

# Reasonable, Repeatable and Defendable

CHICAGO – More than 150 Illinois lawyers from law firms, corporations, and government attended *Law Bulletin Seminars'* fifth Annual Electronic Discovery Conference on June 26th to hear panel discussions featuring practicing lawyers, e-discovery experts, corporate counsel, and the federal bench.

The new Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) related to e-discovery have not changed the overall obligations of in-house and outside counsel. They have, however, significantly advanced the time frame in which counsel must address e-discovery issues. A central theme of the conference was that e-discovery preservation and production must be reasonable, repeatable and defendable to the court. During the conference, panel discussions were built upon hypothetical scenarios and presented through workshops, which allowed attendees to better understand the obligations and challenges that arise during the e-discovery process. "The skit was humorous and provided a great way for us to get involved in the discussion," said one attendee. Another commented, "I learned a lot about the in-house perspective that will help me manage my corporate clients' e-discovery matters." Conference attendees earned four MCLE credit-hours, with one hour qualifying for professional responsibility credit.

The 2008 E-Discovery Conference featured discussions that highlighted the new obligations for outside counsel, inside counsel, and the corporations they represent. Understanding how businesses now manage their data under the new FRCP is critical to successful navigation of the e-discovery process. These unique panels provided a snapshot of that process. In addition to gaining the important judicial perspective, attendees heard from in-house counsel, outside counsel, in-house IT staff, outside e-discovery experts, strategic litigation partners, forensic experts, and the Illinois ARDC.

The program began with a workshop-style panel discussion of how to effectively prepare and position your client for meet and confer conferences. The next workshop offered a skit as its foundation to examine how corporations should prepare for litigation and respond with a diverse team. A panel of e-discovery and forensic experts then shared their strategies and revealed secrets that changed the way attendees will manage their e-discovery. Finally, attendees were treated to some exciting, interactive hypotheticals examining ethical issues that can arise during e-discovery.

This conference was another successful litigation-related program hosted by *Law Bulletin Seminars*. Additional information on their upcoming conferences, including Litigation Skills 3 – Trial and Post-Trial on September 11th, is available at [www.LawBulletinSeminars.com](http://www.LawBulletinSeminars.com).



More than 150 gathered at Chicago's beautiful University Club to attend Law Bulletin Seminars' fifth Annual Electronic Discovery Conference, which featured fifteen speakers and provided four MCLE credit-hours.



(Left to right) Hon. Virginia Kendall of the US District Court, Pauline Levy of McDonald's Corporation, and Jen Freeman of Kroll Ontrack discuss preparation and strategies for Meet and Confer conferences under rule 26(f).



Pictured is Meet and Confer Panel Moderator Steven Weiss of Schopf & Weiss.



Pictured left to right are Chad Gough of Impact Forensics, Todd Glud of Guidance Software, Brian See of Seyfarth Shaw, and Paul Brabant of Epiq Systems. These e-discovery and forensic experts offered tips, strategies, and best practices for managing e-discovery.



Pictured is Expert Panel Moderator Jack Walker of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP.



Pictured left to right are "Team Members" Teresa Britton and Susan Rider of Exelon, Marc Eisner of SPI, and Charles Peters of Schiff Hardin. These panelists assumed roles of a first-response team to demonstrate how a corporation must prepare for, and respond to, litigation with coordinated efforts from IT, inside counsel, strategic partners, and outside counsel.

**"The skit presentation with Susan [Rider], Teresa [Britton], Marc [Eisner], and Charles [Peters] was innovative and very helpful."**

**"Nice to see perspectives, from both practicing attorneys and consultants, as well as a federal judge."**

**"Wendy [Muchman], Susan [Rider], and Bill [Meyers] presented very interesting hypotheticals and an excellent examination of the Qualcomm case."**

**"Quality program with great speakers and true experts."**



The final session of the conference featured a discussion of ethical challenges surrounding privilege, waiver, and proposed Rule 502. Pictured left to right are Moderator Wendy Muchman of the Illinois ARDC, William Meyers of Goldberg Kohn, and Susan Rider of Exelon.

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