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The judge overseeing Howrey's Chapter 11 bankruptcy has approved the estate's plan to return paper and digital files currently stored in data centers and storage facilities across the country to more than 10,000 former clients of the defunct law firm.

The trustee of the Howrey estate, Houston attorney Allan Diamond, had already begun the process of finding, reviewing and sending 220,000 boxes of documents and digital files containing financial records, e-mail exchanges and other confidential information back to companies that once did business with Howrey. By law, the estate of a bankrupt law firm must notify former clients that they have the right to retrieve their old files or give the estate the authority to destroy them.

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