

Auditing Software License Compliance & Investigating Software Piracy

Software companies lose an estimated \$63 billion annually due to software piracy, or an inability to enforce existing licensing agreements. Similarly, large organizations often manage more than \$200 million in annual software licenses, and struggle to properly utilize or maintain compliance with their licenses.

To help ensure understanding, compliance and enforcement of software licensing agreements, FTI Consulting provides a range of services that combine deep expertise within software compliance auditing, digital forensics and investigations.

COMPLIANCE PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS

FTI Consulting experts can work with a software publisher's compliance team to audit the existing program and assess the organization's maturity across key areas, including organizational structure, customer education and delivery models. Once the program is evaluated, the FTI team provides actionable recommendations for maturing the program, and then can help to execute on the plan.

Software Compliance Audits

FTI Consulting experts partner with publishers' licensing compliance teams to shape and execute a compliance program. This can include conducting regular on-site audits at customer sites and leveraging proprietary tools to analyze and assess whether the customer's software use is compliant with the license. In instances involving potential litigation, the FTI Consulting team can provide expert witness testimony and reports as an independent authority on contractual licensing issues, as well as provide arbitration and mediation services.

Software Asset Management Programs

FTI Consulting experts can help end-user organizations develop a Software Asset Management program to stay in compliance with and fully utilize existing and future software licenses. This includes scoping the software license across the organization, defining compliance requirements, and implementing the monitoring technology, processes and training to maintain compliance and reduce enterprise risk.

Software Piracy Investigations

For matters involving potential software piracy, FTI Consulting can deploy its digital forensics and discovery team to conduct a complete investigation. This includes complying with discovery obligations while protecting privileged information. Data is securely collected and preserved, and investigators can decipher intricate relationships between individuals and entities through electronic data trails. Throughout the entire litigation lifecycle—from data collection and culling to review and production for possible presentation in court—FTI Consulting employs proven methodologies that provide a strategic and logistical advantage, while minimizing the impact on daily business operations.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

FTI Consulting provides a range of industry-leading software and expert services should any matter result in litigation. This includes:

Global Risk & Investigations

Networked intelligence professionals around the globe can conduct a range of business-critical investigations, including fraud investigations, arbitration and litigation support, asset recoveries as well as political advisory and pre-transactional due diligence engagements.

Contract Intelligence

Specialized attorneys utilize advanced analytics to efficiently collect, review and make recommendations based upon contractual language.

E-Discovery Software and Services

Best-of-breed e-discovery software, expert legal review attorneys and global reach provide cost-effective e-discovery solutions with defensible results.

TRUSTED GLOBAL LEADERS IN LEGAL, COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATIONS

FTI Consulting's services are tailored to specific client needs. Whether conducting a small internal audit, or a large global piracy investigation that may result in litigation, FTI offers a depth of experience in delivering tangible results for clients. With more than 4,600 employees located in most major business centers in the world, we work closely with clients every day to anticipate, illuminate, and overcome complex business challenges in areas such as investigations, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, regulatory issues, reputation management and restructuring.

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