



eDiscovery and Information Management

"It is a very talented group of attorneys that is adept at understanding the needs of its client base," "particularly good at injecting pragmatism into their problem-solving strategies." – Chambers USA

DLA Piper is one of the leading global law firms advising on all aspects of eDiscovery and Information Management. Our top-tier practice includes a dedicated team of professionals, led by trial lawyers and a former United States Chief Magistrate Judge. They bring an extensive range and depth of litigation experience, investigative work and judicial perspective, giving clients a distinct advantage to the most efficient and defensible process or solution.

RELATED SERVICES

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eDiscovery

Whether in the litigation context or in a non-dispute setting, we consult on eDiscovery issues for a broad range of clients across multiple industries in an effective and efficient manner. We serve as eDiscovery counsel during the pendency of a litigation or investigation, or provide advice on eDiscovery issues that arise during a matter. In pre-litigation settings, our team counsels clients with respect to a defensible eDiscovery posture should a lawsuit arise.

eDiscovery issues we often handle include:

- Identification, preservation and assessment of legal hold issues;
- Use and preservation of complex data sources;
- Managing efficient and effective review and production of large sets of data, including management of review team;
- Using early case assessment tools and analytics for analyzing data;
- Advising on cross border data transfer in the litigation context;
- Acting as an eDiscovery liaison or expert;
- Conducting CLE or training seminars on eDiscovery topics;
- Vetting eDiscovery vendors; and
- Creating and implementing internal company guidelines and policies relating to eDiscovery issues.

Comprised of highly regarded thought leaders in the field, our team is at the forefront of policy and often publishes, teaches and presents on eDiscovery.

Information Management Consulting

Businesses are forced to navigate the increasing challenges in managing information and knowledge in a cost-effective and defensible manner. Our team consists of attorneys, litigation support analysts, and information governance professionals who are experienced in all facets of knowledge management, including how to strategically deploy process and technology to reduce risk and cost. Preventive

maintenance is essential and we seek to address the root causes of problems before trouble arises for clients. Projects we consult on include:

- Records management;
- Defensible deletion;
- Creation and implementation of policies, procedures and guidelines on a variety of litigation readiness and information management topics; and
- Seminars, trainings and CLE presentations to in-house counsel and others on information management matters.

EXPERIENCE

Examples of our recent representative experience include:

eDiscovery counsel

- Special eDiscovery counsel for Goldman Sachs in employment discrimination class action pending in SDNY.
- National discovery counsel in multiple pharmaceutical mass torts litigations, managing discovery strategy, drafting discovery orders, overseeing the collection of complex data, and training and managing an attorney review team, resulting in the production of millions of pages of documents.
- National discovery counsel for a number of manufacturing companies with operations on six continents, managing document collection and review.
- eDiscovery liaison counsel responsible for developing and coordinating a consistent and defensible discovery approach for numerous matters for insurance company.

Expert witness

- Expert witness in alleged whistle-blower case in New Jersey state court, including preparation of expert report opining on the standard of care for preservation.
- Expert witness in Kansas State Court action opining on industry standard procedures for protecting source code in discovery.

eDiscovery Consultation

- Consultation on best practices for legal hold policies, including drafting policies and procedures, and conducting training for attorneys and stakeholders on legal hold obligations for a major California-based public utility.
- Consultation in connection with a Fortune 500 company's review and refinement of all aspects of discovery processes for its in-house legal department and memorialization of company procedures in a Standard Operating Procedures document.
- Revised litigation hold policy and procedures and trained in-house attorneys and stakeholders on litigation hold obligations for a major California-based public utility.

Information Management

- Development and implementation of a coordinated record management program as well as an eDiscovery protocol for a global healthcare company.
- Created records retention program and advised on defensible deletion programs for e-cigarette company.
- Advised on records retention policy, implementation and related employee training programs for entertainment company.
- Advised on best practices for email retention policy for pharmaceutical company.

Accolades

- Band 3 in E-Discovery & Information Governance (*Chambers USA 2021*)
- Tier 2 in E-Discovery (*The Legal 500 USA 2020*)

Publikationen

10 tips for safeguarding privileged communications in a remote work world

13 April 2021

Many of these technologies are so new that they are not yet the subject of case law.

Defensible deletion: The proof is in the planning

5 February 2021

A framework for making defensible deletion an attainable goal.

Rule 26(g) certification means more than guide and advise: Key takeaways

12 August 2020

Sanctions were imposed on an attorney for failing to properly oversee the client's discovery process.

Protecting the attorney-client privilege while under quarantine: Five tips for protecting attorney-client privilege when using online collaboration tools

22 June 2020

With the increase in remote working comes an increased opportunity for attorney-client privilege issues to surface.

"Now you see it, now you don't": Ephemeral messaging may lead to sanctions

8 June 2020

A recent decision highlights one key risk of ephemeral messaging.

Seminare und Veranstaltungen

Vergangene

The AEDI Classroom - eDiscovery 101

9 September 2021 | 12:00 ET

Webseminare

What is "Proportional Discovery"?

21 April 2021 | 12:30 - 2:30 ET
Webseminare

Ethics and eDiscovery Webinar

10 November 2020 | 1:30 - 2:30 ET
Webinar

Corporate clutter and defensible deletion

15 September 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30 ET
Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

1 June 2021
DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 216 lawyer rankings and 94 firm rankings in *Chambers USA's* 2021 guide.

Retired Judge Andrew Peck appointed as Judicial Emeritus member of Sedona Conference Working Group 1 Steering Committee

5 January 2021
DLA Piper is pleased to announce that former United States Magistrate Judge Andrew J. Peck has been appointed by The Sedona Conference as a Judicial Emeritus member of the Steering Committee of Working Group 1 (WG1), effective January 2021.
