

IBM **Information Management** software

PSS Systems Atlas Information Governance & eDiscovery

Partner Solution

- **Target Industry**

*Cross Industry
Compliance*

- **Business Application**

*Culling
Early Case Assessment
Global Retention Management
Legal Holds Workflow
Lifecycle Management*

- **Products**

*IBM Classification Module
IBM Content Collector
IBM eDiscovery Analyzer
IBM eDiscovery Manager
IBM Enterprise Records*

Business Challenge

According to the market intelligence firm IDC, in 2008 the total amount of information created exceeded the total amount of usable space on every hard-drive, tape, CD, DVD, and solid state of memory device ever created. At the same time, there's been an explosion of legal obligations for data, largely driven by expanded electronic discovery (eDiscovery) requirements and the revisions to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Confusion about these legal obligations and a lack of communication between legal and IT have led companies down a path of "save everything." However, this approach to legal obligations comes with too much risk and cost for most organizations.

To avoid these risks and costs, companies need to have a clear process to identify and manage the information they need for legal, business, and privacy reasons. In short, organizations need to combine an effectively managed in-house eDiscovery process with a global retention program to enable the disposition of data at the end of its lifecycle. By linking retention schedules and legal holds to the data in the organization, IT, and Legal can build the foundation for good information governance.

The Solution

The Atlas Information Governance Solution provides a set of applications for legal, IT, and business users that enables organizations to eliminate legal risk and reduce data management and discovery costs. Using Atlas, customers can create an operational retention program to manage information based on its value and automate the eDiscovery process, enabling robust legal holds, realistic cost assessment, and effective data collection. By integrating the eDiscovery and retention management applications on a shared enterprise governance map, Atlas is able to provide a common, value-based view of information across the enterprise, thus enabling both robust discovery and defensible disposal at the end of the data lifecycle.

PSS Systems provides a solution that integrates the Atlas Information Governance Suite with IBM's eDiscovery and Information Lifecycle Governance solutions to drive down discovery and data costs while reducing legal risk. This combined solution allows PSS customers to:

Manage: The solution helps companies set retention and privacy policies, determine what data to retain, how to protect the information, and when to dispose of it at the end of its lifecycle.

Hold: Legal departments can define email hold scope parameters in Atlas (e.g., custodians, date range, asset, system, keywords) that are automatically propagated to IBM eDiscovery Manager.



Real time legal holds can thus be applied at the data source, which eliminates the need for manual population of custodian and hold information, thereby reducing risk of spoliation, error, or oversight. The automated, comprehensive audit trail reduces the burden on legal and IT to keep a complete record of their efforts.

Assess: Custodian and case information is automatically populated from Atlas to IBM eDiscovery Manager. Legal staff use IBM eDiscovery Analyzer to assess risk and gain an early insight on the case, refine their legal holds and case strategies, and tie discovery approach and costs to likely outcomes. Legal can quickly cull irrelevant data to reduce the cost of legal review and third party hosting fees.

This joint electronic discovery solution gives companies a best-in-class information management platform, as well as intuitive tools to create and execute policies and procedures that will reduce risk and lower legal, IT, and other operation costs.

Value Proposition

Atlas Information Governance enables organizations to:

- Minimize legal and information risk
- Reduce data management and IT costs
- Reduce discovery and legal costs
- Simplify compliance

Company Description

PSS Systems helps companies eliminate legal risk and discovery and data management costs with its Atlas information governance software suite, a single solution designed for Legal, IT and Records Managers. Atlas is used by 7 of the Fortune 10 and companies across all industries. Customer satisfaction with Atlas is recognized by leading industry analyst Gartner, and IDC says, "The Atlas Suite, which enables corporations to implement and automate legally defensible retention and legal holds, has achieved significant uptake and enjoys real customer loyalty." Visit www.pss-systems.com

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