

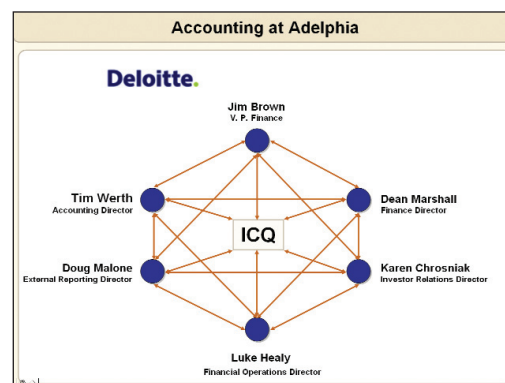
## The United States v. Rigas

**THE CLIENT:** Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle; Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Silberberg; Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman; and Harrington & Mahoney.

**THE CASE:** Federal prosecutors charged Michael Rigas, his father John Rigas, brother Timothy Rigas and Michael Mulcahey with conspiracy, bank fraud, wire fraud and securities fraud in connection with the management and control of Adelphia Communications Corporation ("Adelphia"). As part of its investigation, the government issued grand jury subpoenas to Adelphia requesting documents (including those stored electronically) concerning a wide range of issues.

**THE TRIAL:** DOAR was retained to provide litigation consulting for the defense including the acquisition of Adelphia hard drives from the USAO. DOAR also provided war room and trial support, [document management](#) and [web repository](#) services.

- DOAR provided [war room](#) and trial [support](#) for the four firms representing the defendants. DOAR experts staffed a centrally located war room playing a pivotal role in exhibit organization and preparation. Additionally, attorneys used the war room to rehearse their presentations with a technician or to work with witnesses to hone their examination and to allow [witnesses](#) to rehearse as well.
- During the trial, the prosecution submitted exhibits on a daily basis. In response, DOAR set up a facility within the war room allowing new exhibits to be scanned and digitized for display, often within hours of their receipt. DOAR captured and catalogued all admitted exhibits for presentation to the court for use, if necessary, on appeal.



**THE OUTCOME:** The trial ended with a split verdict: John and Timothy Rigas were found guilty of 18 counts of securities and bank fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud for hiding \$2.3 billion in company debt from investors and regulators and using company funds to pay for lavish personal expenses. The other defendants were spared. The jury found that Michael Rigas was not guilty of conspiracy and wire fraud and could not arrive at a decision on the remaining counts. Mr. Mulcahey was found not guilty of all allegations.