



Cross-Continent UK Bribery Act Investigation

The Challenge

A Japanese corporation's European subsidiary received a hotline tip alleging a U.K. Bribery Act violation. Representing the corporation was a Magic Circle law firm with 36 offices in 23 countries. Custodians resided in Europe and across Asia involving several countries' data privacy laws, and counsel was wary of moving the data outside of Europe and Japan respectively. Because of the nature of the case, time was very much of the essence.

Epiq was engaged to forensically collect, process, host and review the data. Databases were set up in the U.K. and Japan under a very tight time frame.

The Solution

Epiq understands the fast pace and challenges associated with running a cross-border bribery investigation. The law firm and corporation had offices and employees all over the world, each with input into the matter: communication had to be crystal clear and execution flawless. Having databases in two locations required additional coordination to ensure the protocols used for each matched and were ultimately defensible.

Epiq's secure review facilities and multilingual staff in the U.K. and Japan quickly and easily managed the multiple languages involved in the review. Daily calls with the firm's staff in Europe and Japan ensured that any challenges were quickly addressed before they could become problems. As appropriate, Epiq used experienced English- and Japanese-speaking project managers. They helped identify effective keywords across languages to locate relevant documents of interest.

Though not a law firm, Epiq's Japan office employs one full-time U.S.-licensed lawyers, with several more U.S. and U.K. licensed lawyers in its U.K. office, all experienced in cross-border eDisclosure matters. They helped ensure the technology did what the lawyers and clients needed it to do. Indeed, Epiq helped spot and avoid a potential data privacy issue by proactively raising concerns when data from another region was provided locally. This led to the firm altering its processing instructions and minimised the risk of a data privacy incident.

The review teams were assembled in both Japan and the U.K., each dealing with mixed-language documents. Daily summaries of the relevant parts of the Japanese "hot documents" were translated to English and provided to the law firm. The Japanese review team more than doubled the typical review speeds seen for Japanese-language document review in the US.

The Result

Backed by global experience, a robust infrastructure, supported by local bilingual experts, and outstanding review teams, Epiq was able to fulfill the project's requirement quickly and on budget, while complying with all applicable privacy laws in both jurisdictions. Afterward, along with several notes of appreciation, new business was referred to Epiq by both the firm and the corporation.



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