wales
- Master of Leadership & Management, Charles Sturt University
- Bachelor of Commerce, University of New South Wales
- Bachelor of Policing, Charles Sturt University
- Graduate Certificate in Cyber Security
- Advanced Diploma of Public Safety (Police Investigations)

Professional Certifications

- Certified Smart Contract Auditor (Blockchain Council)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)
- Certified AML Specialist (CAMS)
- Certified Sanctions Specialist (CSS)
- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)

Professional Affiliations

- Expert Witness Institute (UK) - Associate Member
- Blockchain Legal Institute (USA)
- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Association of Certified AML Specialists
- Association of Certified Sanctions Specialists
- High Tech Cyber Investigation Association

Specialised Cryptocurrency Training

- Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, USA (via Coursera), Specialisation Certificate: Decentralised Finance (DeFi): The Future of Finance (DeFi Infrastructure, Primitives, Deep Dive, and Opportunities and Risks), 2026
- "Exploring the Intersection of Ransomware Crypto and Sanctions Risks", Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, 2024
- University of Nicosia, Cyprus, Certificate of Completion: Mastering Web3 (Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies, Non-Fungible Tokens, and the Metaverse), 2023
- Europol Cryptocurrency Investigation Program (CRYPTOPOL), 2021
- "Cryptocurrency 101: Distributed Ledger Technology and Blockchain", Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, 2020
- "Cryptocurrency 201: Cryptocurrency and Transactional Components", Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, 2020
- "Darkweb Fundamentals: Understanding the Online Criminal Fraud Economy", Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, 2020

Professional History

2022 – present: Managing Director – Captura Cyber

Provides independent cryptocurrency tracing and expert witness services to law firms, law enforcement agencies and private-sector clients.

- Has conducted more than 650 cryptocurrency tracing investigations, including more than 20 international cryptocurrency investment fraud cases.
- Correlates on-chain cryptocurrency movements with bank and exchange records to establish the source and application of funds in cryptocurrency investment frauds.
- Obtains and interprets transaction records from multinational cryptocurrency exchanges to support discovery and tracing.
- Analyses decentralised finance (DeFi) protocols and smart contracts in disputes and fraud matters.
- Developed and executed processes for electronic service of legal documents upon "persons unknown" using Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs).
- Designed, developed, and delivered hybrid training programs, "Cryptocurrency Tracing Mastery" and "Cybercrime Investigation Essentials," for private-sector cybercrime investigators.
- Gave evidence twice (2024, 2026) to the Australian Joint Parliamentary Inquiry into the Capability of Law Enforcement to Respond to Cybercrime.
- Designed and delivered "Cryptocurrency in Litigation", a 1-hour accredited Continuing Legal Education (CLE) webinar for legal practitioners (1 CPD point).

2020 - 2022 - Team Leader – Cyber-enabled Investigations - Cybercrime Squad – New South Wales Police Force

Led and directed a team of 6 law enforcement cybercrime detectives, overseeing and reviewing complex cybercrime investigations.

- Oversaw investigations into darknet vendors and authored the corresponding expert report, demonstrating to the court the link between cryptocurrency movements and real-world criminal activity.
- Dismantled an international cryptocurrency money laundering syndicate through innovative investigation techniques and authored an expert cryptocurrency tracing report highlighting the correlation between on-chain blockchain activity and offenders' real-world movements.
- Managed the investigation and prosecution of a 20-member international business email compromise syndicate targeting Australian businesses, including analysis of the interaction between cybercrime, traditional currencies, gold bullion and cryptocurrency exchanges.
- Established the agency's cryptocurrency anti-money laundering (AML) capability by developing resources, protocols, and agency-wide procedures to proactively identify and investigate emerging cryptocurrency money laundering typologies.

- Interviewed cybercriminals involved in cyber-enabled crime and cryptocurrency money laundering, gathering insights into criminal methodologies.
- Led the regulatory inspection of a non-custodial cryptocurrency exchange, inspecting records to ensure compliance with existing regulatory regimes.
- Developed and delivered a cybercrime expert witness course, disseminating crypto AML and cybercrime expertise to law enforcement colleagues.
- Developed and delivered customised cryptocurrency AML training packages to Australian and Pacific Region Financial Intelligence Units and law enforcement agencies.

1998 - 2020: Detective - Various Squads and Commands - NSW Police Force

- Routinely provided factual testimony in high-pressure criminal court settings, appearing before various courts, judges, and juries; demonstrated ability to withstand rigorous cross-examination and intense media scrutiny.
- Authored 52 expert reports for criminal matters and provided expert testimony in 5+ jury trials.
- Liaised with instructing and lead counsel to support numerous criminal and civil legal proceedings and trial management during high-profile criminal trials.
- Facilitated numerous iterations of the "Opinion Evidence Workshop" to educate law enforcement investigators on the requirements and demands of acting as an expert witness.
- Conducted protracted investigations in diverse areas, including motor vehicle rebirthing fraud, homicide investigations, and organised crime matters.

2023 – Present: Postgraduate University Lecturer – Part-time (University of New South Wales, Australia)

- MBA Program:
  - Foundations of Organisational Cyber Security
- Master of Cyber Security:
  - Cyber Security Management and Governance
  - Data Security and Privacy
  - Cyber Security Leadership and Management Capstone
- Cyber Security Bootcamp

Expert Witness Experience

- Cryptocurrency matters (2020 – present)
  - 17 expert evidence reports in cryptocurrency matters
  - Single Joint Expert (instructed by both parties) in cryptocurrency litigation, United Kingdom
  - Authored expert witness joint statements in cryptocurrency matters, United Kingdom
  - Expert testimony at trial (1) and deposition (1)
- Law enforcement (organised crime matters)
  - 52+ expert evidence reports in organised crime matters
  - 15 years giving expert evidence, including testimony before judge and/or jury in 5+ criminal trials
  - 22 years giving evidence in court as a detective
- Expert witness training
  - Co-facilitated 4+ iterations of "Opinion Evidence Workshop" (2-day workshop)
  - Designed and delivered "Cybercrime Opinion Evidence Workshop for Law Enforcement (3-day workshop)"

Conference Presentations

- "Beyond the Bank Account - Investigating Cryptocurrency in Financial Crime", International Association of Financial Crime Investigators, Asia Pacific Financial Crime Symposium, Sydney, Australia, 2025
- "Is Cryptocurrency Hidden in your Investigation", Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2025

- "The Business of Cybercrime", Gulf Information Security Expo & Conference, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2024
- "Enhancing Cybercrime Investigation Capability", Gulf Information Security Expo & Conference, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 2024
- "The Growing Connection between the Use of Virtual Currencies and Cybercrime", Global Financial Crime Summit, Sydney, Australia, 2024
- "Cybercrime and Cryptocurrency Money Laundering", delivered to the Pacific Financial Intelligence Community, 2022
- "Cybercrime Opinion Evidence Workshop for Law Enforcement (3-day workshop)", NSW Police Academy, Goulburn, Australia, 2022

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