



*Today most businesses and many individuals keep the majority of their important documents, photos and other items that often become evidentiary in electronic format, stored on computers. This is known as electronically stored information, or ESI. Electronic discovery (E-Discovery) has thus become an important part of the civil and criminal court processes.*

*The use and dependency on technology in the last ten years has created unprecedented challenges for businesses and their legal representatives. Paper records have given way to electronic data, making computers and the network infrastructures that run the corporate world, key components in the discovery, collection and production of evidence.*

*Far broader than traditional "paper" discovery, the rules contemplate the production of a wide array of digital information including emails, excel spreadsheets, IMs, voicemails, PDAs, word documents, laptop images, internet history and website alterations as well as overall enterprise network descriptions. Not only is this evolution eye-opening due to the level of information it discloses...the readiness of companies to comply is of paramount importance.*

*If your company is involved in pending litigation or a criminal action, chances are you will be required to submit potential digital evidence to the opposing attorneys. The inability to produce the material can hinder the legal process, damage your own chance of prevailing in the case, or even subject you to fines or other punishment by the Court. That's why it is essential to be prepared with a plan by which you cannot only find the evidentiary material that is asked for, but also prove its authenticity.*



*This key evidence can be acquired by Mercadien Technologies' professionals in the E-Discovery process, using specialized technical skills and experience, along with hardware and software tools. Once acquired, the data is preserved using strict forensic processes to ensure that it will stand up in court.*

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