



Time & Cost Savings and Increased Accuracy from Evolver's Excel Redaction Tool

Client

Fortune 100 Financial Corporation & Top Ranked Chambers USA Law Firm

The Problem

A government agency required Evolver's client to produce all data in native format regardless of whether redactions were needed. Outside counsel representing the client sought a native copy of all responsive Microsoft Excel files for manual review and text deletion not otherwise possible in the hosted environment containing all other ESI data. This method of manual document review and production of excel files proposed by outside counsel creates no record of text deleted for future reference, no method of quality control management, and no unified location of all ESI data produced in a project.

Our Solution

Evolver's client already was receiving end-to-end eDiscovery services on this project, and therefore, recommended their proprietary web-based tool, XLerator, to outside counsel to resolve the native production of excel files requiring redaction. After a successful demonstration of the tool, outside counsel approved the use of XLerator and further sought a "global redaction" feature because, not only did they need to produce redacted excels in native format, they wanted to redact the same key words across all excel files anticipated for review. As a result, Evolver's in-house software development team enhanced the search function in XLerator to find key words and replace with redaction text language. This automatically left an audit history of work for outside counsel to conduct quality control on only the unique excel files identified in the responsive set anticipated for production.

Benefits to Client & Outside Counsel

General

- Increased accuracy and reduced time and cost compared to traditional review methods.
- Introduced new method of reviewing and producing redacted excel files in native format.
- Reduced time spent applying manual redactions through global redaction feature.
- Prepared redacted excel files in native format as required by government agency.

Technical

- Removed duplicate excel files for review to reduce volume and risk of inconsistent redactions.
- Applied global redactions automatically across excel files to reduce manual review time.
- Maintained redaction consistency across all excel files to eliminate risk of manual variances.
- Provided audit history of redactions and coding completed by users to each excel file.

User interface with redacted Excel file to the left and interactive user panel & logs to the right.

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Zach Noon	Today at 2:54 PM	FULL	RANGE	B11:B19	Log Book
Zach Noon	Today at 2:55 PM	FORMULA	RANGE	B20:B25	Log Book
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