

2026 Survey Report on Korean Companies' eDiscovery in Cross-Border Litigation

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PART 1

Research Overview

Summarizes the objective, methodology, and sample composition of the study, along with the respondent sample's job function, company size, industry, and overseas market profile

1-1 Research Design

1-2 Respondent Profile

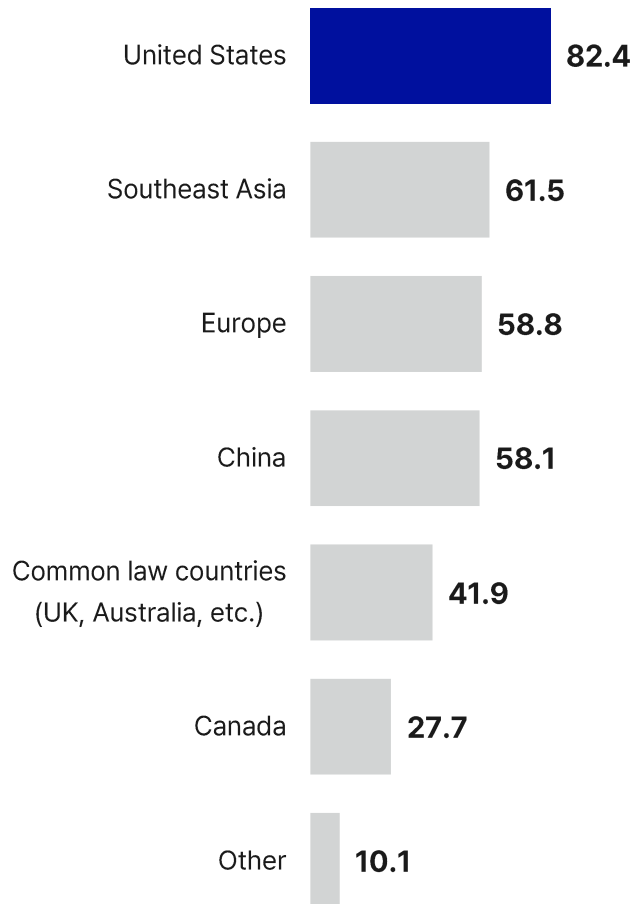
Research Design	A quantitative survey of legal, compliance, and IP practitioners and decision-makers at companies operating overseas	
Research Objective	To quantitatively assess Korean companies' response to cross-border litigation and disputes, and their current eDiscovery practices	
Research Method	Online surveys conducted by Intellectual Data and Remember Research	
Geographic Scope	South Korea (based on the domestic location of companies operating or planning to operate overseas)	
Target Respondents	Legal, compliance, and IP (intellectual property) practitioners and decision-makers at companies operating overseas or planning to expand overseas * Responses were collected at the individual respondent level and may include multiple responses from the same company.	
Sample Size	148 respondents * Reference data from law firm/IP firm professionals (n=14) collected separately by Intellectual Data and noted on key slides where relevant.	
Research Period	April-May 2026	

Respondent
Profile

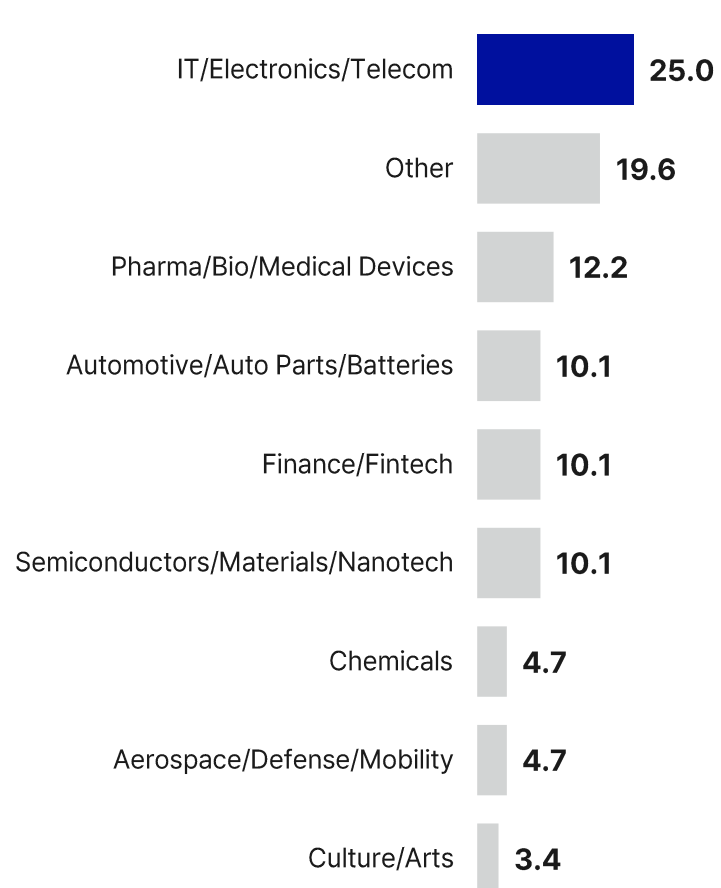
The respondent sample is concentrated among individuals from large enterprises and companies operating in the United States

Base: All respondents, n=148 · Unit: %

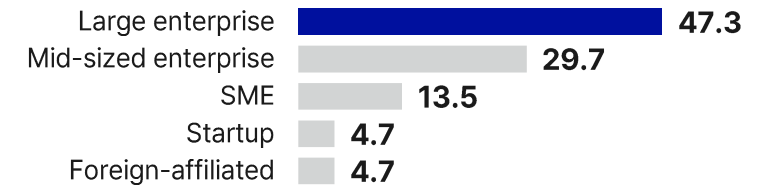
Key Overseas Markets (multiple responses)



