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Commonwealth Legal has the required deep technical capabilities and a wealth of experience on the legal and strategic side to help you get the results your clients demand.



Commonwealth Legal's Electronic Discovery Legal Technology Consulting combines technology expertise, legal knowledge and practical solutions which provide lawyers with the ability to address complex technology related issues strategically and with confidence. Our approach ensures reduced risk, cost savings and a competitive advantage for your client.

Don't get caught unprepared. Electronically Stored Information (ESI) is a critical component of every significant court case, inquiry, arbitration or other proceeding in Canada.

Dealing effectively with ESI on behalf of your clients requires:

1. Early attention to preservation issues
2. Define the universe of data
3. Defensible collection processes
4. Correct handling and production of privileged data
5. Appropriate use of forensic techniques
6. Meaningful culling and search strategies
7. Cost-effective privilege and timely review workflow
8. Seamless exchange of productions

In large, complex cases, cross-border litigation or class actions, navigating each of these steps requires a degree of experience and expertise that most lawyers do not have time to master. Don't go it alone. Commonwealth Legal has the required deep technical capabilities and a wealth of experience on the legal and strategic side to help you get the results your clients demand.

Meet deadlines, manage costs and address legal issues relating to electronic evidence with confidence.

Engage our Legal Technology Counsel to keep your client's e-discovery costs down, reduce risk, and improve litigation timelines. Let us provide your firm with a strong competitive advantage to service large client matters,

negotiate effectively with opposing counsel and keep technology issues simple for the judiciary. Our Legal Technology Counsel will ensure that strategic legal issues relating to ESI are communicated and addressed promptly at the outset of every case.

Manage technology risks in the best interest of your client and stay ahead of the game.

Legal Technology Consulting is a unique and distinguishing component of our electronic discovery service. Why settle for vendors who view e-discovery as a software process only or a by-product of forensic accounting? We take a strategic approach to e-discovery that helps lawyers effectively support clients, reduce risk and keep costs proportional while establishing a defensible position. We add value and validate your reputation by pointing out new or better ways of handling and processing ESI based on our legal/technology expertise.

Let Commonwealth Legal help you and your client with these common challenges:

1. Position you with opponents, courts and tribunals:
 - Draft preservation letters (litigation hold) and enforce them with your client's co-operation
 - Respond to an opponent's e-discovery demand letter
 - Confidently prepare for and handle a contested Meet and Confer
 - Draft judge-friendly e-discovery plans

2. Manage the scope and content of the data collection, including:
 - Low-risk data identification and collection
 - Liaison with your client's IT department
 - Results-oriented culling and key-word search methodologies
 - Defensible strategies for cost control
3. Assist with review and production strategies:
 - Understand the art of meaningful production
 - Develop customized protocols
 - Perform effective and timely subjective reviews
4. Advise on emerging standards and best practices in litigation support
5. Assess the need for forensics

Commonwealth Legal provides leadership and well-seasoned strategic advice from leading e-discovery experts.

The Electronic Discovery Legal Technology Consulting team is led by **Martin Felsky, Ph.D., J.D.**, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth Legal. As the leading e-discovery subject matter expert in Canada, he provides advice on the effective use of automated litigation support and strategic electronic discovery.

Martin has been involved in several large, complex e-discovery projects involving data, parties and lawyers from around the world, in a combination of civil, criminal, regulatory and investigative proceedings. He has worked with a European community bank investigating its worldwide operations, contended with multiple lawsuits against a large telecommunications company and another against a North American-based automotive supplier. Martin has also been retained as an e-discovery advisor for an international arbitration to facilitate the document discovery process.

Martin has been a member of the Judges' Technology Advisory Committee of the Canadian Judicial Council since its establishment in 1987 and is Vice-Chair of its subcommittee on Evidence Standards. He is also a charter member of the Sedona Conference Working Group 7, participated on the Electronic Discovery Committee of the Task Force on the Discovery Process in Ontario, which drafted the Ontario Guidelines on Electronic Discovery (October 2005). He has been a litigation technology advisor to Canadian securities regulators and is currently engaged with the Nova Scotia Supreme Court on their Rules Amendment Project.

Martin holds a law degree and a doctorate in English from the University of Toronto and remains active as an educator by working closely with the National Judicial Institute, the Canadian Bar Association and the Advocate's Society.

The strongest defense against the complexities of e-discovery is an effective and well-executed plan.

Reduce the risk and cost of e-discovery right from the start – make Commonwealth Legal your first call. In fact, it may be advantageous to discuss with your opponents having both (or multiple) parties engage Commonwealth Legal as an independent third party, to avoid unproductive discovery motions.

For more information on our Electronic Discovery Legal Technology Consulting services please contact us:

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About Commonwealth Legal

Commonwealth Legal is Canada's leading full-service provider of evidence management and litigation support solutions to the legal community. With six offices across Canada, Commonwealth Legal is at the forefront of providing Electronic Discovery solutions in Canada and around the globe. Commonwealth Legal is a trusted partner providing the expertise and solutions for every member of the legal team, from case inception to trial.

Commonwealth Legal's client list includes the top 25 law firms in Canada, as well as some of Canada's largest and most prominent corporations and institutions from a variety of industries including finance, insurance, government and telecommunications as well as clients in the US and Europe.

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