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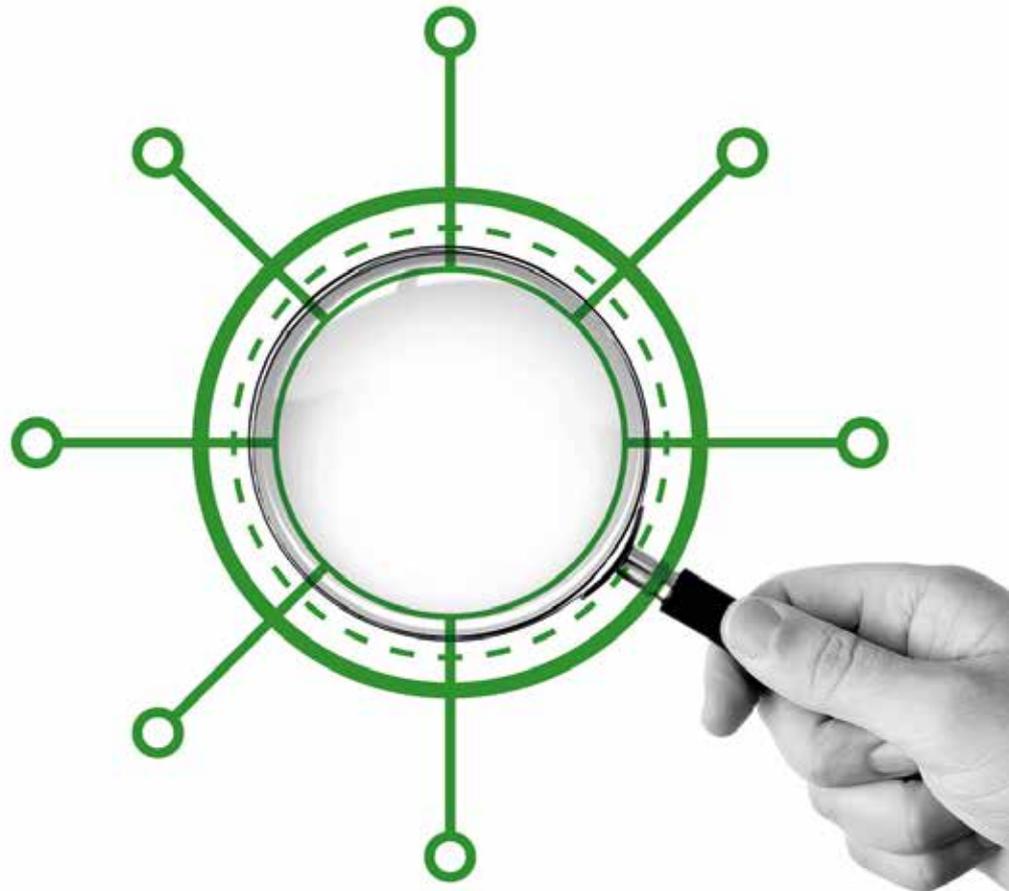**Powered by OpenText**

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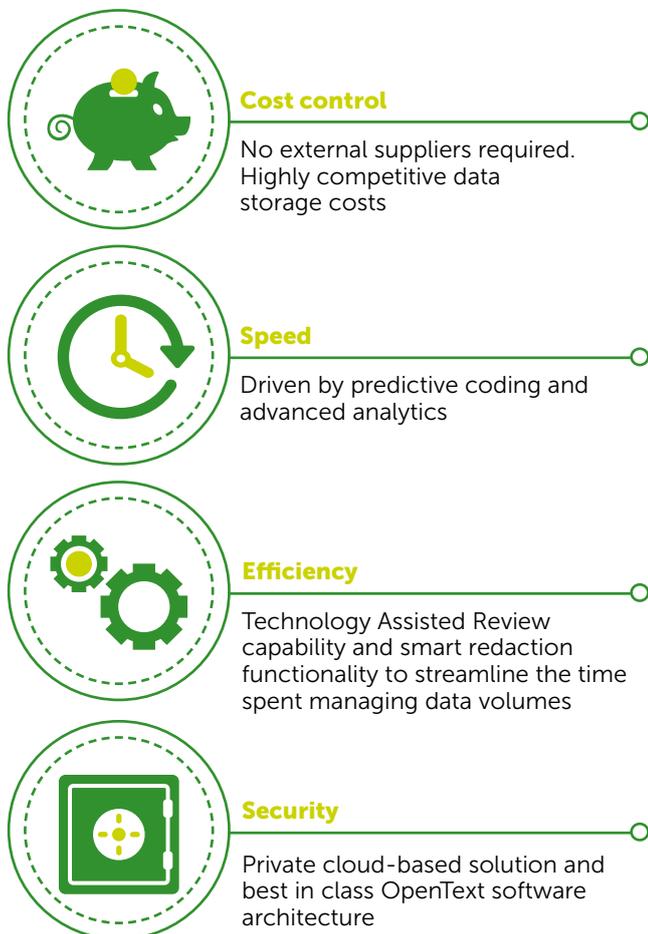Introducing ES Locate – the secure and efficient way to manage electronic data

Introducing ES Locate

Eversheds Sutherland has launched a fast, secure and cost efficient way to manage and review electronic data. ES Locate is a document review platform that uses data analytics and predictive coding to review electronically stored information quickly and efficiently. Hundreds of thousands of emails can be analysed in seconds with results presented using interactive user-friendly data visualisation dashboards. ES Locate is an invaluable tool for our lawyers handling disputes or investigations where there are significant volumes of emails and documents to review. Powered by OpenText's highly secure Axcelerate Cloud system, ES Locate offers our clients an end-to-end service.