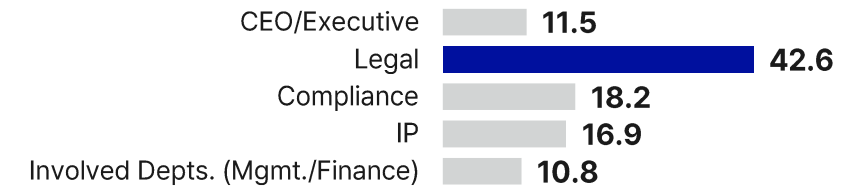
Industry



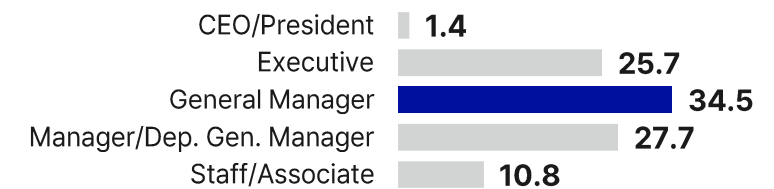
Company Size



Job Function



Seniority Level



PART 2

Executive Summary

Condenses the overall survey takeaways into a single-page overview

SUMMARY

01

Intellectual property and contract disputes account for the largest share of cross-border litigation and disputes, while cost and predictability remain key burdens in response

Among types of cross-border litigation and disputes experienced in the past three years or considered likely in the future, **intellectual property disputes (57.4%)** and breach of **contract/damages claims (54.7%)** drew the highest responses. In terms of response challenges, **difficulty forecasting costs, securing budget (60.8%), difficulty predicting litigation outcomes (50.0%), and lack of cross-border litigation experience (43.9%)** were reported at relatively high rates.

02

eDiscovery experience rates are higher among large enterprises

Overall, 29.7% of respondents reported that their company had eDiscovery experience. This proportion was relatively higher among respondents from **large enterprises (38.6%)**. Cross-tabulation showed that the proportion reporting eDiscovery experience at their company tended to increase with the number of cross-border litigation/dispute matters reported for the past three years. Among respondents reporting **five or more such matters at their company, 61.5% reported that their company had eDiscovery experience**.

03

Cost savings and time savings are the top expected benefits of AI use in eDiscovery

Cost savings (64.2%) and time savings (57.4%) were the most cited expected benefits of AI use in eDiscovery, followed by improved accuracy (25.7%), strategic support (23.6%), and risk management (14.2%). Respondents placed relatively more emphasis on efficiency gains (cost and time) than on quality gains (such as accuracy).

PART 3

Survey Findings

Presents a detailed, question-by-question analysis covering cross-border litigation and dispute response, eDiscovery experience and practices, and qualitative feedback

- 3-1 **Cross-Border Litigation & Dispute Response
(Dispute Volume · Dispute Type · Law Firm Engagement · Challenges · Information Channels)**
- 3-2 eDiscovery Experience & Practices
(Experience Rate · Outsourced Services · Cross-Tabulation · Engagement Model · AI Expectations)
- 3-3 Qualitative Feedback

Dispute
Volume

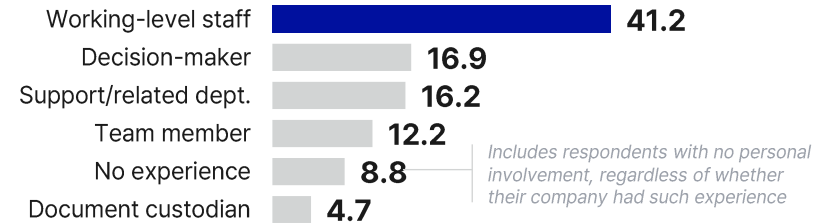
Cross-border litigation and dispute experience is most frequent among large enterprises

KEY FINDINGS

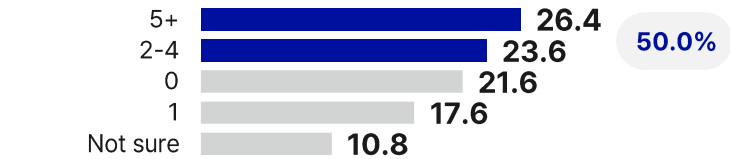
- Frequent cross-border litigation and disputes among large enterprises:** 50.0% of respondents reported that their company had experienced two or more cross-border litigation/dispute matters in the past three years, and large enterprises reported the highest rate of five or more matters (44.3%), well above other company-size groups
- Dispersed experience levels among mid-sized enterprises:** relatively high rates for both 'zero matters' (27.3%) and '2-4 matters' (34.1%)

Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, single response

Respondents' Individual Involvement in Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Response



Number of Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Matters at Respondent's Company in the Past 3 Years



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Distribution of Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Matters in the Past 3 Years, by Company Size

Category	(n)	0	1	2-4	5+	Not sure
Total	(148)	21.6	17.6	23.6	26.4	10.8
By company size						
Large enterprise	(70)	7.1	15.7	20.0	44.3	12.9
Mid-sized enterprise	(44)	27.3	18.2	34.1	9.1	11.4
SME *	(20)	35.0	25.0	25.0	15.0	0.0
Startup *	(7)	71.4	0.0	14.3	0.0	14.3
Foreign-affiliated *	(7)	42.9	28.6	0.0	14.3	14.3

Q. Do you have work experience responding to cross-border litigation or disputes?
Q. Approximately how many cross-border litigation/dispute matters has your company had in the past three years?
Please answer based on your company, regardless of your own role.

