

Dear Judge Coughenour, please, let me briefly introduce myself. I was born in a small Russian town, had great time with my parents and a younger brother during school period. I left them aged 16 to do my Masters in Moscow State University, department of Math. Quickly enough I got a second education in Economics with MBA and later Ph.D. degrees. Since childhood I was a very technical guy, liked math and computer science. My first full time job after university was a Russian software company. In 2005 I was lucky to become consultant in Microsoft. In few years I became an architect responsible for Middle East & Africa region. Being a communicative person, I was doing lot of blogging, conferencing, delivering trainings and writing books for Microsoft Press.

At some moment I was making a wrong decision to discuss certain company projects with external party. As of now, I deeply regret, that I have shared that information. Having done that I have lost a job, one can only dream about. Moreover, when I have found another interesting job a year after, the echo of my mistakes took that from me too. For sure I was given good lessons, which I deserved. It made me to rethink ways of working with internal information and dealing

with external audience.

Last few month in FDC gave me time to think about future steps, and to study some Spanish as well. When I return home, I plan to continue with trainings, which I deliver for learning centers, and I am thinking about publishing a book about my mistakes and the result, which might make more people think on this topic. Of course, I would be looking for another interesting full time job, preferably in software security again.

Hence for sure, I got my lessons not to discuss my work projects with external parties.

Thank you for your time, Your Honor.

Sincerely, Alex A. Kibkalo