

GULFSTREAM AND NUIX HELP ACHIEVE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT WITH ADVANCED eDISCOVERY

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BACKGROUND

Jeffer Mangels Butler and Mitchell (JMBM) LLP was founded in 1981 in Los Angeles, CA and is a full-service law firm committed to providing clients with outstanding results —successfully resolving cases, closing deals, protecting assets, and adding value. From their offices in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Orange County, they are able to serve their clients’ needs worldwide.

CHALLENGE

Fast turnaround needed on class action lawsuit

JMBM was retained by a client enmeshed in an employment law class action suit. The matter was highly time sensitive as the deadline for mediation was rapidly approaching, and more than a terabyte of email messages (over 2.5 million individual messages) were in need of review. Looking for someone to collect data and make it available online for review and produce it to all parties, they turned to leading litigation support vendor Gulfstream.

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SOLUTION

Cost effective, seamless review speeds up the process

Gulfstream utilized software from leading electronic discovery (eDiscovery) vendor Nuix to initially process over 750,000 email messages, and had the results online for review in less than 24 hours after first receiving the data from JMBM. All documents were online for review in less than 72 hours.

Seasoned contract paralegals were brought on for the initial review phase. JMBM developed the search terms, and was able to monitor the review process in real time in order to spot check along the way, as the rate of reviews seemed to be going fast. This helped ensure quality control. “I was initially nervous about the speed at which we seemed to be getting through such a large amount of data,” commented Ruda.

Following a second pass review on the initial data set by the paralegals, Ruda had everything that appeared to be responsive printed. She split the review team, leaving half of the faster reviewers continuing first pass reviews through Nuix, and having the other half perform another pass on paper. A third and final pass was then completed by attorneys on the remaining documents. The paralegal review made the attorney review very quick and cost effective. Also, as Ruda was pleased to discover, all privileged term parameters that had been provided were caught by Nuix.

RESULTS

Quickly reveals no “smoking gun” saving JMBM time and money

“The ability to get the documents through the review was greatly enhanced because Nuix allowed Gulfstream to avoid common bottle necks like exporting data out of one system, burning it to a hard drive, and having to ship it to a hosting vendor, who would then load the data,” said Henry Berman of Gulfstream. “Finally, through the use of Nuix’s first pass relevancy review, attorneys were able to review documents online at a significantly faster rate than they are typically able to do with other review platforms.”

JMBM staff was able to conduct an extremely efficient and highly-focused review. Reviewers were able to review 4000-6000 emails daily, which was approximately double the pace they had previously experienced. Further efficiencies enabled this project to be done very cost effectively, at about 60% of the cost of other solutions. At the end of the day, fewer than 15,000 messages out of the initial terabyte were disclosed. The firm was also confident that no ‘smoking gun’ existed that would negatively impact its client.

“We liked how Nuix and Gulfstream were able to cut out the middle man, ultimately saving us weeks, if not months worth of time,” said Ruda. “When all was said and done, the class action lawsuit was settled. We have and will continue to use both Nuix and Gulfstream for other cases thanks to their incredible responsiveness, effectiveness and efficiency.”

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ABOUT NUIX

Nuix makes the world’s fastest and most advanced eDiscovery and electronic investigation software. With revolutionary processing speeds and scalability, Nuix enables litigation support vendors, law firms and corporations to take control of their eDiscovery process, slashing the time and cost and delivering fact-based answers to clients in record time. Nuix has customers in 25 countries including major law firms, corporations, financial institutions, advisory firms, litigation support firms as well as all of the world’s leading corporate regulators including the SEC (US), ASIC (Australia), the FSA and SFO (UK) and the JSEC (Japan). See nuix.com for more information.

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