Dispute Type

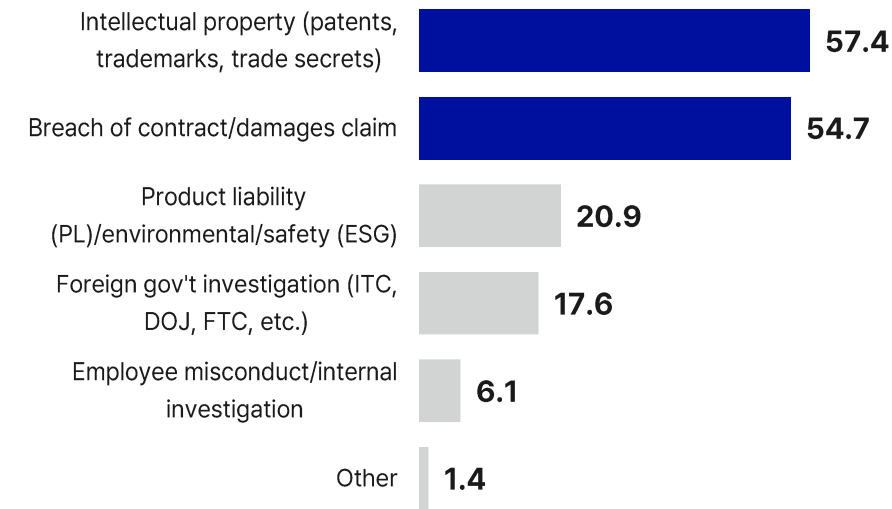
Intellectual property (IP) and breach of contract/damages claims account for the largest share of cross-border litigation and dispute types

KEY FINDINGS

- Leading dispute types:** intellectual property (IP) disputes (57.4%) and breach of contract/damages claims (54.7%) each accounted for more than half of all responses
- By industry:** the IT/electronics/telecom industry reported an IP dispute rate of 70.3%, above the overall average (57.4%). The semiconductor/materials/nanotech industry reported an IP dispute rate of 93.3%, while its breach of contract/damages claim rate was 26.7%

Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, multiple responses (up to 2)

Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Types Experienced in the Past 3 Years or Likely in the Future (up to 2)



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Distribution of Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Types, by Industry and Job Function

Category	(n)	Intellectual Property (IP)	Breach of contract/damages claim	PL/Environmental/Safety (ESG)	Foreign government investigation	Employee misconduct/internal investigation	Other
Total	(148)	57.4	54.7	20.9	17.6	6.1	1.4
By industry							
IT/Electronics/Telecom	(37)	70.3	51.4	24.3	18.9	5.4	2.7
Semiconductors/Materials/Nanotech *	(15)	93.3	26.7	6.7	20.0	0.0	0.0
Pharma/Bio/Medical Devices *	(18)	72.2	44.4	11.1	16.7	0.0	0.0
Aerospace/Defense/Mobility *	(7)	14.3	85.7	42.9	14.3	14.3	0.0
Finance/Fintech *	(15)	0.0	73.3	13.3	13.3	20.0	0.0
Automotive/Auto Parts/Batteries *	(15)	60.0	33.3	53.3	26.7	0.0	0.0
Chemicals *	(7)	57.1	42.9	14.3	42.9	0.0	0.0
Culture/Arts *	(5)	60.0	80.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0
Other *	(29)	51.7	72.4	17.2	10.3	6.9	3.4
By job function							
CEO/Executive *	(17)	70.6	58.8	5.9	11.8	5.9	0.0
Legal	(63)	47.6	65.1	17.5	23.8	3.2	1.6
Compliance *	(27)	33.3	51.9	37.0	18.5	22.2	3.7
IP *	(25)	100.0	16.0	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0
Involved Depts. (Mgmt./Finance)*	(16)	56.2	75.0	37.5	6.2	0.0	0.0

Q. Please select up to 2 types of cross-border litigation/disputes your company has experienced in the past 3 years or is likely to face in the future.

Law Firm Engagement

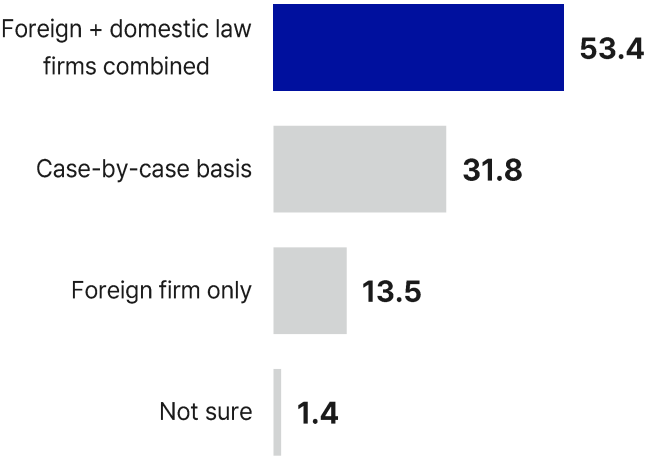
A combination of foreign and domestic law firms is the leading approach to law firm engagement, used by more than half of respondents

