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E-Discovery Professionals are Awarded CEDS Certification After Passing Rigorous Examination

Lewis Airth, Kevin Balogh, Josh Burke, Dan DeJoy, Scott Huter, Michael Kempton, Clint Rhoton, and Jason Schroeder of Avalon Document Services are among a select group of e-discovery professionals to pass the rigorous Certified E-Discovery Specialists certification examination. These professionals have now earned the right to use the prestigious designation, CEDS, as Certified E-Discovery Specialists.

The CEDS credential is earned by individuals who pass the rigorous 4-hour examination that provides a difficult 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 (ACEDS), the premier membership organization of professionals in the field worldwide. Since the exam was first offered in November 2010, professionals in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, South Korea, Germany, and China have earned the CEDS certification.

CEDS designation is powerful evidence of specialized expertise

The CEDS certification is proof that designees are knowledgeable in e-discovery, whether they are lawyers, litigation support staff, records managers, information technology (IT) specialists, technology officials, court personnel, paralegals, or consultants. The credential assures employers, colleagues, and clients that the CEDS-certified professional is serious about efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and risk reduction in all phases of e-discovery.

CEDS exam is offered at 560 worldwide secure testing centers

The proctored CEDS certification exam is offered at 560 secure ACEDS-Kryterion Testing Centers worldwide, including 320 in the United States and 30 in Canada. Under the guidance of ACEDS management and an independent psychometric firm, Kryterion, a team of 40 leading e-discovery professionals assembled the exam over 8 months to ensure the CEDS exam was technically sound and legally defensible. The computer-based examination has 145 items, and candidates receive results upon completion.

In April 2011, ACEDS began offering an online, on-demand CEDS Examination Preparation Seminar on its website at ACEDS.org.

For more information on CEDS certification, including how to apply and register for the exam, contact Member Services by e-mail at memberservices@ACEDS.org or by telephone at 786-517-2701.

About Avalon Document Services:

Avalon, a national leader in document services, was founded in 2000 in Syracuse, New York, and provides eDiscovery, managed services, and traditional litigation support services to law firms and corporations across the United States. For more information, please visit www.teamavalon.com.

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