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NACA and Waters Edge Announce E-Discovery Training Programs for Consumer Advocates

The National Association of Consumer Advocates (www.naca.net) and Waters Edge (www.wec-llc.com) announced today a new national program offering intensive training to consumer advocates facing the critical challenges of managing digital information as evidence in the courtroom.

"The foreclosure crisis in America is placing the integrity of electronic business records on trial," observed Ira Rheingold, NACA's executive director. "Our members have expressed a high interest in receiving intensive training on electronic discovery. To address this demand, we have put together an exciting and powerful program to meet their needs, and the needs of America's consumers."

NACA and a select panel of their members have worked with Waters Edge, one of the nation's leading sources for authoritative training on electronic information as evidence, to develop a portfolio of in-depth, intensive courses for NACA membership. The content will be offered live and, in 2009, expanded through an online library of on-demand briefings and publications. "Waters Edge delivered a program on e-discovery earlier this year at our national conference on foreclosure that earned great reviews," Rheingold observed. "Jeffrey Ritter showed a real commitment to delivering focused, useful training to our members."

"The advocates and lawyers representing consumers have unique requirements for understanding electronic systems and the dynamic legal rules controlling electronic records," said Jeffrey Ritter, CEO of Waters Edge. "We are pleased to have the chance to deliver customized training and practice tools to those who must fight hard to find the truth in the digital records of corporate IT systems."

The new E-Discovery training programs will be open exclusively to consumer advocates. NACA has negotiated a significant discount for their members that will also be extended to new online briefings and publications. "Waters Edge has made a real commitment to creating training and practice tools that respond to our members' needs," Rheingold said. "They are going to listen to our members and several of our members have offered to help in the process."

Electronically Stored Information (ESI) has changed the nature of evidence in trials large and small. New court rules for handling ESI as evidence continue to develop in federal and state courts.. "Often, consumer advocates are not expected to challenge corporate digital records, leaving many consumers disadvantaged in the courtroom. This training program will empower NACA members to demand that records submitted as evidence are proven to be authentic and reliable," Ritter observed.

Waters Edge has launched a website, at <http://www.wec-llc.com/e-advocate.html>, describing the Program, answering FAQs and providing registration services.

Additional information on NACA and Waters Edge may be found on their websites:

NACA: <http://www.naca.net>

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