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Continuous active learning helps company comply with compressed arbitration schedule

Challenge

Our client, a large automobile manufacturer, faced an extremely tight discovery and arbitration schedule - 45 days. In addition to this short discovery schedule, the client wanted to complete the entire arbitration process in fewer than four months. When Epiq was engaged, the client had a few sets of targeted material, but data collection, attorney review, and production had not started. The original ask of the client was to organize hundreds of contract attorneys to muscle through an anticipated large amount of data.

Solution

We needed to work closely with the client's internal legal and eDiscovery team. We developed an end-to-end workflow solution to meet the month and a half production deadline, but data collection and review needed to commence immediately. Key objectives for the client included minimizing costs and maximizing efficiencies.

All data resided behind the client firewall with no cloud access. Rolling productions were required

in addition to the expedited timeline. The client identified a problem of varying responsiveness and relevancy across data sources.

Execution

Epiq implemented a unified solution using our corporate managed services team. We were able to begin collecting custodial data immediately by utilizing our collection team embedded within the client's eDiscovery team. We leveraged our collection, technology-assisted review, project management, and review subject matter expert teams. As data became available for processing and review, we simultaneously made workflow and technology arrangements to efficiently and defensibly cull the data for review.

We used NexLP and its continuous active learning capabilities to quickly prioritize relevant documents for review. This was used on a set of targeted data, while actively training the system on the larger set. The case team was able to start review immediately.

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Results

The close integration, behind-the-firewall access, and knowledge this team has was made possible by our closely-knit relationship working with the client daily. As a result, we culled roughly 1TB, 1.3M documents down to approximately 60K documents for first-level review. This resulted in significant cost savings to the client's intended approach. And the review was complete within one month.

We ultimately saved the client thousands of hours of review time and hundreds of thousands of dollars in cost. This win allowed the client to successfully meet an aggressive schedule while saving costs at the same time.

Outside counsel is now utilizing NexLP early case assessment and sentiment tools to assist them as they prepare for the arbitration, leveraging the existing analytics and work product to more efficiently focus their efforts on the conceptual level, saving additional time and costs.
and saving money for our client.