


LITIGATION CONSULTING Services





Our expertise lies in the fields of computer forensics, e-discovery, data recovery, due diligence, and litigation services.

Uncover a world of specialized **DISCIPLINES**



CORPORATE AND LITIGATION INVESTIGATIONS

First Advantage provides clients with sophisticated investigations requiring the expertise of our attorneys, journalists, former law enforcement personnel and public record experts. Matters run the spectrum of general business to litigation issues, but fact-finding often involves:

- > Identifying, locating and interviewing witnesses
- > Vetting experts
- > Background investigations
- > Asset searches
- > Business intelligence
- > Fraud investigations (conflicts of interest, money laundering, employee/management theft, procurement fraud)
- > Intellectual property investigations (trade secret theft, diversions and counterfeits, infringements)

DUE DILIGENCE

New York City is the epicenter of the financial community and that is where you will find First Advantage's BackTrack Reports team. Our BackTrack Reports are singularly focused on providing the most comprehensive, easy-to-read due diligence information to meet today's demanding regulatory and disclosure environment.

When you are charged with investing large sums of money to a group of relative strangers, you cannot take shortcuts when conducting due diligence. The standard of care is not an in-house librarian check of a few databases, searching the Internet or making a few phone calls to former colleagues. Quick database reports or some other partial solution are simply not sufficient. The standard of care is exacting and demanding — it's a BackTrack Report. It is the diligence that is due when the transaction is material. We perform the same research that is done by regulators, prosecutors and journalists. As a result, we are your first line of defense if the investment goes wrong.

For more information about First Advantage and our comprehensive product and service offerings, contact our sales representatives or visit us on the Web at www.FADV.com/LitigationConsulting.

Our expertise is EVIDENT



LITIGATION CONSULTING

Our experience with the real-world consequences of various discovery requests makes us an ideal partner when preparing for litigation. We work with you to understand your situation, focus your efforts on the most important data, and plan your strategy for requesting data or responding to requests. Our expertise in framing discovery requests can help reduce time for collection and review, minimize the production of non-responsive documents, and control costs.

The key areas where we provide counsel are:

Planning and Strategy: We first meet with you to discuss your case and perform a comprehensive analysis of your data sources. We discuss strategies for collecting the data and evaluate how much to collect. We identify the key custodians, what internal investigations have been done, what data has been preserved and whether you are in compliance with current law.

Negotiation with Opposing Party: We then encourage you to meet with opposing counsel to evaluate the situation, and help you prepare for this process. Although current Rules of Court may not require you to do this, there are proposed rules in many jurisdictions that will soon require both parties to discuss e-discovery issues early on and agree on production issues, preservation of data, allocation of costs and other issues related to accessing and retrieving data. These discussions can help both parties focus their efforts on what is most important for the litigation and to negotiate the terms for e-discovery.

Mapping: Once we have focused the e-discovery request, we can identify the location and quantity of the data and determine the timeline and cost for collecting it. We then create a customized plan to collect, convert, review and produce the responsive data.

Preservation of Data: Whether you are involved in litigation or not, First Advantage can help you avoid the risk of spoliation by understanding what data needs to be preserved and how to preserve it. Through information gathering and a carefully constructed data preservation questionnaire, we evaluate your document retention policies, IT structure, network configuration and back-up system. Finally, we create a plan to preserve your digital data that meets your business needs.

e-DISCOVERY SERVICES

Consulting: First Advantage is your best ally during complex litigations. Your clients will appreciate how we help narrow the scope of discovery and control the cost of the collection, as we expose their opponent's spoliation issues. You'll value the way we protect you from claims, fines and sanctions, and you'll impress the court because your expert will explain technology in plain English.

Data Collection and Preservation: Avoid business disruption during the preservation and collection stages, and use defensible protocols to satisfy the court.

Data Reduction: We use state-of-the-art methods for searching and reducing non-responsive data.

Data Conversion: We have the capacity for fast and large file conversion with authenticating testimony, preservation of metadata and full chain of custody records.

Review: Your data can be reviewed as an online “hosted” database or through your firm’s preferred litigation support software. Hosted and firm side review software applications allow review teams to search, review and tag documents for production.

Production: After review, or for interim productions, we can produce data in any format you need. Services include:

- > High-speed output to TIFF, PDF or paper
- > Inclusion or exclusion of searchable text and metadata
- > Production set renumbering, CD mastering and printing
- > Export ability to industry standard database products including TRUE, Summation®, Concordance®, iConect®, Ringtail™ and more.

First Advantage can also host your production set, allowing you to make images, data, or both available to opposing counsel, co-counsel or experts via a secure hosted website.

COMPUTER FORENSICS

Twenty-first century investigations require looking at and analyzing digital data. First Advantage is the blue chip provider of forensic computer services to the nation’s legal and business elite. Our testifying experts are experienced in finding and presenting the evidence. Typical cases involve the following:

- > Restrictive covenant and trade secret theft litigation
- > Investigations of fraud and international corporate espionage
- > Cases of evidence destruction and subsequent cover-ups
- > False claims based on “doctored” evidence
- > Internet-based criminal activity
- > Actionable spoliation matters
- > Data authentication issues

DATA RECOVERY SERVICES

We don’t stop gathering the facts when computer hardware malfunctions. We can’t. We know you need your data for litigation and for business purposes. First Advantage offers fast, reliable and cost-effective solutions for recovering lost data from corrupted drives and systems caused by mechanical malfunction, user error, fires, viruses, malicious activity, etc.

Our highly trained engineers are renowned among their peers for their industry-known feats recovering client data. Working in specialized clean rooms with remote diagnostic capabilities, we recover your data and keep it secure and confidential.

INSIGHTFUL information-driven

First Advantage offers a suite of customized and advanced technologies designed to meet corporations' and law firms' unique intelligence and litigation needs.

That means that we provide you with the most reliable, up-to-the-minute information — the *facts first* — to help you make confident, timely decisions every day.

BRIGHT MINDS, QUALITY INTELLIGENCE

First Advantage uses our professional expertise to isolate the relevant facts so you can make informed and intelligent decisions. We provide you with intelligence derived from computerized data, public records and interviews.

Our expertise lies in the fields of computer forensics, e-discovery, data recovery, due diligence, and investigative services. Our professionals are former prosecutors, computer forensics and data recovery experts, engineers, journalists, public records researchers, investigative industry veterans and former federal law enforcement officials. They are recognized in the industry and are regularly called upon to provide expert testimony.

We have language expertise in English, Chinese, Russian, Ukrainian, Indian dialects, Spanish and French. Our educational training includes advanced degrees in law, computer science, electrical and mechanical engineering, information technology, finance, business, liberal arts, and accounting.

It is our on-the-job experience and culture that distinguishes us in our field. Throughout our history, we have worked on some of the most complex and highest profile corporate matters to the benefit of our clients.



One of the country's leading risk mitigation and business solutions providers is soaring even higher. By bringing together the best of the best in their industries under one name, First Advantage is focused on building the strongest multi-source solutions company for today's businesses. Our vision is to empower business decision-makers by delivering timely, quality and decisionable information using our collective expertise, innovative tools and progressive technology.

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- > Government Services
- > Hiring Management Services
- > Investigative Services*
- > Lead Generation Services
- > *Litigation Consulting Services***
- > Multifamily Services
- > Supply Chain Security Services
- > Tax Consulting Services
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