



Why Join EDRM?

Understanding how to deal with electronically stored information (ESI) has become everyone's problem. Join EDRM and be a part of the solution.

Everyone involved in e-discovery can benefit from joining EDRM. As an EDRM participant, you can share best practices for managing the e-discovery processes from the initial management of electronically stored information all the way to the ultimate presentation of that information. You can offer insights to others and help improve the e-discovery processes as well as the entire industry.

CORPORATE COUNSEL: Why join EDRM?

In-house legal teams need to understand the step-by-step e-discovery process. Also, others need to understand the e-discovery needs of in-house legal teams and the clients they serve, the constraints under which they work and their goals and aspirations. EDRM provides a forum for sharing advice and best practices, a vehicle for conveying needs, desires and limitations, and an opportunity to influence the current state of e-discovery through the development of a simple and easy-to-understand framework.

CORPORATE IT MANAGERS: Why join EDRM?

IT departments carry a heavy e-discovery burden – information management, identification and collection are tasks often left to IT. Too often IT has to bear the cost and manage the process, frequently with very short turnarounds. EDRM assembles some of the leading practitioners within the industry for interactive and open discussions on best practices so IT departments can help shape better e-discovery processes. Additionally, working through EDRM, IT managers can help increase broad awareness of IT's needs and limitations, improve understanding of what IT can offer, and gain an appreciation of how legal teams, services providers and software providers approach the e-discovery process.

LAW FIRMS: Why join EDRM?

Law firms often bear the majority of legal review and production responsibilities, some of the most expensive and time-consuming processes within e-discovery. Through membership in EDRM, law firms can share the insights born of that experience, help improve and streamline those processes, and gain valuable information on best practices, processes and resources available to them to reduce the cost and complexity of e-discovery.

CONSULTANTS and SERVICE PROVIDERS: Why join EDRM?

Consultants and service providers play an important role in helping customers, whether law firms or corporations, reduce the cost and complexity of e-discovery. Through membership in EDRM, consultants can help contribute to thought leadership within the industry, assist with the development of guidelines and standards and stay on top of industry trends and best practices.

SOFTWARE PROVIDERS: Why join EDRM?

EDRM focuses on reducing the cost and complexity of e-discovery through the development of standards such as EDRM XML. As more vendors adopt the XML standard in their products and more end-users demand XML standard compliance, organizations that are not adopting and adhering to widely-accepted industry standards may be left behind. Software providers are uniquely positioned to help frame EDRM XML, EDRM Metrics and similar standards, see they are properly developed, ensure they get effectively deployed, and promote their sound usage.