

# Brendan Payne

## Partner in Perth

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Brendan is a forensic technology and cyber specialist with more than 16 years of experience specialising in digital forensics, cyber incident response, cyber risk and governance, eDiscovery and technology-led investigations.

He has undertaken a number of complex digital forensic and technology-led engagements for corporate clients, legal advisors, local and overseas government departments and regulators. Recent engagements include assisting multiple clients with responding to various Royal Commission and Class Action proceedings.

His understanding of current cybersecurity trends and threats enables Brendan to help clients respond to cyber breaches and assist with remediation works, as well as provide training in the form of Cyber Resilience Assessments and workshops.

As a highly regarded specialist in his field, Brendan has also been engaged as an independent expert to provide evidence in court. His use of industry standard methodologies ensures that the evidentiary value of information recovered is not diminished.

His extensive experience spans across a wide range of industries including energy and natural resources, construction, financial services, government, healthcare, insurance, manufacturing, retail and technology.

## Engagement Experience —

- Engaged by a multi-national engineering firm to investigate and coordinate the response of a large cyber breach that resulted in the loss of \$600k.
- Engaged by an Australian publicly listed company to assist in a time critical cybersecurity incident response matter involving the potential compromise of end point devices and cloud based services.
- Engaged by a national law firm to coordinate the response to a ransomware cyber attack.
- Led a national team as the technology provider to the Australian Government Solicitor on the Robodebt Royal Commission hearings.
- Worked in a team providing assistance to a client with a large LNG project. The engagement involved providing assistance to the client on contract cost and compliance management.
- Worked on a cross-border investigation of a large NYSE listed company into USA Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) allegations engagement that involved the collection of electronic data in multiple overseas locations.



## Qualifications & Memberships —

- Bachelor of Science with (Majors in Computer Security and Information Technology), Edith Cowan University
- Certification in Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis (CASA)
- Member, High Technology Crime Investigation Association
- Member, Australian Information Security Association



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- Led a team and coordinated the national collection of electronic books and records for a large engineering firm on a corporate recovery engagement.
- Provided advice and support to one of Western Australia's largest Aged Care providers establishing evidence handling and information management controls and processes to proactively handle responses to a Royal Commission inquiry.
- Acted as an Independent Forensic Expert for the Federal Court of South Australia relating to an employee misconduct dispute including executing orders to identify and preserve digital evidence and the identification, control and secure removal of confidential corporate information from electronic devices.
- Acted as an Independent Computer Expert in relation to the potential theft of intellectual property by a party who departed the company to subsequently start a competitor business.
- Assisted a large Australian University respond to a time-critical cyber breach that resulted in payroll information of several employees being accessed.
- Engaged by a large Australian energy supplier to provide assistance with developing a response plan for a potential Energy Royal Commission.
- Engaged by a large financial services client to perform a time critical technology-led investigation on a suspected malware infection to end user devices.
- Engaged by a local government agency to investigate and coordinate the response of a social engineering cyber breach that had implications relating to the Notifiable Data Breach Act.
- Provided forensic technology assistance to government agencies including ASIC, AFP and ATO during the execution of search warrants and Anton Pillar orders.