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Superior Court's Business Litigation Session Extends Discovery Pilot Project

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Chief Justice Barbara J. Rouse recently announced that the Massachusetts Superior Court's Business Litigation Session (BLS) will extend its pilot project for at least another calendar year. First announced in early 2010, the BLS Pilot Project is designed to reduce discovery costs and streamline the discovery process, especially with respect to the collection, review, and production of electronically stored information.

Initial reports from practitioners and clients who have participated in the pilot program indicate that it encourages cooperation between the parties and can result in a more manageable and streamlined document production and discovery process. As before, parties may voluntarily elect to participate in the pilot project in all cases filed in the BLS.

Building on the feedback received during the pilot project's first year, participants will be asked to provide additional feedback so that the program may be refined for future use.

[Additional information about the ongoing BLS Pilot Project may be found in our previous report.](#)

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Building on our experience as litigators, Mintz Levin's discovery team consults with clients who are preparing for specific litigation. We provide these services in cases where Mintz Levin is handling the litigation, or as an independent consultant, advising in-house lawyers or other outside counsel.

In both situations, Mintz Levin's attorneys and dedicated IT professionals work with clients to develop an effective and responsive process, which encompasses extracting the appropriate documents, reviewing them for privilege and relevance, managing production, and responding to opposing counsel and the court in the event of a dispute. Our process is carefully tailored to each client's specific needs, addressing and finding appropriate solutions to concerns about costs and resources.

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