



## FTI Consulting to Sponsor Live Webinar and Unveil Findings From New Survey by Industry Leaders on Litigation Readiness

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- Research Shows Outdated Methods for Electronic Discovery Preparation Leads to Disconnect Between Legal and Compliance Teams -

NEW YORK, June 16 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- FTI Consulting, Inc. (NYSE: FCN), the global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organizations protect and enhance their enterprise value, today announced a free Webinar, "Are You Really Ready For eDiscovery?" designed to highlight the results of a recent eDiscovery readiness survey conducted by industry analyst firm IDC. An urgent need for organizations to adopt standardized policies and IT practices for activities related to the identification, preservation, and collection of potentially responsive data is just one of the key findings stemming from the research. During this event, guest speakers Vivian Tero, research manager for Compliance Infrastructure, IDC, Laurie Weiss, partner, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. will join Adam Bendell, senior managing director, FTI Consulting, Inc. for a candid conversation regarding perceptions versus reality with regards to litigation readiness and best practices for proactively putting in place standardized IT policies for managing discoverable data.

"What's striking about these findings is the major disconnect we are seeing with regards to how legal, compliance and IT departments are communicating throughout the eDiscovery process," said Adam Bendell, of FTI. "In order to fully prepare and comply with the amended Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) it is imperative that organizations formally adopt standardized policies and coordinated legal and IT practices for activities related to the identification, preservation, and collection of potentially responsive data."

Hear the survey findings and recommendations from legal and IT experts relating to:

- The current state of litigation response and readiness initiatives among U.S. businesses based on the Fullbright & Jaworski annual Litigation Trends Survey.
- Expected conduct and responsibilities of IT professionals under the FRCP.
- Technology investment priorities for litigation response and readiness.

"The absence of formalized best practices in support of the legal discovery process underscores an urgent need to further educate IT organizations and their legal and compliance counterparts about each others' actions and activities during a litigation event," said Vivian Tero, Program Manager, Compliance Infrastructure, IDC. "The shortened timelines under the amended eDiscovery Rules highlight the importance of having a core response team that facilitates the automation of the discovery activities. Additionally, having a streamlined communication strategy in place enhances an organization's ability to better predict the costs of a litigation event and improves its response strategy."

Full details about the event can be found below:

Who: Guest speakers Vivian Tero, research manager for Compliance Infrastructure, IDC; Laurie Weiss, partner Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P and Adam Bendell, senior managing director, FTI Consulting, Inc.

What: Live FTI consulting Webinar, "Are You Really Ready For eDiscovery," highlighting the current state of litigation response initiatives among U.S. businesses. Experts from IDC, FTI, and Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P will be on hand to answer participants' questions related to setting up and enforcing a streamlined, collaborative approach to litigation readiness.

When: Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 1:00 pm EDT/10:00 am PDT

How: To register please visit the following link: <http://w.on24.com/r.htm?e=110123&s=1&k=979A7864CF81FC25CD7D92AC834D9853&partnehref=FTIWebsite> (Due to length of URL, please copy and paste link into browser. Remove the space if one exists.)

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