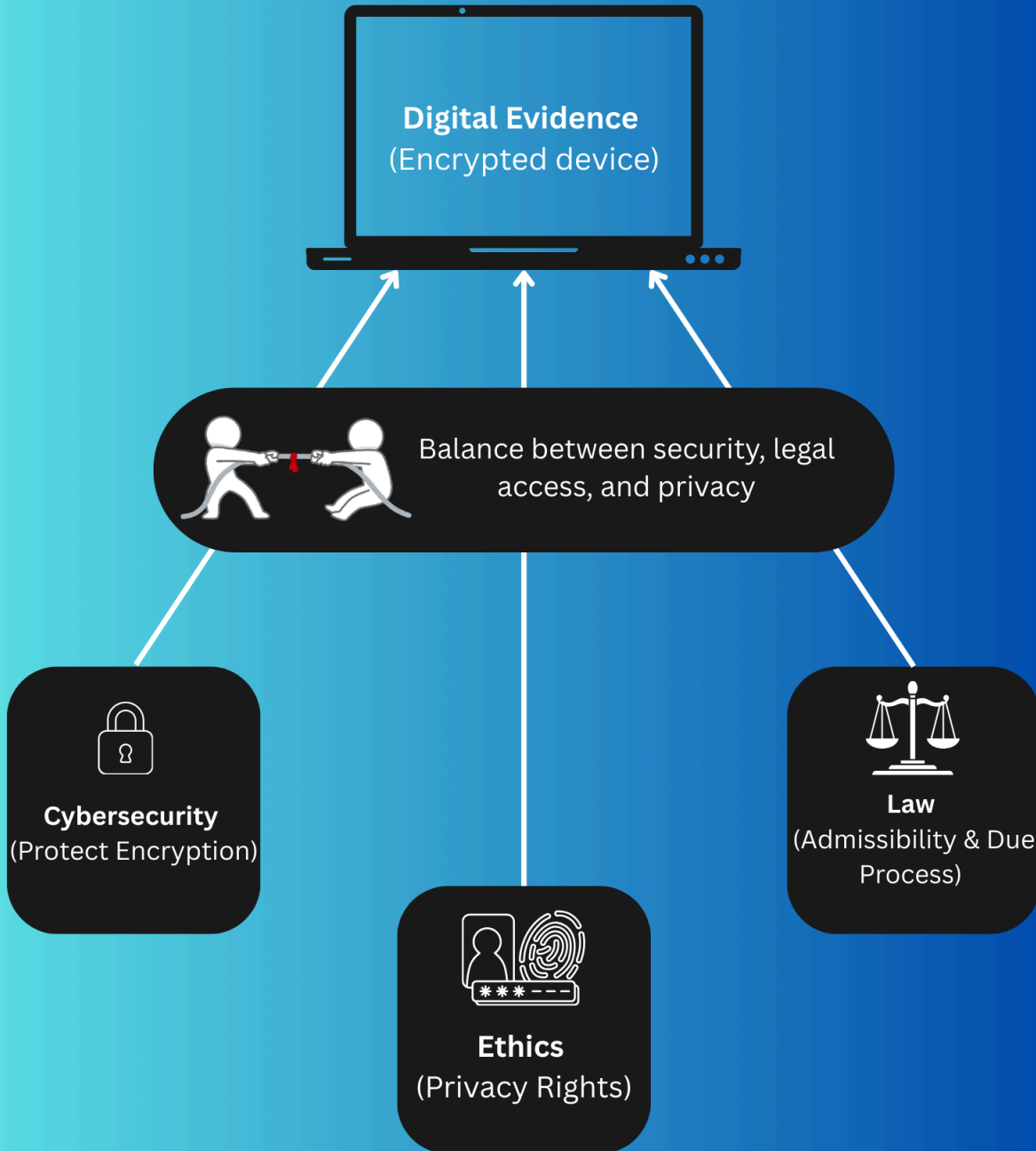


Digital Evidence Tug-of-War



Visual Explanation:

The flowchart depicts the tension between cybersecurity, law, and ethics in criminal investigations, which is at the center of my research on digital evidence. The digital evidence that is often found on encrypted devices plays a central role in solving crimes, but it also raises legal and privacy concerns. In the image, we can see how different disciplines use digital evidence in conflicting ways. In cybersecurity, encryption protects personal data, often resisting access by law enforcement. The use of digital evidence in court must be per legal principles, including evidentiary admissibility and due process. As for ethics, privacy rights emphasize protecting individuals from intrusive surveillance and unlawful searches. A tug-of-war metaphor in the middle illustrates the conflict between security, privacy, and legal accessibility. I believe this visual argument aligns with my thesis, which asserts that digital evidence presents a complex challenge requiring an interdisciplinary approach—one that integrates legal frameworks, technological safeguards, and ethical considerations to preserve civil liberties and justice.