



September 6, 2016

The Honorable David E. Nahmias
Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
572 State Office Annex
244 Washington Street S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Justice Nahmias:

The State Bar of Georgia has worked tirelessly over the last few years to address e-discovery issues. For the last two years, the Electronically Stored Information Special Committee met and discussed these issues, hearing from all interested members of the bench and bar and other stakeholders.

The ESI Committee proposed legislation was approved by the State Bar Advisory Committee on Legislation. In January 2016, at a specially called meeting, the State Bar of Georgia Board of Governors voted to support the E-Discovery Bill and introduced that proposed legislation during the 2016 session of the General Assembly. Although the State Bar sponsored bill did not pass, the position of the State Bar on e-discovery has not changed and the proposed legislation represents the current position of the State Bar of Georgia. We commend that legislation to the Supreme Court's attention as the Court considers the proposed amendments to Superior Court Rule 6.8.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick T. O'Connor