

SPI Litigation Direct and KPMG's Forensic Technology Services Form Alliance To Offer Full Range of Electronic Data Discovery Services

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Date – SPI Litigation Direct LLC and KPMG LLP, the U.S. audit, tax and advisory firm, today announced a strategic alliance to provide law firms, corporate legal departments and government agencies with a single source for their electronic data discovery (EDD) needs.

By opting for a single EDD source, clients can reduce costs, expedite delivery, and eliminate the burden of managing multiple service providers.

"This is a seamless collaboration of services and resources between two organizations," said Tom Barnett, SPI Technologies' Senior Vice President and General Counsel. "In addition to an exceptional coding capability, SPI Litigation Direct brings to the alliance enormous experience in EDD project management. KPMG's Forensic Technology Services unit will provide a secure storage space, bandwidth and global work force to tackle virtually any EDD job anywhere. In short, we are bringing to the legal community a EDD capability with enormous capacity, industry-leading quality and prices that are among the most competitive in the business."

Strengths of the new single-source EDD service include:

- Comprehensive electronic discovery services, including collection, processing, review, and production of electronic data, all using industry-standard processes;
- Choice of tools and procedures to meet the needs of the particular litigation;
- Expert consulting and testimony¹ by leading authorities in the field, who have served as court-appointed experts, conducted judicial training, and overseen the full variety of electronic discovery jobs up to the very largest;
- High level of forensic experience, law enforcement tested, using a full range of tools available from all vendors;
- Highly advanced data processing facility with more than 100 terabytes of online storage, accessible with high levels of security through corporate and law firm networks;
- The world's largest document coding facility, capable of processing a million pages a week and approximately 15 million documents a year;
- Discovery management software (Discovery Radar™ and Discovery Radar.net™) that offers fully featured document image and text search and retrieval, and integration of electronic data with scanned and coded paper documents for purposes of review and production;
- Advanced review platform for electronic data offering both key word and concept searching and enhanced review interface;

¹ [Forensic advisory and expert witness services may be subject to legal and regulatory restrictions](#)

- Standard deduplication of exact file and email copies, as well as enhanced deduplication of chain emails to help control review costs;
- Facilities and operations with high levels of security; with BS7799 Certification, offering data security and business continuity;
- The highest accuracy rates in the industry for document coding and textual content, with ISO 9001:2000 process and quality certification;
- Highly respected industry veterans as hands-on management and a large, well-trained production staff ;
- Rapid turnaround times and around-the-clock customer support;
- Substantially lower costs, via multi-country production network.

“By combining our high-volume, high-quality coding capabilities with KPMG’s vast resources, we have created a completely new service that can greatly improve the electronic discovery process by simplifying administration, accommodating tight deadlines, and improving the quality, accuracy and integrity of the final result,” said Ken Shear, Senior Vice President of SPI Technologies.

“What KPMG can bring to this pairing is experienced people, appropriate process knowledge and established technology infrastructure,” said Chris Paskach, national partner in charge of Forensic Technology Services for KPMG. “We have computer forensic professionals who assist clients around the world, as well as project managers who can facilitate the electronic discovery process for clients in a coordinated and efficient manner. Finally, the technology component is provided by our Cypress Technology Center (CTEC), a highly secure facility providing advanced document processing and discovery management repository services.”

About KPMG LLP

KPMG LLP is the accounting and tax firm that has maintained a continuous commitment throughout its history to providing leadership, integrity and quality to the capital markets. The Big Four firm with the strongest growth record over the past decade, KPMG offers clients the scale, global reach, industry insights, and multidisciplinary range of services they demand. KPMG LLP (www.us.kpmg.com) is the U.S. member firm of KPMG International. KPMG International’s member firms have nearly 100,000 professionals, including 6,600 partners, in 150 countries.

About KPMG Forensic Technology Services

KPMG Forensic sm ² offers a complete array of services including: Investigative and Integrity Advisory and Forensic Technology Services. Much of Forensic Technology Services’ work is conducted at KPMG’s Cypress Technology Center (CTEC). Housed in a highly secure 40,000 square-foot facility in Orange County, CA, the Center is staffed by systems and network engineers, database designers, software developers, litigation support personnel, and industry-specific professionals. CTEC’s vast technology infrastructure can meet the most complex and challenging client needs anywhere, anytime, facilitating Web-based or direct-connection real-time document or work product sharing or collaboration by legal team members. CTEC services include a centralized repository; secure access via the Internet; fixed-line connection or direct dial; controlled access to client data; backup and disaster recovery; administrative, managerial and technical support; and help desk support 24/7. For more information call (714) 934-5400 or visit www.us.kpmg.com/fts.

² KPMG Forensic is a service mark KPMG International. Service offerings, including forensic advisory and expert witness services, are subject to legal and regulatory restrictions. Some may not be available to KPMG’s Financial Statement Audit or other attest service clients.

About SPI Litigation Direct LLC

SPI Litigation Direct LLC, with offices in the United States, the Philippines, India, and the United Kingdom, is a worldwide provider of document coding and litigation support services to law firms, corporate legal departments and government agencies. The company operates the largest document coding facility in the world, with a capacity of up to one million pages of evidentiary material per week. In addition to document coding, SPI Litigation Direct provides high-volume and archival imaging, data capture (OCR, OCR cleanup, and full-text keying), and expert project management with ISO 9001:2000 quality management certification. The company is a subsidiary of SPI Technologies Inc., the largest independent provider of business process outsourcing (BPO) services in Asia (including India and the Philippines). For more information, call (602) 485-8188 or visit www.spitech.com/litdirect.html.

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