KEY FINDINGS

- **Engagement pattern:** ‘foreign + domestic law firms combined’ was the most common response (53.4%), followed by ‘case-by-case basis’ (31.8%) and ‘foreign firm only’ (13.5%)
- **By job function:** ‘foreign + domestic law firms combined’ was cited more often by IP (64.0%) and compliance (63.0%) roles, while CEOs/executives reported ‘case-by-case basis’ at 64.7%, notably above other functions and the overall average
- **[Cross-tabulation 1] eDiscovery experience rate by law firm engagement type (p.15):** the eDiscovery experience rate was highest among those using ‘foreign firm only’ (60.0%), followed by ‘foreign + domestic law firms combined’ (30.4%) and ‘case-by-case basis’ (17.0%), with rates differing by engagement type
- **[Cross-tabulation 2] Law firm engagement type by number of cross-border litigation/dispute matters in the past 3 years (p.9):** among respondents reporting zero cross-border litigation/dispute matters at their company in the past three years, ‘case-by-case basis’ was the most common response (56.2%). Among those reporting five or more matters, 33.3% selected ‘foreign firm only,’ higher than among those reporting four or fewer matters (2.9-11.5%).

Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, single response

Law Firm Engagement Approach for Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Response



Distribution of Law Firm Engagement Approach for Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Response, by Job Function

Category	(n)	Foreign + domestic law firms combined	Case-by-case basis	Foreign firm only	Not sure
Total	(148)	53.4	31.8	13.5	1.4
By job function					
CEO/Executive *	(17)	35.3	64.7	0.0	0.0
Legal	(63)	49.2	28.6	20.6	1.6
Compliance *	(27)	63.0	33.3	3.7	0.0
IP *	(25)	64.0	12.0	24.0	0.0
Involved Depts. (Mgmt./Finance)*	(16)	56.2	37.5	0.0	6.2

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Q. How does your company engage law firms when responding to cross-border litigation or disputes?

Challenges

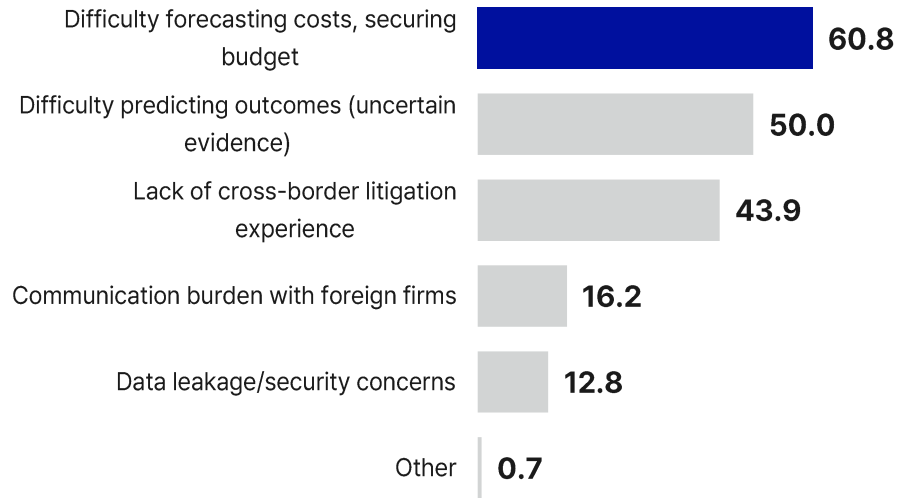
Difficulty forecasting costs and securing budgets, along with predicting litigation outcomes, are the top challenges in responding to cross-border litigation and disputes

KEY FINDINGS

- **Top challenges:** 'difficulty forecasting costs, securing budget' was the most common response (60.8%), followed by 'difficulty predicting litigation outcomes' (50.0%) and 'lack of cross-border litigation experience' (43.9%)
- **By job function:** legal professionals most often cited 'difficulty forecasting costs, securing budget' (71.4%), while respondents from other involved departments (management/finance) cited 'data leakage/security concerns' (50.0%) well above the overall average (12.8%)
- **[Cross-tabulation] Challenges by number of cross-border litigation/dispute matters in the past 3 years (p.9):** the proportion of respondents citing 'difficulty forecasting costs, securing budget' was 59.4% at companies with zero matters, 57.7% at one matter, 57.1% at 2-4 matters, and 69.2% at five or more. The proportion remained high across all matter-count groups

Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, multiple responses (up to 2)

Challenges in Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Response (up to 2)



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Distribution of Challenges in Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Response, by Job Function

Among law/IP firm professionals (reference data, n=14), 71.4% cited 'difficulty forecasting costs, securing budget' as a challenge, higher than all respondents (60.8%)

Category	(n)	Difficulty forecasting costs, securing budget	Difficulty predicting outcomes	Lack of cross-border litigation experience	Comm. burden with foreign firms	Data leakage /security concerns	Other
Total	(148)	60.8	50.0	43.9	16.2	12.8	0.7
By job function							
CEO/Executive *	(17)	58.8	58.8	35.3	23.5	5.9	5.9
Legal	(63)	71.4	52.4	38.1	12.7	6.3	0.0
Compliance *	(27)	40.7	59.3	51.9	7.4	14.8	0.0
IP *	(25)	64.0	44.0	44.0	32.0	8.0	0.0
Involved Depts. (Mgmt./Finance)*	(16)	50.0	25.0	62.5	12.5	50.0	0.0

