

Lawyer is the First Guy Computer Hackers Call When the FBI Shows Up

Six years ago, former Manhattan lawyer Tor Ekeland traded in his fat paycheck for a not-so-lucrative private practice as one of a handful of defense lawyers who specialize in computer crimes.

Mother Jones profiles the 48-year-old, who says his boring corporate job for leading to alcoholism.

Reporter **A.J. Vicens** writes that Ekeland has strong feelings about the perceived nefarious intent of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act. Hackers “scare people. They make them feel vulnerable; there’s a hysteria about it.”

Ekeland has defended hackers against charges ranging from probing the defenses of municipal websites to conspiring to access federal email accounts.

Read the *Mother Jones* article.