We can handle data capture from your IT systems, data processing and data analytics to get to the key documents and evidence more quickly than traditional review methods. When the time comes to generate evidence bundles for hearings or witness statements, ES Locate does that too.

ES Locate forms part of our Litigation Support Unit which focuses on the use of project management, flexible resourcing models and technology in the delivery of best-in-class support to our litigation teams. This is not an offshore or outsourced solution. Our own experienced document review team supported by data analysts and a cutting edge review platform puts us (and you) in complete control.

Benefits

Cost control

No external suppliers required. Highly competitive data storage costs

Speed

Driven by predictive coding and advanced analytics

Efficiency

Technology Assisted Review capability and smart redaction functionality to streamline the time spent managing data volumes

Security

Private cloud-based solution and best in class OpenText software architecture

How does it work?

Once data has been forensically collected and uploaded to the ES Locate platform, we can assist with the compilation of key early case assessment and searching (including advanced analytics such as email threading, concept clustering and language identification, as well as the use of predictive coding if appropriate) to narrow the body of data to be reviewed.

When the data is ready for review, we will provide a written plan and review methodology to be agreed with you, explaining the composition of the review team, sourcing and price options as well as quality control methods. We will also agree the management information that will be produced and shared with you so that the project can be properly monitored, and action taken by the lead partner to rectify any challenges at an early stage.

Our Litigation Support Unit has review centres in Cardiff and Houston, as well as access to managed review facilities across the globe. We are able to staff reviews with our own associates and paralegals as well as drawing upon a flexible pool of experienced contract reviewers. Our review teams can be deployed flexibly to meet clients' particular needs on any project, with or without the ES Locate platform. Where clients have data stored on their own review platforms, our review teams and data analysts are fully conversant with the features and functionality of all major systems including Ringtail, Clearwell and Relativity.

Clients are welcome to use ES Locate and our data analysts as a stand-alone service for matters being dealt with in-house. Internal investigations, whistleblower allegations and data subject access requests can all generate large volumes of emails and other data that need to be processed and reviewed efficiently. We can provide direct access to a secure review environment for your internal team, supported by our data analysts to help you optimise use of the platform and its functionality.

Case study

Challenge

We represented a large technology company facing a Data Subject Access Request (DSAR) from an employee. There was considerable time urgency to the request, with the DSAR deadline set for just 12 days after the delivery of some 9.4GB of data collected from two custodians. The data needed to be processed, reviewed and disclosed quickly; if the deadline was missed, the client would be in breach of data protection laws.

Solution

Upon processing, the 9.4GBs yielded 31,440 documents which needed to be reviewed within 12 days. Utilising Axcelerate's processing, search and advanced analytics, we were able to cull the 31,440 documents down to just 4,487 and streamline the review. Tools used included deduplication, keyword search, end-of-branch email analysis, and smart redactions.

The team leveraged Axcelerate's end-of-branch email analysis to organise the emails into clear, reliable threads and limit review efforts to just the most inclusive emails at the end of each branch. When sensitive content was identified, smart redactions technology enabled the reviewers to enter redactions instantly in near-native mode, obviating the delay and effort typically associated with redaction procedures in most e-discovery platforms.

Results

With just 11 registered active users on the Axcelerate platform, the Eversheds Sutherland team were able to review the necessary documents in under 36 hours, comfortably meeting the DSAR deadline. All 4,487 documents were reviewed, resulting in 81 relevant documents being selected and then merged into a single PDF, fully redacted and ready for disclosure.

Key features

Automated reporting software

To manage and supervise reviewers' productivity and the scope of documents under review, a key feature to ensure projects are delivered on budget.

Early data assessment tools

To develop case strategies in litigation and investigative matters, create discovery budgets, identify sources of potentially relevant materials and drive discovery objectives.

Security

Eversheds Sutherland has a dedicated and secured environment accessible only by our clients, legal counsel, experts and legal teams. The cloud based solution ensures compliance with jurisdictional data privacy and security regulations.
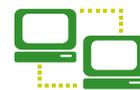
Data hypergraph

Uses machine learning, graph analysis and advanced visualisation to identify hidden connections between people, documents, messages, timelines, conceptual topics and more.

Advanced analytics

Built-in advanced analytics help to prioritise electronic data for review. You can also filter using search terms and concept groups to help identify terms you may have missed or see beyond code names and obfuscations.

Built-in Technology Assisted Review capabilities

With concept clustering, phrase identification, email threading and data analytics, ES Locate can provide an instant analysis of large volumes of documents without the need to run keyword searches. The predictive coding functionality can also assess lawyers' reviewed documents to suggest other potentially relevant, privileged and key documents in the un-reviewed universe. These advanced machine learning techniques reduce the amount of documents for review and minimize the overall cost of e-discovery.

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