



Project Leadership Associates Bolsters Litigation Solutions Practice with E-Discovery Certifications

Rigorous exam proves certifiable competence in E-Discovery field

Chicago, IL - May 9, 2011 – [Project Leadership Associates \(PLA\)](#) announced today that four employees in their Litigation Solutions Group are among a select group of professionals to pass the rigorous Certified E-Discovery Specialists certification examination. Bruce Malter, Sean Byrne, John Evans and Chris Tragaszhave now earned the right to use the prestigious designation, CEDS, as Certified E-Discovery Specialists.

The proctored CEDS certification exam was launched on November 1, 2010, and is offered at more than 560 secure ACEDS-Kryterion Testing Centers around the world, including some 320 in the United States and 30 in Canada. The exam was assembled over an eight-month period by a team of 40 leading e-discovery professionals under the guidance of an independent psychometric firm, Kryterion, to ensure the CEDS exam was technically sound and legally defensible. The computer-based examination has 145 items, and CEDS candidates receive results immediately upon completion.

The CEDS credential recognizes individuals who pass the rigorous four-hour examination that provides a tough and objective measure of mastery of the challenging field of e-discovery. The certification program is administered by the Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists, the premier membership organization of professionals in the field worldwide.

The CEDS certification is compelling evidence that designees are competent and knowledgeable in e-discovery regardless of their professional specialization—whether they are lawyers, litigation support staff, records managers, information technology (IT) directors, court personnel, paralegals or consultants. The credential is an assurance to employers, colleagues and clients that the CEDS holder is serious about efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and risk reduction in all phases of e-discovery.

"For the successful candidates, the CEDS designation is powerful evidence of highly specialized expertise that is recognized and welcomed by law firms, corporations, courts, peers, government agencies, and clients," said William Hamilton, a partner at the law firm of Quarles & Brady, who chairs the ACEDS Advisory Board.

PLA boasts an experienced, multi-disciplinary Litigations Solutions practice that offers case consultation, complex matter management, electronic data discovery, computer forensics, data processing, expert testimony, business and technology consulting and litigation preparedness to assist law firms and corporate legal departments.

“We are pleased to be one of the first consultancies to have participated in the Certified E-Discovery Specialist certification program. We are also thrilled to now have more CEDS certified experts than any other service provider in the world. This certification demonstrates the depth of PLA expertise and allows us to provide differentiating support and testimony for our clients in and out of the courtroom,” states Dan Safran, Executive Vice President of Legal Solutions at Project Leadership Associates.

More information about PLA’s Litigation Services can be found at www.projectleadership.net or contact Bruce Malter at (312) 876-2793 or email bmalter@projectleadership.net.

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PLA is a business and technology consulting firm that empowers small, middle market and enterprise organizations with services across four core solution groups: 1) Business Strategy Execution; 2) Business Operations; 3) Applications; and 4) Infrastructure. PLA has been consistently ranked among Inc. Magazine’s Inc. 5000 list of the fastest growing companies in America, Crain's Chicago Business’s Fast 50 and Everything Channel's CRN Fast Growth 100 List as an annual recognition of growth, performance, and maintaining profitability since its founding in 1998. With headquarters in Chicago and branch offices in Houston, New Orleans, New York and San Francisco, PLA is uniquely poised to offer a broad array of solutions that work collaboratively with clients to help them realize substantial results.