

From Migration to Production in Six Weeks

Firm reduces costs and makes tight deadline by migrating 400K documents to DISCO Ediscovery

Case summary

While litigating a complex bankruptcy case with over **150** defendants, an Am Law 200 firm worked with DISCO to complete a privilege review of **400,000** documents for their financial services client on time and for a **53%** lower cost than if they'd performed the review within the firm.

The challenge

The lead partner at the firm at the Am Law firm needed to find a creative, cost-effective solution to finish this review on time without incurring heavy costs or sacrificing quality. In past situations, he had used an offshore review team or one of his long-standing review partners, but these options were suddenly unfeasible with looming shutdowns due to COVID-19. Yet performing the review within the firm would require the associates on the case to work on nothing but this review for weeks and cost well over \$1 million.

A seamless switch to DISCO

DISCO's ability to provide a reliable review and at a low, guaranteed cost drove the partner's decision to migrate their database to DISCO. Because the DISCO Review team uses their technology so effectively, they are able to charge rates competitive with offshore providers while using attorneys based and licensed in the U.S. Furthermore, DISCO guarantees both the per-doc price and deadline for their reviews. The partner helped his client secure a guaranteed price of less than \$1 per document for the review and creation of the privilege log.

Additionally, because DISCO is a cloud-native platform built on Amazon Web Services (AWS), users can work from anywhere while benefiting from AWS's industry-leading security. This mitigated any concerns about the team being able to take on the work, since they had the capacity to work remotely long before COVID-19 shutdowns.



Seamless migration to DISCO



Privilege log created <\$1 per document



No individual entries challenged by opposing counsel



Migrated, reviewable documents in days

In just 48 hours, the firm's two databases were migrated to DISCO Ediscovery, and the DISCO Review team began the review. Right away, DISCO AI began to learn from their tagging decisions in real time, prioritizing relevant documents for review and continuing to learn and improve as reviewers accepted or rejected the predictions. This allowed the team to average 71 documents per hour while creating documentation for the privilege log — well above the market standard of 25 documents per hour for similar work. Even after the client discovered an additional 86,000 documents, the team was still able to meet the guaranteed six-week deadline at the agreed upon per-doc price.

Despite this blistering pace, the firm's two associates working on the case were impressed by the quality of the review team's work, overturning just 3% of their tagging decisions.

The result

Partnering with DISCO's review team and their expert use of DISCO AI to rapidly and accurately prioritize privileged documents, the firm met their six-week deadline in less than half the time and for only \$373,000, significantly less than if their case team had done it themselves. Since the privilege log was produced to opposing counsel, they have yet to challenge a single entry.



24 reviewers



400k documents

in-house
25 docs/hr



16,000 hrs
17 weeks

DISCO Review
71 docs/hr



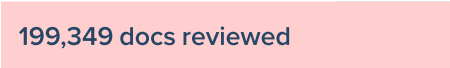
2,808 hrs
3 weeks

in-house



AI reduction 0%

DISCO Review



AI reduction 51%



82% time savings
DISCO Review