

## Topic

### Vista—More Security or Less?

Vista installs with default settings and features that appear helpful on the surface but may have unintended consequences. Most users—including security and IT professionals—haven't considered the effects Vista can have on security, privacy, and corporate usage policy. And, from a legal standpoint, Vista has implications for both computer forensics and eDiscovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. These issues will be explored in a panel discussion.

By understanding the issues, you'll be better prepared to manage policy if Vista is rolled out in your organization. And, in the event of litigation, you'll have more information to use in making decisions and formulating strategy.

Panelists from Applied Cognitive Solutions (ACS) are Ron Chichester, David S. Merritt, and Dr. Richard Murphey. ACS is an IT firm specializing in computer forensics for civil litigation, data recovery, and technology consulting located in Houston, Texas. For more information, visit [www.acsworldwide.com](http://www.acsworldwide.com).

## Bios

Ron Chichester is a Senior Technologist with ACS where he performs forensic examinations and advises clients on technology issues related to eDiscovery. An attorney, Ron is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the UH Law Center and a certified computer forensic examiner. In addition to his J.D. from UH, Ron earned a B.S. and M.S. in aerospace engineering from the University of Michigan. He is also a programmer and has been developing applications for almost 30 years.

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Dr. Richard Murphey, ACS's Senior Scientist, holds an M.S. and Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Rice University and certifications in computer forensics (ACE) and information security (CISSP). He speaks frequently at national conferences, including CEIC, HTCIA, BlackHat, and DefCon. Rich has more than four years of experience in computer forensics and more than 15 in software development.