

Kroll Ontrack Hires New CEO

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Kroll Ontrack, a division of Altegrity based in Minneapolis, has announced the hiring of Dean Hager as president and CEO as part of a corporate reorganization. He begins work on Jan. 9.

Hager's hiring comes on the heels of a November 2011 announcement that Kroll Ontrack would become a fourth stand-alone business within Altegrity, joining Kroll, USIS, and HireRight. According to Altegrity CEO Sharon Rowlands, via an email interview, this change reflects "our concentration on generating new opportunities that leverage this organization's significant e-discovery capabilities." Rowlands herself is a recent arrival, having joined Altegrity as CEO in November.

Kroll Ontrack is known for its Verve e-discovery and data processing technology, released in November of last year, as well as its EDD and information management consulting and other services.

Hager comes to the company from Lawson Software, where he held a variety of leadership positions in areas like product and strategy, marketing, sales, and services. Immediately prior, he served as executive vice president for Lawson's S3 Industries, which specializes in health care, public sector, financial and human capital management. Prior to Lawson, Hager worked at IBM for nine years as a senior program manager.

At the time of the spinoff announcement, Altegrity announced its search for "the right person to lead these efforts," said Rowlands. "Dean knows what it takes to run a business and he had held a wide range of top leadership roles at his last business in areas ranging the spectrum from product and strategy development to marketing and sales." She also noted that Hager has a track record of increasing profitability at Lawson, "building a brand to the point that the business was recognized as a global leader in its markets," and "his laser focus on the customer and helping clients get the services they need so they can be successful."

As part of the executive changes at Kroll Ontrack, Acting President Joel Vogel will become senior vice president of legal technologies and current senior executive Greg Olson will become the senior vice president of data recovery and software.

Hager received his Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from St. Cloud State University and his Master of Arts degree in management from St. Mary's College. He is also an inventor and is listed on three patents for data processing, according to a statement.