Q. What are the main challenges in responding to cross-border litigation/disputes? Please select up to 2.

Information Channels

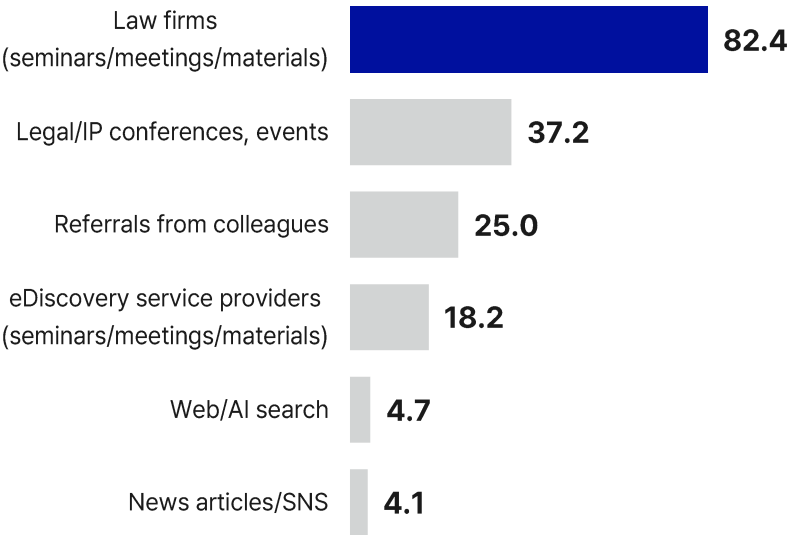
'Law firms' are cited as the most trusted channel of information for cross-border litigation/disputes, followed by 'conferences/events' and 'referrals from colleagues'

KEY FINDINGS

- **Top trusted channels:** 'law firms' had the highest share of responses (82.4%), followed by 'conferences/events' (37.2%) and 'referrals from colleagues' (25.0%)
- **By job function:** IP professionals reported relatively higher rates for 'law firms' (92.0%) and 'conferences/events' (56.0%), while CEOs/executives reported a higher rate for 'referrals from colleagues' (35.3%) than other functions

Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, multiple responses (up to 2)

Trusted Channels for Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Information (up to 2)



Distribution of Trusted Information Channels for Cross-Border Litigation/Disputes, by Job Function

Category	(n)	Law firms	Confer-ences/ events	Referrals from colleagues	eDiscovery service providers	Web/AI search	News articles /SNS
Total	(148)	82.4	37.2	25.0	18.2	4.7	4.1
By job function							
CEO/Executive *	(17)	70.6	23.5	35.3	23.5	5.9	5.9
Legal	(63)	85.7	28.6	30.2	17.5	6.3	3.2
Compliance *	(27)	74.1	48.1	25.9	22.2	0.0	3.7
IP *	(25)	92.0	56.0	12.0	12.0	0.0	8.0
Involved Depts. (Mgmt./Finance)*	(16)	81.2	37.5	12.5	18.8	12.5	0.0

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Q. Which sources do you trust for information on cross-border litigation/disputes? Please select up to 2.

PART 3

Survey Findings

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- 3-1 Cross-Border Litigation & Dispute Response
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- 3-2 **eDiscovery Experience & Practices**
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- 3-3 Qualitative Feedback

Experience · Outsourcing

eDiscovery experience is relatively more common among large enterprises

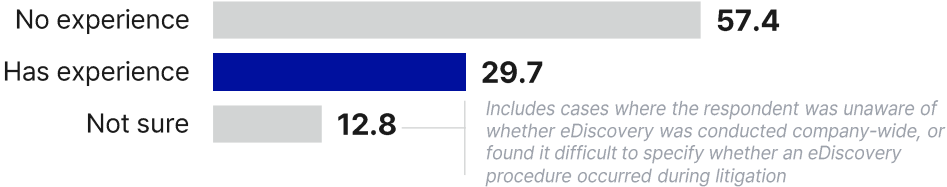
KEY FINDINGS

- **eDiscovery experience and outsourcing patterns:** 29.7% of respondents reported that their company had eDiscovery experience. Among services used through eDiscovery service providers, 'full or partial eDiscovery' (22.3%) and 'first-pass document review' (18.2%) were reported at relatively high rates
- **By company size:** eDiscovery experience rates were relatively high among foreign-affiliated companies (42.9%) and large enterprises (38.6%), while startups (14.3%) and SMEs (15.0%) reported lower rates

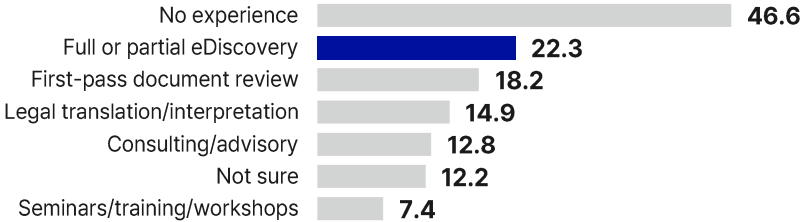
Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, single response (eDiscovery experience), multiple responses (services used)
eDiscovery experience has no time limit

Respondent Company's eDiscovery Experience

eDiscovery is primarily required in U.S. civil litigation, government investigations, and common law jurisdictions, and does not apply to all cross-border litigation and disputes



Use of Services from eDiscovery Service Providers (multiple responses)



Distribution of eDiscovery Experience, by Company Size

Category	(n)	Has experience	No experience	Not sure
Total	(148)	29.7	57.4	12.8
By company size				
Large enterprise	(70)	38.6	45.7	15.7
Mid-sized enterprise	(44)	22.7	65.9	11.4
SME *	(20)	15.0	80.0	5.0
Startup *	(7)	14.3	85.7	0.0
Foreign-affiliated *	(7)	42.9	28.6	28.6

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Q. Does your company have eDiscovery experience?
Q. In your company's eDiscovery process, please select all services used through an 'eDiscovery service provider', other than in-house handling or law firms.

