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Legal Electronic Document Institute Created An Innovative Forum for Researching Trends, Setting Standards and Providing Education in the Developing Field of Electronic Data & Document Discovery.

New York, NY - October 5, 2004 -The formation of the Legal Electronic Document Institute (LEDI) was announced at the ALM E-Discovery Conference in New York. The Institute, a non-profit corporation established to promote the development of standards and education in the field of legal electronic documents and discovery, will focus its initial efforts in identifying trends and developments in the use of electronic discovery by law firms nationwide as well as furthering existing efforts to to promote electronic discovery standards for use by federal and state courts nationwide. LEDI will also develop educational programs for attorneys, the judiciary and litigation support professionals as well as provide electronic discovery referee services for federal and state courts. In this capacity, LEDI will accept appointments as a Special Master or Case Coordinator to the courts, providing independent guidance, recommendations and cost controls for electronic discovery issues. LEDI will be based in Seattle, Wa. and directed by Tom O'Connor, a nationally known consultant, speaker and author in the area of computerized litigation support systems. Mr. O'Connor has worked on complex litigation matters ranging from the early asbestos cases and national breast implant litigation to tobacco class action cases and various phases of the Enron matter. He is the author of The Automated Law Firm and Lawyers Guide to Summation.

“Our goal is to provide a vendor neutral source of information and education in the rapidly developing area of electronic documents and discovery”, said Mr. O'Connor. “We plan to work with all the players in this field, both commercial and academic, to develop workable and reliable

standards and provide ongoing educational programs." LEDI will announce an advisory board of leaders in electronic document management representing all segments of the legal profession, in the near future. That Board will announce a series of goals for the Institute before the end of the year. For additional information visit www.legal-edocs.org or email: toconnor@legal-edocs.org.

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