

## *The Sedona Conference Guidance for the Selection of Electronic Discovery Providers* (April 2017)

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Although there is a trend toward industry consolidation amongst eDiscovery providers, the overall number of providers continues to increase along with the spectrum of services they offer. This is not surprising in light of the growing volume of electronically stored information (ESI), ever-evolving advancements in technology, increased emphasis on ESI in the rules of courts and case law, and the continuing increase in demand for a broader range of services.

The purpose of this publication is to provide guidance to law firm attorneys, legal department attorneys, and litigation support professionals who are tasked with the challenge of finding an appropriate eDiscovery service provider for each phase of the eDiscovery process. This guidance comes in the form of information, sample forms, and checklists designed to provoke thought and provide clarity around the considerations that should be taken into account when trying to identify the appropriate provider and solution(s) for your specific circumstances.

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