



## Interact 2008's Litigation Holds Session To Help Legal Departments Reduce The Costs And Risks Associated With Evidence Preservation

Discussions will provide practical strategies to streamline the legal holds and collection processes

**Los Angeles, CA – July 8, 2008** – Mitratach, a leading provider of software solutions for organizations to manage legal, compliance, and security risks, today announced a panel discussion entitled, *Know When To Hold 'Em*, to be presented at Mitratach's Interact 2008: The Legal and Compliance Technology Forum. The session is designed to help corporate legal departments implement a repeatable and defensible litigation hold strategy and improve responses to litigation requests.

Sponsored by PSS Systems, the session's panelists include: John Barber, Legal Operations Senior Manager, Amgen; George Kiersted, President, Kiersted Systems; Deidre Paknad, President and CEO, PSS Systems; and Liz Schimmel, Discovery Manager, Halliburton Company.

"To reduce the risk of inaccurate, incomplete, or delayed responses to litigation requests, corporate legal departments need to implement document retention programs that are tightly aligned with their preservation processes," said Afshin Behnia, Mitratach's President and CEO. "Interact 2008 will provide best practices for legally defensible retention and litigation holds operations."

"Over the last year, our customers have experienced a significant increase in the number of holds and the number of custodians identified in those holds, combined with an urgency to incorporate data sources and IT into their preservation approach. In large, global companies, this increase in scope and complexity increases cost and risk – as a result, many litigation executives are under pressure to improve predictability *and* precision," said Deidre Paknad, CEO of PSS Systems. "I'm delighted to lead this panel with customers and experts on the benefits of effective, efficient legal holds processes within the legal department and across the enterprise."

Additionally, PSS Systems will be available to provide guidance on retention and preservation solutions in the Interact exhibit hall.

Interact 2008 runs September 21 -24 at the Marina Del Rey Marriott in California. The conference draws general counsel, compliance and risk officers, in-house counsel, legal IT professionals, and department heads and provides expert speakers, case study sessions, peer learning, and CLE accredited courses. For more information, please contact [info@mitratach.com](mailto:info@mitratach.com) or visit [www.mitratach.com/interact](http://www.mitratach.com/interact).

## **About Interact 2008**

Interact 2008: The Legal & Compliance Technology Forum is a peer-driven conference designed to optimize best practices for corporate legal and compliance departments. Gathering representatives from the world's leading organizations together in an intimate and informative setting, Interact 2008 delivers expert speakers, case study sessions, panel discussions, and CLE accredited courses. The conference will take place September 21-24, 2008 at the Marina Del Rey Marriott in California. For more information, please visit [www.mitrates.com/interact](http://www.mitrates.com/interact).

## **About PSS Systems**

PSS Systems is the leader in legal governance systems, and its Atlas software is the standard for legal holds and retention policy management. In the early 2000s, the company envisioned a change in legal requirements for corporations, and in 2004 was first to introduce solutions to reduce and control the growing cost and risk for corporate legal departments. The Atlas software suite includes Atlas LCC to streamline legal holds and collection processes end-to-end; Atlas ERM to enable retention programs across disparate countries, business units, information sources, and systems; and Policy Enforcement Services to automate retention and preservation policy enforcement across various systems and data sources. PSS Systems founded and sponsors the CGOC, a professional community on retention and preservation, and continues to lead the industry through unparalleled innovation and thought leadership on these issues. The privately-held company is headquartered in Mountain View, California, with offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Houston. For more information, visit [www.pss-systems.com](http://www.pss-systems.com).

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