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## **E-Discovery vs. Foreign Data Privacy Laws**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Given recent increases in the number of multi-national corporations and the fact that globalization has become a fact of life for businesses of all sorts and sizes, it is becoming more and more commonplace for attorneys to conduct international discovery requests. In this regard, when an attorney finds himself faced with the need to conduct such an international discovery request, it is important to understand the various hurdles that stand in the way. Most importantly, one should note that while courts in the United States tend to allow information to be gathered pursuant to discovery requests relatively liberally, many other countries – particularly those in the European Union – have laws which stringently protect the privacy rights of individuals, particularly when it comes to electronic information.

The following materials cite to U.S. federal cases, law review articles, and law blogs and other articles that deal with this issue of E-discovery vs. Foreign Data Privacy Laws. The materials are therefore intended to be a guide and a source of information for any attorney who conducts such cross-border discovery requests.