

Technology

Mergers, Acquisitions and Divestitures



Merging companies can reduce the cost and risk of consolidating organizational data by utilizing FTI Technology's Information Governance & Compliance Services. Companies know that legacy computer systems and archives often contain historic and confidential data which is critical to ongoing operations, pending litigations, and regulatory requirements. This data often contains personally identifiable information (PII) for both employees and customers.

After a merger or divestiture, companies are still obligated to maintain existing legal holds, secure data from breaches, and continue with necessary regulatory reporting and requirements. At the same time, organizations may be hesitant to remediate any data and therefore over-preserve information that is redundant or obsolete, leading to increased risk and potentially driving up the cost of e-discovery. With FTI Technology, organizations can uphold their legal and regulatory duties while executing defensible and secure data consolidation and remediation programs.

FTI Technology's expertise includes:

- **Consolidating business data and applications:** Whether on-premises or in the cloud, FTI Technology experts can merge important "unstructured" data (email, file shares, etc.) and "structured" data applications (ERP, CRM, etc.) while executing defensible disposal and decommissioning before the consolidation.
- **Merging and maintaining legal holds:** Our team can migrate and consolidate existing legal holds, and partner with legal and compliance teams to evaluate technology and implement policies that ensure efficiency and ongoing compliance.
- **Divestiture Data Segregation:** FTI Technology can appropriately segregate organizational information, document the process, and limit the risk of future third-party subpoenas charging that data is in the "possession, custody or control" of the wrong party.
- **Find Key Data:** FTI Technology can identify and locate valuable data through a combination of our award-winning analytics technology and the skills of our experienced investigative team.

PROVEN METHODOLOGY

FTI's proven methodology includes the following:

- **Assess:** Your organization's particular needs are evaluated and relevant data sources are mapped.
- **Plan:** An identification, review and remediation strategy is developed for each specific data source.
- **Approve:** All necessary approvals and "buy in" are secured.
- **Execute:** FTI Technology leverages your company's in-house collection and analytics tools, or utilizes software from our industry partners, including StoredIQ and NUIX, to execute the agreed upon data remediation plan.
- **Document:** FTI Technology documents the full project and experts are available to testify in court about the methods used for any remediation project.
- **Equip:** Install and maintain technology solutions to ensure "go forward" compliance.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE & A FOCUS ON DEFENSIBILITY

FTI Technology has extensive experience working with off-the-shelf and proprietary storage platforms and applications. Whether your data is stored on-premises or in the cloud, FTI Technology experts can ensure the information is secured, collected, migrated, remediated, disposed of or monitored as needed.

FTI TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS WORK WITH A NUMBER OF PLATFORMS AND APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING:

- Structured Data Applications & Databases
- Messaging Systems & Archives
- Document & Enterprise Content Management Systems
- File Shares & Hard Drives
- Cloud Storage & Applications
- Collaborative Environments
- Backup & Disaster Recovery Media
- BYOD & COPE mobile devices
- Social Media
- Forensic Images

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENT

FTI Technology recently helped a Fortune 1000 company (“Company A”) acquire intellectual property from another company (“Company B”) and then divest the existing assets from Company B. FTI Technology securely identified, collected and preserved the acquired intellectual property from hundreds of Company B employees. Over the course of a weekend in which the merger closed, FTI securely migrated the data to Company A, then remediated the data from Company B. In total, FTI Technology remediated over 6 TBs of data from Company B and helped Company A ensure a cost-effective and secure transfer of the acquired intellectual property.

TRUSTED GLOBAL LEADERS IN INFORMATION GOVERNANCE, E-DISCOVERY, AND INVESTIGATIONS

FTI Technology’s services are tailored to the specific needs of each client and the FTI team offers deep experience in delivering tangible results in the context of investigations, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, regulatory issues, reputation management and restructuring. Our professionals, including forensic experts, corporate investigation specialists and technology and e-discovery professionals, are industry leaders experienced in many of the largest e-discovery matters of the past decade.

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