

Case Study | Regional Litigation Boutique

Acorn's Custom Solution Saves Client Over 40 Hours of Privileged Review Costs



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"Thank you, Tracey! The attorney was just amazed that we were able to get them into a usable format. Without your assistance, the cost and time required from this matter would have been inconceivable. Thanks again for the great work you continue to bring to each matter!"

- Litigation Paralegal, Regional Litigation Boutique

CHALLENGE

A Regional Litigation Boutique's client had exported emails from a legacy application, Lotus Notes, to a single text file, consisting of millions of lines of text. The firm's objective was to run their search term against the text file in order to determine if an individual email associated with it should be put on a privilege log. The firm initially tried to manually separate the text files into pages, PDF them, and unitize them within Relativity. The page count of the PDF was projected to be at least 168,000 pages, however manual unitization would have taken more than 1000 hours of work. The firm then approached Acorn to develop an automated solution to separate the text files, run the search term against the dataset, and then filter out all the documents not containing the search term.

ACORN'S APPROACH

Acorn's Director of eDiscovery, Tracey Oldenburg wrote a custom script that parsed the large file and created individual text files from each email. Tracey then used Nuix to process the text files. Even though each text file was not a properly formatted RFC 822 message format, Nuix recognized the files as emails just enough to index each email and capture the header fields and make those available in Nuix.

RESULTS

The search term was then run against the dataset and returned the responsive hits. Then by using email fields captured by Nuix, Tracey was able to generate a report of the findings for the firm. Tracey was then able to upload the responsive files into Relativity, allowing the Attorney to review the document set efficiently and effectively.

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