

Stealing corporate information? That can't be. I would have noticed...

William has just turned in his resignation and informed you that he will be starting his own company. At first you think nothing of it and wish him the best of luck.

*Several weeks after William walks out the door, you notice that customers close to William, **your customers**, no longer call. You start looking into the situation and realize that William is working for or running a competitive business. You go looking for certain information that would have resided on William's computer only to find that it is not there. You talk to your computer guy who can provide no help so you decide to call your attorney.*

We have created a scenario in which you and your business might have been a victim of corporate theft. You may be telling yourself, "*This couldn't happen to me, I would notice*". Maybe you would, especially if William walked out of the office with several bankers' boxes full of company documents and proprietary information. However in today's workplace the bankers' box is not the likely vessel in which this information will stroll out the door.

Do you remember how William walked into the office everyday? He usually came bouncing full of vigor brandishing a wide smile while listening to his favorite music on his ipod. He could often be seen working away with the little white ear buds firmly entrenched in his ears while rocking out to Moby, Dr. Dre, Mozart, or the Bee-Gees. William worked very hard and there was no reason to fear the ipod that seemed to keep him happy all day.

However that ingenious little gadget is nothing more than a hard drive. It can be used to store information – music, pictures, and videos, as well as **your information** – *emails, documents and passwords*. Maybe William didn't own an ipod, maybe he had a thumb drive, his own laptop, a Blackberry or pocket sized external hard drive. Maybe you figure "whatever, how much information could he have put on them anyway". The answer is **TONS** (*1 gigabyte of data could be more than 25,000 printed pages of material!*). The capacity needed is affordable and easily obtained at your local electronics store. The fact remains that William shouldn't have taken any information, **it's your information**. It would have been less costly for you if he had reached into your wallet and taken your money.

Proprietary company information leaves buildings everyday in the form of electronic data. In many instances these matters end up in court, and many times these scenarios are overlooked. The good news: We can find out how William stole this information. If your attorney doesn't utilize the technology that is available to obtain the information on Williams office, home or any PC William worked on then realistically you have two options:

- Option 1- Risk losing your case. (NOTE: You might want to start looking for a good malpractice attorney).
- Option 2- Find an attorney that is willing to capitalize the new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

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