

Mastering last minute document review

How DISCO AI saved 80% in ediscovery costs

CASE SUMMARY

A leading intellectual property litigation partner faced what they described as "a worst-case ediscovery scenario." With just five days until fact discovery deadline, their client uncovered 25,000 additional documents requiring immediate review. With the assistance of DISCO's specialized review team and their advanced Ediscovery platform, the firm successfully met their deadline while achieving remarkable cost savings.



Total documents:

25,000



Timeline:

5 days



Cost savings:

Over 80%



Review population reduction:

56%

THE CHALLENGE

An experienced litigation firm specializing in complex ESI matters encountered a challenge when their client discovered 25,000 additional documents requiring review just days before the fact discovery deadline. The partner needed a solution that would deliver speed and accuracy without exceeding the client's already tight litigation budget.

Traditional in-house review wasn't viable given the condensed timeline and available firm resources. Having associates conduct the review would have consumed the client's litigation budget, limiting resources for core litigation needs. As a current DISCO software customer, the partner engaged DISCO Review for a solution.

THE REVIEW

AI-powered precision exceeding industry standards

DISCO's review team quickly adapted to the client's unique responsiveness requirements, focusing on three key document categories:

1. Client-defendant negotiations
2. Completed client agreements
3. Client contribution documentation

The team implemented a DISCO AI-driven TAR 2.0 workflow, designed to push the most responsive documents to the front of the review queue. When initial results showed limited documents in the first two categories, the team proactively expanded their criteria to include nearly any document showing the client's work, significantly increasing the volume of responsive documents.

This strategic adjustment proved crucial, driving recall rates from 25% to 86% by day three, prompting the client to end the review early, confident all key materials had been identified. DISCO AI successfully identified 86% of responsive documents after reviewing only 44% of the population, far exceeding the industry's standard 70–80% threshold.

QUANTIFIABLE RESULTS



86% responsive document identification after reviewing only 44% of total documents



Less than 4% re-review rate
(5-15% below industry average)



Project completion a guaranteed cost of \$17,000



Full compliance with the five-day deadline

COST COMPARISON

DISCO AI enables reviewers to identify responsive documents at the start of the review instead of throughout, dramatically reducing overall cost. Our team uses AI to boost doc-to-doc review speeds, improve coding consistency, and limit the number of documents that require review. In this IP matter, this combination yielded savings of between 59-86%.

	Hours to complete review	Average docs/hr review speed	Per-hour cost	Per-hour cost
DISCO Review		121 (effective review speed)		\$17,000 (guaranteed)
Non-DISCO Contract Review	746	40	\$55 (per reviewer)	\$41,013 (projected)
In-house Review	452	50	\$250 (per attorney)	\$124,285 (projected)

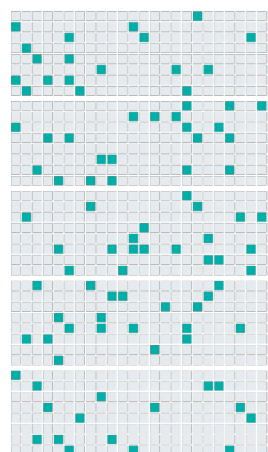
Results powered by DISCO AI

DISCO AI's continuous learning workflows identify responsive document characteristics and surface similar content automatically. Tag predictions improve with each reviewer decision, ensuring the team constantly focuses on the most relevant documents.

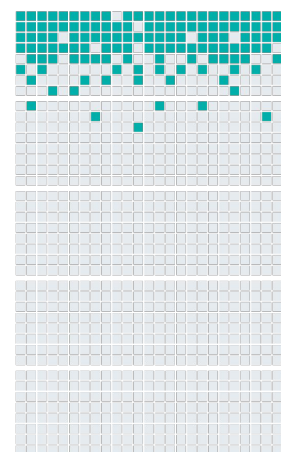
Client impact

The partner has since integrated DISCO Review into their core business strategy, particularly for clients with frequent litigation needs. The ability to confidently predict review costs provides a unique competitive advantage.

Natural document distribution



DISCO AI prioritized review distribution



“ Thanks to DISCO, our client got a fixed fee cap, and the budget conversation was over. Without DISCO Review, it would have chewed up most of my client’s litigation budget and kept us from doing the fun parts of litigation.

– PARTNER, IP LITIGATION

DISCO Review drives better outcomes

With attorney resources and client budgets constantly tightening, leveraging the best technology, as well as the domain expertise to extract maximum value from that technology, is critical to achieving cost predictability. DISCO Review combines proven expertise with cutting-edge technology to deliver:

- 30-80% reduction in human effort for most document populations
- Predictable, guaranteed pricing
- Industry-leading accuracy rates
- Scalable resources for sudden workload increases
- Comprehensive end-to-end discovery solutions

Ready to transform your ediscovery process? Connect with our specialists to learn how DISCO’s innovative tools and professional services can unlock new levels of speed and productivity. **Visit csdisco.com to learn more.**