



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 and Collections  
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 holds created by attorneys using Atlas are automatically executed



by IBM's platform. Real time legal holds can be applied at the data source to reduce risk while automating the audit trail and reducing the burden on legal and IT staff.



**Assess:** Attorneys can assess cost and risk early in the case lifecycle to reduce discovery and review cost. By coupling Atlas with IBM's eDiscovery Analyzer, attorneys can perform early case assessment to avoid over-collection and over-production of data.

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](http://www.pss-systems.com)

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