



# ShareVault™

The Intuitive Data Room

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### **ShareVault facilitates document review in multidistrict litigation**

ShareVault provided an intuitive, virtual data room to parties involved in multidistrict litigation. Within one day of a court order, ShareVault afforded immediate and easy access for a group of discovery documents to all litigants before the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia. ShareVault also effectively and efficiently allowed defendant and plaintiff law firms to view documents, unimpeded by any concerns about security or unintended dissemination.

#### **Problem**

With potentially tens of thousands of plaintiffs and multiple lawsuits against the defendants and billions of dollars in potential damages, this massive multidistrict litigation presented unprecedented organizational and structural challenges for the courts, government agencies, law firms and all affected parties.

One of the defendant parties in the lawsuits pending before the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia needed to immediately make available in a virtual data room pre-trial disclosures of documents pursuant to an order issued by that Court.

The order instructed this party, and other defendants, to initiate disclosure of documents to an anticipated 200 plaintiff and defendant attorneys for viewing. Alternatively, the client was ordered to make a known group of documents available for viewing, preferably in an online data room. The defendant needed a solution that could easily and securely handle the complexity of these cases, the volume of documents produced and the large number of parties in this litigation.

#### **Solution**

Seeking a solution to satisfy the court order, improve productivity and ensure efficient and secure management of documents with access by many parties, the customer contacted ShareVault.

ShareVault ([www.sharevault.com](http://www.sharevault.com)) was selected for its secure, intuitive next generation data room to address the District Court's order. Certain requirements for this litigation were needed to fulfill the obligations of the court order:

- Immediate easy set-up and training on the virtual data room
- Quick upload, organization and management of documents
- The ability to scale to handle this massive litigation, from hundreds to thousands of users, and from hundreds to thousands of pages and documents
- Fast response time in full text searching for documents
- Secure and flexible user/group access permission to documents
- Ease of use for all parties needing to access, publish, manage and search documents, while at the same time the ability to track all of this access
- Cost-effective and flexible pricing to address anticipated increase in use of the data room

## Results

Once ShareVault was selected, the ShareVault data room was set up in less than an hour, and within the next hour personnel were trained to administer ShareVault.

Since the launch of ShareVault in this litigation, ShareVault has served as the repository for these key documents in the lawsuits before the Court. The various parties with access to ShareVault have realized how easy and intuitive it is to use. Parties with access to ShareVault include defendants, defendants' inside counsel, defendants' outside counsel, co-counsel, plaintiffs' inside counsel and plaintiffs' outside counsel.

In a matter of just a few months, ShareVault was used to manage tens of thousands of pages of documents. It is expected that this volume of documents will dramatically climb over the coming months and years of the life of this litigation.

The client has seen a rapid payback as follows:

- A huge time and cost savings resulting from the secure electronic distribution of documents to so many parties located throughout the U.S.
- Convenience and secure access by all parties anytime and anywhere to accelerate the pre-trial preparation phase of this complex litigation
- A central and secure document repository and sharing system that integrates and organizes documents from multiple document sources and parties
- Increased security using a proven SAS70 (banking industry level security) cloud computing platform which has been used in a variety of law firm practice areas with a great financial impact at stake
- Document or user/group permissions can easily be accomplished with a few mouse clicks
- Documents can be easily added or removed and re-organized during the pre-trial and future litigation stages

## About ShareVault

ShareVault is a secure, intuitive online data room for law firms and their clients. Anytime and from anywhere, law firms and clients can easily access, publish, manage and search all types of documents as well as share them with multiple authorized parties including legal teams, clients, expert witnesses and litigation support vendors, while at the same time tracking this access. Unlike email and traditional document delivery methods, ShareVault provides more efficient and trustworthy management of client matters, litigation, arbitration and mediation support, M&A due diligence, IP licensing and storage, management, search and tracking of documents in various other intensive practice areas.

ShareVault is headquartered in Los Gatos, CA.

For more information, visit [www.ShareVault.com](http://www.ShareVault.com)

*Due to confidentiality requirements, the ShareVault customer is not disclosed in this case study.*