

# Case Study | Child Justice

## Acorn's Pro Bono Work Wins Non-Profit Child Abuse Case Using Relativity Case Dynamics



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*"There were so many instances where Acorn saved us time with their knowledge of Relativity. Acorn had a lot of experience in case dynamics and gave us suggestions to automatically load certain things or automatically tag certain things which saved us so much more time without having to ask questions about this. They brought more knowledge of Relativity to us, and we didn't have to explain our litigation experience to Acorn. There wasn't a misunderstanding or lack of being able to jump from litigation lingo or IT lingo. We have never had this experience with other vendors before."*

- Cynthia Cummings, Case Manager at Child Justice

### **CHALLENGE**

Maryland-based nonprofit partnered with Acorn through Relativity's Justice for Change program. The nonprofit's objective was to search through 15GB of data, consisting mainly of PDF files, to create a chronological history of child sexual abuse within a high conflict divorce. Due to the mass quantity of documents and short period of time for discovery, as well as the complicated nature of child abuse cases, Child Justice knew that they would need hard evidence to protect the child and win their case.

### **ACORN'S APPROACH**

Acorn's Director of eDiscovery, Tracey Oldenburg suggested Child Justice use Relativity Case Dynamics to create facts within their documents, giving the facts a date, and issuing each fact individually. From there, Child Justice was able to create a chronology of abuse within Relativity. They were able to search by a specific issue or person and package those documents through the reporting function to hand over to the attorneys so they would have a succinct issue packet which they could then use to prepare questions for witnesses in trial. Due to the allegations of abuse and the counter-allegations regarding mental health, Child Justice's cases involve multiple expert witnesses, and Acorn assisted Child Justice with coding relevant documents particular to each expert that gave them a relevant narrative on each specific issue and any sub issues.

### **RESULTS**

Acorn's knowledge of Case Dynamics was not only money-saving for Child Justice, but was also time saving by allowing them to view documents in 8 hours compared to 35. Using Relativity, Child Justice was able to get down into the weeds of their documents to find every detail so that their facts had no ambiguity. Instead of just having one document or text message with proof, they'd have 300, and were able to use this organizational tool to pull up documents related to each specific term that had been tagged. Child Justice was able to show a pattern of abuse and ultimately found issues within the case that they did not know were previously there. Their access to Acorn through Justice for Change took Child Justice's complicated case and turned the tables on not only the child's abuser, but also the biases of the court system and society.

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