FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS / RECOVERY CONCEPTS

Match a recovery objective to the party that can act

Distinguish information requests, preservation, restrictions and return when discussing a digital-asset matter with local counsel.

01 Define the immediate objective

Specify whether the immediate objective is preserving records, identifying an account, restricting assets or establishing entitlement. Match the supporting evidence to that objective. Available remedies and procedural requirements depend on the forum and case.

02 Distinguish technical capability from legal authority

Identify the recipient entity and its technical controls. Certain issuers can restrict their token at privately controlled addresses; this is not control of every wallet asset. Verify capability and process. Separate informal outreach, compelled disclosure and confirmed action.

03 Use jurisdiction-specific rules for the legal step

Use the relevant jurisdiction's rules and local counsel for remedies, notice, evidence, undertakings and enforceability. England and Wales CPR Part 25 is a jurisdiction-specific example, not a universal template. A legal order and its implementation are distinct.

04 Keep preservation and return as separate milestones

Record requests, acknowledgements and confirmed actions separately, including scope, expiry or follow-up requirements. Record preservation is not an asset freeze. A restriction is not a return; entitlement, competing claims and further procedures may remain.

Example. A fictional service confirms that it has preserved account records. That statement concerns information. It does not establish that an asset balance has been restricted or that an account holder has been identified to the applicant.

Review checklist

- ☐ I have identified the immediate objective and requested action.
- ☐ I have checked the relevant entity and its technical role.
- ☐ I have identified the jurisdiction-specific legal questions for local counsel.
- ☐ I have separated requested, acknowledged and confirmed milestones.

General educational framework; assess legal steps and expert requirements in the relevant jurisdiction. Example is fictional.

References: England and Wales: Civil Procedure Rules Part 25 / Circle: USDC terms