

## **For Immediate Release**

### **More than 150 from 35 Federal Agencies attend IE Discovery's Electronic Discovery Symposium for Government Agencies**

#### **Speakers highlight collaboration, planning and understanding at first-ever electronic discovery event for government sector**

Austin, Texas (September 24, 2008)— IE Discovery, a leading provider of comprehensive Discovery Management solutions to the legal community, presented its 2008 Electronic Discovery Symposium for Government Agencies on September 16, 2008 at The National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The program was the first ever devoted solely to government agencies and departments. More than 150 attorneys, paralegals, chief information officers, records managers and information technologists—from 35 different government agencies and departments—were in attendance.

IE Discovery's goal in putting together the symposium was to bring together representatives from a variety of government agencies—as both attendees and speakers—to share experiences and expertise. M. Holly Mullen, Attorney with the Systems Operation Litigation branch of the Federal Aviation Administration, was in attendance and believed that the program met those objectives. “The event was extremely informative and exciting,” said Mullen. “It was a day well spent.”

The program was specifically designed to provide the information and tools necessary to help government agencies gain control over the discovery process. The faculty for the one-day event included more than a dozen experts in electronically stored information from IE Discovery and various government agencies, including The Honorable John M. Facciola, Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia and Jason R. Baron, Director of Litigation, National Archives and Records Administration.

Judge Facciola's luncheon presentation, entitled “An Old Hack Looks Back: E-Discovery from the Perspective of an Old Government Lawyer and Magistrate Judge,” was especially well received by the audience and centered on helping government attorneys understand the importance of managing electronically stored information properly. Judge Facciola expressed how important it is for government attorneys to be good stewards for their clients and understand their data and technology.

In his remarks, entitled “Email Archiving: The Pros and Cons of ‘Saving Everything’ for Federal Agencies, Mr. Baron highlighted the importance of the Federal Records Act, which establishes the framework for records management programs in the federal government. Mr. Baron's agency, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is responsible for helping federal agencies comply with the Act. He also stressed collaboration and planning among attorneys, records managers and IT staff.

The program agenda also covered all five main components of electronic discovery (planning, collection, processing, review and production) and included panel discussions on

managing massive amounts of data and privilege review as well as a keynote address from Daniel G. Mintz, the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Transportation.

IE Discovery's CEO, Chris May, addressed the audience as well. "Government agencies are facing many of the same issues as corporate America—too much data and not enough understanding of how to manage it, either as records management or as part of a discovery process," said May. "We are pleased to be in a position to bring together so many different people from so many different government agencies, all working together to get a handle on these important issues."

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