Cross-Tabulation

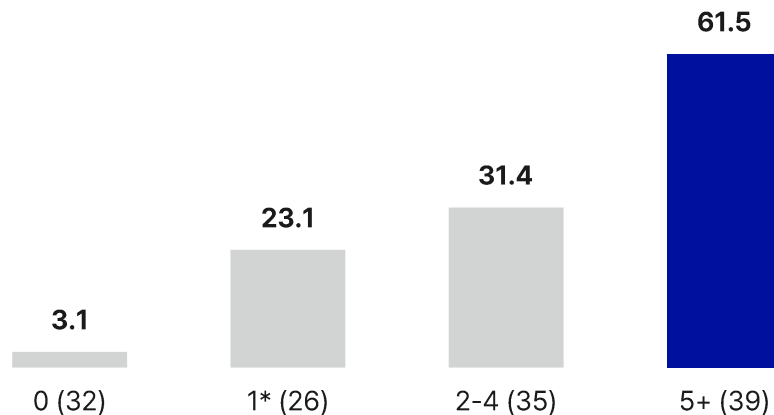
eDiscovery experience rates vary by the number and type of cross-border litigation/disputes

KEY FINDINGS

- **[Cross-tabulation] eDiscovery experience by number of cross-border litigation/dispute matters in the past 3 years (p.9):** the eDiscovery experience rate was 3.1% among respondents reporting zero matters at their company, 23.1% for one matter, 31.4% for 2-4 matters, and 61.5% for five or more, suggesting that the rate tends to increase as the number of matters rises
- **[Cross-tabulation] eDiscovery experience by dispute type (p.10):** among respondents who selected foreign government investigations, 57.7% reported that their company had eDiscovery experience, 33.9pp higher than among those who did not select it (23.8%). By contrast, the gap between respondents who selected IP disputes (31.8%) and those who did not (27.0%) was small

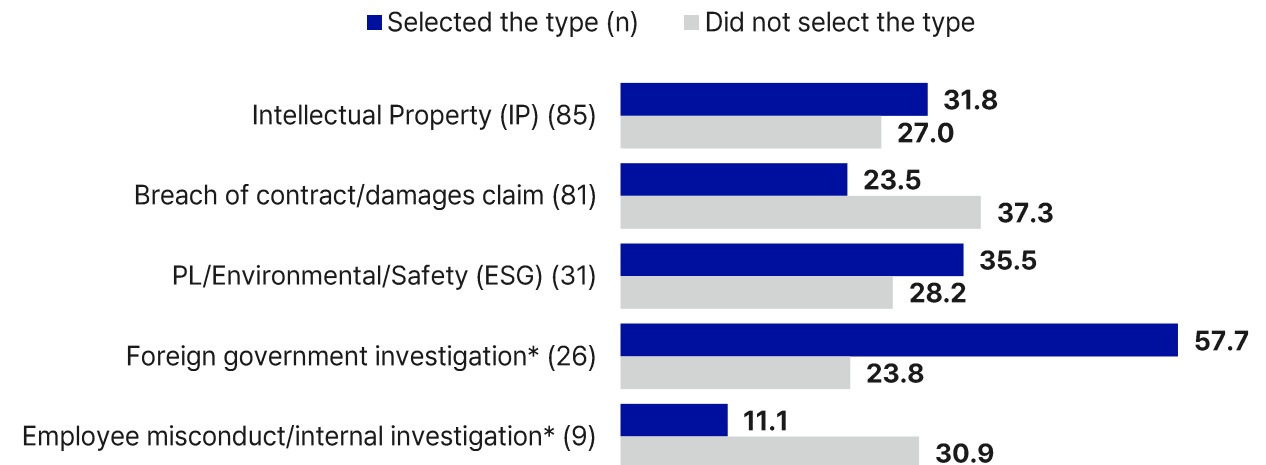
The number of cross-border litigation/dispute matters is based on the past 3 years; eDiscovery experience has no time limit
Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: % (analysis by number of matters excludes 'not sure,' n=16)

eDiscovery Experience Rate by Number of Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Matters in the Past 3 Years (%)



* Figures in parentheses indicate the number of respondents (n)
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eDiscovery Experience Rate by Selection of Cross-Border Litigation/Dispute Type (up to 2) (%)



Q. Approximately how many cross-border litigation/dispute matters has your company had in the past three years?
Q. Please select up to 2 types of cross-border litigation/disputes your company has experienced in the past 3 years or is likely to face in the future.
Q. Does your company have eDiscovery experience?

