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Preface

Information warfare is a growth industry. This book provides a bit of a walk through that industry. Because most information in this age begins its life in a computer as a word processor document, database, spreadsheet, or the like, much of the focus is on computer-related crime and security. Additionally, just as the growth of the Internet has provided significant advances in communication and research, so to has it enabled criminals to take old scams on-line and create new ones unique to computers and networks. Those intent on inflicting damage can now do it remotely via a computer network.

In addition to discussing the law, this book also discusses some of the core technologies that affect information protection and computer security. Those working in these areas must have some basic knowledge of the underlying technology in order to understand the threats, and understand how the law applies to the specific technology. While many of the specifics of the technology will change, and perhaps change rapidly, many of the underlying concepts will not—and these concepts are necessary for a full understanding of the applicable law.

It is my hope that this book will help the reader become a more informed participant in the information age. I hope it will help show the value of information assets, some of the threats that exist, and some of the means for protecting that value.

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