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Consultative Approach Reduces Half-Terabyte of Data by 80%, Makes Large Collection Manageable

Our client, one of the largest business litigation firms in the U.S., was involved in a high-profile case between one of the world's largest Internet search companies and a magazine publisher. The litigation firm received eight encrypted hard drives containing 405 gigabytes of extremely sensitive data that their client had collected from numerous custodians. They asked us to globally de-duplicate the entire population of nearly ten million items, filter the data by date, and support them in developing a search term filtering strategy. We also suggested to the client that we incorporate a file type filter.

This was no simple job. There were many nonstandard files, including MBX email files that needed to be converted into PST files before processing could even begin. We consulted with the client to devise a filtering strategy for key terms and file types. We ran extensive interactive searches and refined them accordingly. As a result, we were able to provide the client with search logic that was cost effective, reasonable and defensible.

Based on our strategy, we created an 83-gigabyte native review database of hit results that contained just 700,000 items – an 80% reduction from the original data set. This enabled our client to conduct a faster and much more cost-effective review. Ultimately, the litigation firm produced just two gigabytes of TIFF files to opposing counsel.