

Case Study | National Litigation Firm

Acorn's Strategic Workflows Save Client's Budget and Meets Review Deadline



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"We are so thankful for the commitment and expertise displayed by Zef and Josh throughout the course of this project. Without their persistence and drive to not only provide quality work, but go beyond to ensure we could meet all of our obligations, our matter would of not turned out as nearly as well as it did."

- Partner, National Litigation Firm

CHALLENGE

A national litigation firm planned to receive production sets and then proceed to cull the data and prepare for a review for their client and was confined to a strict budget and timeline to complete the project. Initially, the firm expected to receive approximately 2,800 GB of data but ended up receiving near 3,500 GB. Moreover, a majority of the dataset was previously processed and produced by various parties in various formats, creating an additional roadblock in culling it down. Already faced with these obstacles, the end client opted to only utilize their initial search terms which in turn were overly responsive. This led the dataset to only cull down to 2,300 GB, but with a budget set for only 1,500GB. With the budget projected to be exceeded by 53% and with only 30 days to bring it in line to begin the review, the national litigation firm turned to Acorn's expertise to create a solution

ACORN'S APPROACH

Acorn's Director of Analytics, Josh Treat, and Business Development Manager, Zef Deda, suggested they take a closer look at the terms and insisted they utilize additional options to handle this dataset. With the client onboard, they began by culling with refined search terms and applying email threading, clustering, and MD5 analysis to dedupe the data, to reduce the data set as much as initially possible. Josh then continued to run multiple iterations of search term, email threading and hash analysis on the responsive data set. To make each iteration viable, it was essential that Zef and Josh worked closely alongside the client when applying each workflow.

RESULTS

Through working outside of standard workflows and working closely alongside the client to apply more viable solutions with numerous, continuous interactions, Acorn was able to bring the dataset below 1,500GB, bringing it within budget while retaining the integrity of it as well. With the budget in line, the national litigation firm was able to proceed according to the timeline. The national litigation firm was ultimately extremely satisfied that they were able to follow through with their prior commitments to their client and efficiently proceed with their review on time and on budget.

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