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STEP TOE'S COMPLEX LITIGATION AND DISCOVERY CENTER

Established in 2003, Steptoe's Complex Litigation and Discovery Center has over 100 attorneys and legal assistants engaged in complex litigations and large-scale discovery endeavors.

Complex Litigation

Lawyers at the center have represented clients in litigation involving asbestos, automobile components, radio frequency devices, silica, welding products, window-covering cords, wood preservatives, and other products. For these matters, the center manages more than 50,000 separate cases nationwide, every day receiving 50 new complaints and processing 20,000 incoming pages. In 2005, the center filed more than 5,000 dispositive motions and negotiated the settlement of over 17,000 cases.

Litigation Discovery Management

The center also has attorneys, legal assistants, and clerical employees specifically trained to handle the review and production of large

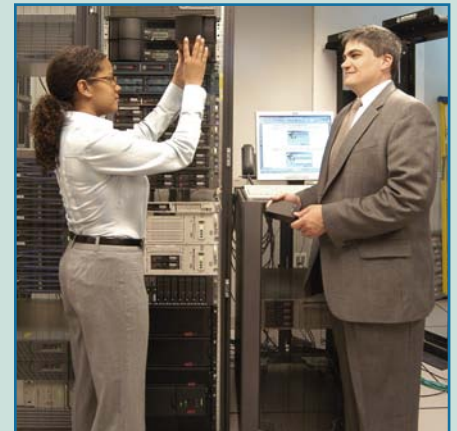
document populations, offering services such as handling responsiveness and privilege reviews of electronic, printed, scanned, microfilm, and OCRed documents, including the creation of privilege logs and the logging of work completed; producing relevant documents in electronic or hard-copy format, or through the center's web repository; supporting due diligence reviews; advising for the design of Sarbanes-Oxley auditable systems; advising on Hart-Scott-Rodino Review Second Request compliance; supporting internal investigation document functions; and offering audits and assessments support.

The center has provided these services in antitrust, bankruptcy, ERISA, intellectual property, money laundering, RICO, securities, white-collar crime, and other matters.

Quality Control and Security

The center trains its staff per Six Sigma guidelines, constantly revising its processes to achieve progressively higher levels of

accuracy and efficiency in data entry. For quality control purposes, the center is audited annually pursuant to Sarbanes-Oxley SAS-70 Type II standards, and maintains secure, multi-terabyte storage servers to handle large databases, electronic documents, and images of paper documents.



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With more than 400 attorneys worldwide, Steptoe provides counsel and representation in a wide range of legal fields.

In more than 60 years of practice, the firm has gained a national and international reputation for vigorous representation of clients before governmental agencies, successful advocacy in litigation and arbitration, and creative and practical advice in guiding business transactions.

The firm is organized into five broad departments, each of which covers issues that regularly challenge international and domestic companies, regardless of size, industry type, or business strategy: Business Solutions, Litigation, Regulatory & Industry Affairs, International, and Technology.

With the firm's substantial experience and the depth of its resources, Steptoe is well-situated to handle large, multi-disciplinary business, regulatory, and litigation matters. Our attorneys employ sophisticated communications systems to manage the flow of information with clients and co-counsel and to make the most effective presentations at trial.