



Electronic Discovery & Document Retention

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Overview

O'Melveny's electronic discovery and document retention team is uniquely equipped to advise clients on the full range of electronic discovery issues, from managing the soaring costs of collecting, reviewing, and producing electronic evidence for litigation to meeting the myriad and often conflicting statutes and regulations regarding records retention.

O'Melveny was one of the first major law firms to establish a separate practice group for ediscovery more than a decade ago and remains one of the only firms with litigation partners and counsel who count ediscovery as their full-time practice. Since then, we have advised clients in virtually every industry and in every area of legal practice.

With our clients' goals always at the forefront, we have negotiated model case management plans and lessened the burden of costly discovery requests through unique response strategies. Our team is well versed in

cost recovery, attorney-client privilege protection, and engaging forensic experts. We also know the most advanced collection and search methods, and how to supervise document reviews on a massive scale.

- Depending on the size and scope of the particular litigation matter, we offer several well-tested, cost-competitive document review options, using a proprietary model to project and manage work flow, cost, staffing requirements, and deadlines to help our clients achieve all their objectives while keeping costs at a minimum.
- O'Melveny has formed a groundbreaking alliance with H5, a sampling-based document review pioneer. H5 search scientists and linguists advise and provide expert testimony on search methods, and help design methods of sampling-based document review that are more accurate, more defensible, and less expensive than the off-the-shelf software alternatives.
- We use staff lawyers and technical specialists—full-time employees of the firm whose sole function is to design, manage and supervise document review projects of any size and scope for the most cost-effective approach.
- Our lawyers also counsel our clients pre-litigation, working with in-house lawyers, information technology, and records management personnel to design effective document retention and destruction practices.
- Our lawyers regularly advise global companies on risk management and compliance strategies that minimize the burden and cost of maintaining and collecting data in the uniquely challenging case of cross-border litigation.
- We are active in the ediscovery community, and serve on several advisory boards in the field, including the Board of Governors of the Organization of Legal Professionals (an ediscovery standard-setting organization); the Sedona Conference; and Strafford Publications' Litigation & ADR Advisory Board.
- We have authored three ediscovery practice guides published by BNA Books -- *Spoliation in the Electronic Age, Electronic Discovery Practice Under the Federal Rules* (2nd ed. 2009), and *Preserving Electronic Information: A Practical Approach*.

Clients

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- Ameriprise Financial
- Amylin Pharmaceuticals
- Bumble Bee Foods, LLC

- Humana
- General Mills
- Johnson & Johnson
- Prudential Insurance
- Realogy
- Skechers USA
- State Farm
- Southern California Edison
- Sysco Corporation
- US Airways

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