Engagement Model

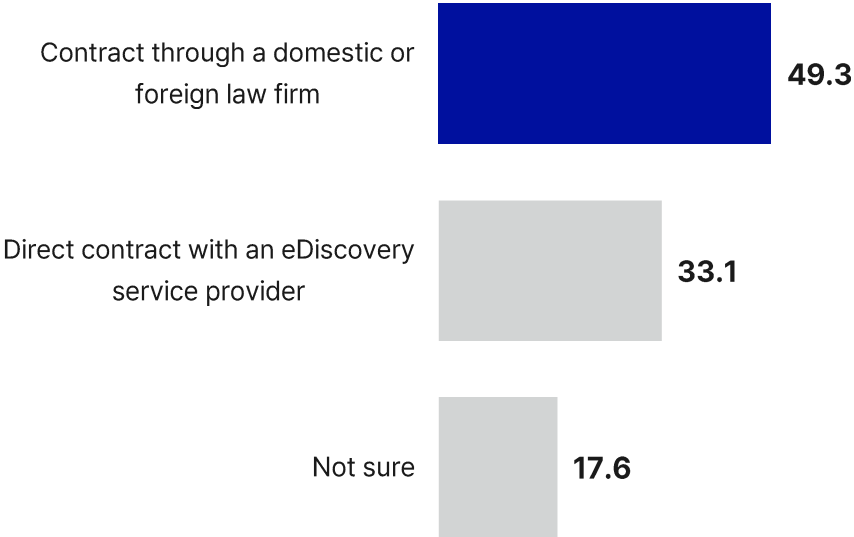
'Contract through a domestic or foreign law firm' is the most preferred engagement model for eDiscovery

KEY FINDINGS

- Preferred engagement model:** 'contract through a domestic or foreign law firm' was the most common response (49.3%), followed by 'direct contract with an eDiscovery service provider' (33.1%)
- By company size:** SMEs reported a relatively higher rate for 'direct contract with an eDiscovery service provider' (45.0%) than other company-size groups

Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, single response

Preferred Engagement Model for eDiscovery



Distribution of Preferred Engagement Model for eDiscovery, by Company Size

Category	(n)	Contract through a domestic or foreign law firm	Direct contract with an eDiscovery service provider	Not sure
Total	(148)	49.3	33.1	17.6
By company size				
Large enterprise	(70)	52.9	28.6	18.6
Mid-sized enterprise	(44)	47.7	34.1	18.2
SME *	(20)	40.0	45.0	15.0
Startup *	(7)	42.9	28.6	28.6
Foreign-affiliated *	(7)	57.1	42.9	0.0

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Q. What is your preferred engagement model for eDiscovery?

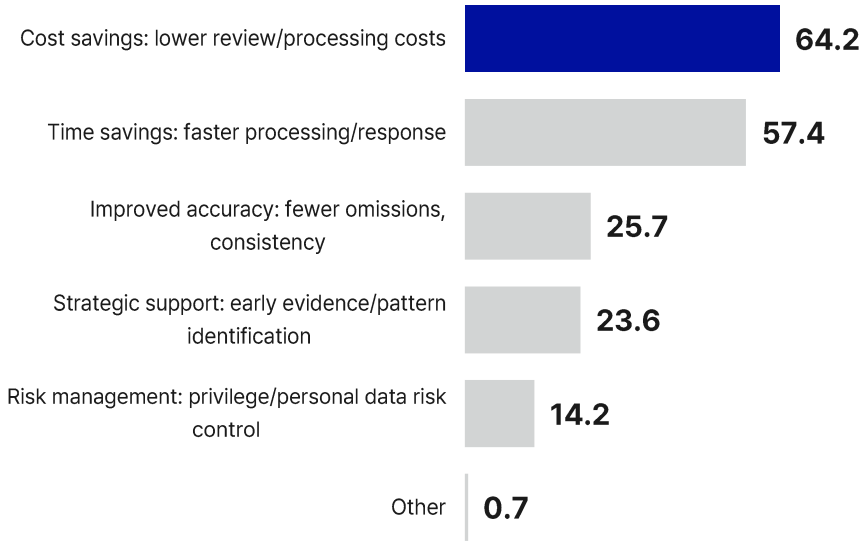
'Cost savings' and 'time savings' are the most cited expected benefits of using AI in eDiscovery

KEY FINDINGS

- **Expected benefits of AI in eDiscovery:** 64.2% of all respondents selected 'cost savings' and 57.4% selected 'time savings,' both well above other options
- **By the respondent company's eDiscovery experience:** among respondents reporting eDiscovery experience at their company, 75.0% selected 'cost savings,' 10.8pp above the overall average (64.2%)

Base: All respondents, n=148, Unit: %, multiple responses (up to 2)

Expected Benefits of AI Use in eDiscovery (up to 2)



Distribution of Expected Benefits of AI Use in eDiscovery, by eDiscovery Experience

📌 Among law/IP firm professionals (reference data, n=14), 35.7% cited 'improved accuracy,' higher than all respondents (25.7%)

Category	(n)	Cost savings	Time savings	Improved accuracy	Strategic support	Risk management	Other
Total	(148)	64.2	57.4	25.7	23.6	14.2	0.7
By eDiscovery experience							
Has experience	(44)	75.0	50.0	31.8	18.2	4.5	0.0
No experience	(85)	60.0	60.0	22.4	28.2	16.5	1.2
Not sure *	(19)	57.9	63.2	26.3	15.8	26.3	0.0

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Q. What benefits do you expect from using AI in eDiscovery? Please select up to 2.

