Global presence

Why EY?

- Security and privacy control
- Experienced team
- Innovation as a constant
- Flexible and cost-efficient delivery
- Globally integrated end-to-end execution
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A new wave of data protection and privacy regulations is putting organizations worldwide under greater pressure to understand and protect their critical information. Examples include the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), China’s Cybersecurity Law, Australia’s Privacy Amendment (Data Protection and Data Sharing) Act, and South Africa’s Electronic Communications and Cybersecurity Law. The increasing level of cross-border data transfers brought on by global commerce is exacerbating the legal and regulatory challenges. Organizations are compelled to retool their existing skill sets, technologies and workflows in anticipation of unprecedented scrutiny that these new regulations and laws will bring.

The true discovery challenges

Data diversity and dispersion
In this digital age, data takes on many forms: email, financial records, audio phone logs, mobile data, social media posts, among others. The cloud has dramatically increased the places where data can reside, often in locations or social platforms across geopolitical boundaries that are subject to different privacy and legal regimes. With data formats and cloud computing exploding, organizations face many obstacles in obtaining comprehensive information to gain insights for investigative and legal matters, as well as day-to-day business operations.

Cost containment
Managing discovery costs effectively is important for organizations to achieve their business objectives. The increasing volume, velocity and variety of data can make the discovery process unpredictable, difficult and costly. In order to contain costs, organizations need to develop a data retention strategy that is aligned with legal requirements and identify practical ways to take advantage of the potential benefits.

Data protection and privacy concerns
In a world of data protection and privacy regulations and laws governing organizations worldwide (under pressure to adopt proportionality and proportionate cost reduction measures), organizations find it difficult to stay current with the legal requirements and changes to practices. Dealing with ever-changing laws and regulations is putting organizations under greater pressure to understand and protect their critical information. Examples include the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), China’s Cybersecurity Law, Australia’s Privacy Amendment (Data Protection and Data Sharing) Act, and South Africa’s Electronic Communications and Cybersecurity Law.

Managed Review Services
Our team of full-time and contract review professionals are led by a leadership who possess deep industry, legal and technology knowledge. We have decades of experience in managing to post-matter data disposition, our processes are specifically designed to offer services across the entire discovery life cycle.

Discovery Consulting
By focusing on cost-saving measures and efficient, proportionate processes, we help organizations reduce costs and improve productivity. Services include:

• Information governance
• Assess and improve discovery programs and procedures
• Balance in-sourcing and outsourcing arrangements
• Formulate strategies to securely process and transfer data per applicable data protection and privacy regulations and laws (e.g., GDPR)
• Develop customized workflows to identify and integrate diverse data sources

EY Discovery Services

The diversity and dispersion of digital information continue to grow while the legal and regulatory environments become more challenging. Organizations are working to find discovery solutions to help them manage legal and compliance risks and also to reduce costs. From pre-litigation information management to post-matter data disposition, our team’s qualifications, experience and skills enable us to offer services across the entire discovery life cycle.

Managed Review Services
EY Discovery Consulting has led the development of a full spectrum of matters, large or small, in all industries and environments. We provide a full range of data processing services to help clients manage discovery needs on cases of all sizes, delivered through multiple hosting options. Our services include:

• Collecting, processing, normalizing, culling and hosting data
• Redacting data for cross-border transfer
• Providing efficient web-based review capability
• Formatting and exporting electronic records for production
• Augmenting in-house resources

Discovery Data Services
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The GDPR restricts transfers of personal data outside of the EU unless the third country has an “adequate decision” from the European Commission or the receiving entity has a valid data transfer mechanism in place. EY has developed and implemented Binding Corporate Rules (BCRs) that define EY’s policy on privacy and personal data transfers. BCRs are recognized under the GDPR as a valid data transfer mechanism. EY’s BCRs have been formally approved by the European Commission. A copy of our BCRs is available at www.ey.com/bcr.

EY views the protection of your data as fundamental to doing business. We are committed to protecting information assets, personal data and client information. For additional information, review EY’s Protecting your data: EY’s approach to data privacy and information security.