Do you find that it is a difficult process finding enough hours to research some of the off the shelf electronic discovery programs? Deep down do you not wish there was some type of document to help you with this? Randall Consulting has just released such a document to help you.

Those that have already purchased a copy say it is very informative and helped them focus on what should be their internal EDD plan, what to look for when evaluating a product.

This is an independent research study. What I consider a weakness, someone else may not. What I consider a bug, some may consider inconsequential. The intent of this report is to gather as much information about these programs and to do it in a refined and objective manner. The intention of the 2006 edition is to be a basic report and overview. The course of this document is with each year the report will grow and become more mature and comprehensive.

This extensive and detailed document was created because of a need for legal professionals to have a greater understanding and knowledge of the majority of the inhouse electronic discovery products. It will cover each program's strengths and weaknesses, as well as testing analysis. Included will be responses from the software companies concerning the weaknesses addressed, and also including new updates.

There is also an appendix section with a wealth of information. It is geared toward novices and new users to electronic discovery. It contains a basic guide to electronic processing, chain of custody and file types. A few topics that touch on electronic discovery myths are also included in this section.

This 2006 report will include:

- Background information on each program
- Analysis of each program
- Testing of each program
- Strengths and Weaknesses of each product
- Official comment on the weaknesses from the software companies
- *Updates on each program*
- Understanding the differences between Software only Solutions and Software and Hardware solutions
- Also included will be tips for purchasing the right type of computer for Software only solutions
- It will also include 2 separate ratings matrixes on 20 separate categories and how each program tested.

The Categories are:
Load Time
De-Duplication Options
Processing Options

Passwords Searching Capabilities Native Productions Speed NSF Processing **Embedded Documents** Distributed Processing **Bates Numbering** Export Ease of Use Export Speed *Interface* Overall Ease of Use Stability **Accuracy** Customer Support Documentation **Overall**

There is an appendix section geared toward new users that will include:

- Electronic Discovery Myths
- *Understanding Chain of Custody*
- Basics on Electronic Discovery Processing
- File Type Extensions

The report will include testing and analysis on:

- Z-Print
- Discovery CrackerTM
- E-Scan-It
- The Cricket Box
- NeedleFinderTM

Because of the nature of this Report the price is non-refundable. It does contain a wealth of information that is detailed and comprehensive. This report is also invaluable to any service provider that uses a 3^{rd} party application.

Discover-E and Extractiva at the last minute decided they did not want to be included in the report. The price is 200.00

Please send any questions or inquiries about purchasing the report to <u>sales@randallconsulting.net</u>

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