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Qualitative
Feedback 1

Qualitative feedback on cross-border litigation/disputes and eDiscovery includes frequent comments on expertise, practical execution, and cost

KEY FINDINGS

- **Expertise and practical response:** comments on establishing an advance response framework/strategy and on expertise were identified
- **Cost burden:** comments identified cost burden in responding to cross-border litigation, along with requests for concrete information on cost-reduction methods and case examples

Base: Open-ended respondents, n=65, qualitative analysis and keyword grouping

① Expertise / Practical Execution

- "Discovery itself is very difficult and demanding"
- "We struggled due to many unexpected variables and a lack of experience"
- "Urgent action is needed for data with short retention cycles, such as messenger apps"
- "Reviewing electronic records has become essential first, so a service that professionally handles this review would be helpful"
- "I hope for well-designed discovery response and defense strategies tailored to each jurisdiction"
- "There still appears to be a large service gap compared to U.S. providers"
- "A strategic, multi-dimensional, company-wide response is needed from the outset to set the optimal direction"
- "I want a provider that can explain how the overall process works"
- "Few providers give truly insightful explanations"
- "A high level of expertise is required"
- "Accurate legal advisory support"

② Cost Burden

- "For Korean companies sued overseas, the cost and process are too difficult, and the cost is very high"
- "From an SME's perspective, the cost is a heavy burden"
- "Make cost and accessibility more realistic. It would help to have use cases and concrete explanations of the benefits"
- "I would like clear, data- and case-based examples of how eDiscovery can reduce costs"
- "I am curious what efficient methods exist for cost, and for handling trade-secret-related documents"
- "A transparent service pricing structure"
- "Reasonable cost and expertise secured by practice area"
- "Make costs more realistic," "systematize costs"
- "Please lower costs," "affordable pricing"
- "Reasonable cost, faster processing, and better communication methods"

Q. Finally, please feel free to share any thoughts from your experience with cross-border litigation/dispute response or eDiscovery, expectations for the industry, or any other comments.

Qualitative
Feedback 2

Qualitative feedback on cross-border litigation/disputes and eDiscovery reflects views on the outlook for eDiscovery use and related institutional issues

KEY FINDINGS

- **Outlook for eDiscovery use:** comments reflected expectations for broader use, along with calls for greater information sharing, case examples, and outreach
- **Other comments:** views on discovery-related legislation in Korea were also identified

Base: Open-ended respondents, n=65, qualitative analysis and keyword grouping

③ Outlook for eDiscovery Use

- "I hope Korean companies actively use it to help resolve cross-border disputes"
- "As eDiscovery adoption increases, I am giving serious thought to using a service provider"
- "I have no experience yet, but based on what I understand, it seems essential, if only to reduce liability exposure"
- "Not yet, but future circumstances remain hard to predict"
- "If related business and regulatory trends were shared, interest in eDiscovery would naturally grow"
- "It would be helpful to receive sample papers or case studies"
- "I hope it becomes widely known domestically so it can be easily used"
- "More active outreach appears to be needed"

④ Other: Discovery-Related Legislation in Korea

- "I hope Korea moves quickly toward eDiscovery-related legislation"
- "Prepare well for K-discovery"

Q. Finally, please feel free to share any thoughts from your experience with cross-border litigation/dispute response or eDiscovery, expectations for the industry, or any other comments.

PART 4

Expert Perspectives

Presents expert perspectives on global eDiscovery, law, and policy, informed by the survey findings

Outside
View

Expert Perspectives

Georgia Foster | Managing Director and VP Sales, International, Relativity

Across global jurisdictions, cross-border disputes often expose the need for a more structured eDiscovery response. This report provides quantitative insight and offers an evidence-based reference point for understanding the experiences and challenges faced by Korean companies.

For Korean companies, the value of eDiscovery technology is best realized through specialist support that can translate sophisticated capabilities into practical execution, taking account of Korean-language data, local data practices and the way organizations operate.

ChinSu Lee | Former Vice President, Seoul Semiconductor

As Korean companies expand their global operations, cross-border litigation and eDiscovery have become real legal risks in which response speed, cost control, and data management capabilities are critical. Until now, there have been few comparable benchmarks available to legal and IP practitioners in Korea.

This survey is meaningful in that it fills this information gap by turning the field experience and perceptions of Korean companies into practical data. In particular, it provides empirical benchmarks that can reduce cost uncertainty and shows how AI-driven legal technology could make costs more predictable. It also offers a starting point for reviewing the technical defense framework needed to prepare for a future K-Discovery environment.

Sungjai Choi | Partner Attorney, ClassHankyul

Korea's Ministry of Intellectual Property continues to pursue legislation for a Korean-style discovery system (K-Discovery), and I understand that the National Council on Intellectual Property also views it as part of efforts to improve the patent litigation system.

At a time when companies with relevant expertise are needed, I look forward to the role Intellectual Data can play.

About the Publisher

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Intellectual Data is an eDiscovery company that supports Korean corporations in U.S. and cross-border litigation, disputes, and government investigations.

The eDiscovery Standard

Intellectual Data has supported cross-border litigation for major Korean corporations, including Korea's top four conglomerates, delivering the full eDiscovery process from data preservation and collection to processing, analysis, document review, and production.

With dedicated eDiscovery professionals and data infrastructure in both Korea and the United States, Intellectual Data connects Korean companies' data with the demands of U.S. and cross-border litigation.



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- **Security & Compliance** Provides domestic hosting and client-dedicated environments for sensitive data such as national core technologies (NCT) and trade secrets, reflecting applicable laws and each client's data and security requirements.
- **Cross-Border Operations** Supports project execution between Korean companies and their overseas counsel through dedicated bilingual Korean-English project managers and reviewers, with operations in both Korea and the U.S.
- **Legal Support** Supports cross-border litigation through English and Korean document review, professional translation, deposition interpretation, and dedicated litigation support facilities.

Corporate Milestones

Founded in 2019, Intellectual Data has continued to invest in eDiscovery and expand its capabilities to support Korean companies in cross-border litigation. In 2026, the company acquired FRONTEO Korea.



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