Streamline litigation response with IBM StoredIQ for Legal

Help reduce legal risks and costs with a reliable, defensible eDiscovery process

Highlights

- Analyze data in-place for faster insight before collection

- Manage legal hold notifications with automated holds, alerts and reminders

- Automate the legal collection process from multiple data sources

- Align IT and legal teams to efficiently address legal matters

- Deliver a repeatable and defensible eDiscovery process

The cost and complexity of a manual eDiscovery process presents a mounting challenge to organizations of all sizes. This challenge is driven by significant growth in the volume and variety of data as well as a legal environment that does not tolerate delays and mistakes.

As organizations amass more and more data, they are typically not analyzing and managing that data at the outset, making eDiscovery even more difficult as data inevitably grows. Sound information governance—including consistent management of important characteristics such as classification, legal holds, privacy and retention—has proven to be the best defense against the potentially high costs and risks associated with meeting eDiscovery obligations.

IBM® StoredIQ® for Legal plays a key role in a comprehensive legal strategy. The end-to-end solution streamlines the eDiscovery process for legal stakeholders, helping to increase efficiency and transparency in custodian identification, legal hold notification, data collection and preservation. By automating the evidence identification and collection processes, StoredIQ for Legal can save time and decrease the chance of incurring fines and penalties. Attorneys, paralegals and discovery directors gain insight into data prior to collection, reducing the scope of data collected and reviewed while helping outside counsel work more efficiently.

Streamline the legal hold process for greater efficiency

Using a different tool for each part of the eDiscovery process creates ongoing management challenges for many organizations. Lack of consistency and poor process integrity can lead to manual mistakes and oversights such as:

- Confirmations not sent or received
- Inefficient scoping of legal holds
- Inadequate tracking and follow-up with non-responders to hold notices
- Failure to update tracking spreadsheets

StoredIQ for Legal provides rigorous legal hold identification, tracking and collection in a single platform. Legal teams can quickly see the status of all customer legal holds through configurable dashboards and easily draft legal hold notices from templates. With complete visibility across the full eDiscovery process, organizations can:

- Efficiently scope and identify custodians
- Reliably send legal hold notices and track responses across thousands of matters
- Schedule and automatically send reminders to custodians about their ongoing duty to preserve
- Escalate non-responders to ensure all custodians respond to notices
- Quickly move from notification to requesting collection—all from the same interface

Reduce legal risk with better insight into data

Legal teams are tasked with wading through a rising tide of information to discover data that may pose risk to the organization. Not having the right information at the right time can result in uninformed settle-versus-litigate decisions and sanctions.

StoredIQ for Legal helps organizations properly identify, classify and manage enterprise information according to its value and relevance. Visual representations of unstructured data from various points of view—such as age, location, type and even content—provide stakeholders with better insight into what data they have and what actions to perform. Working with IT, they can define preservation and collection plans, remediating non-business data that is not relevant to the matter.

Increase the speed and efficiency of data collection

Organizations must be prepared to act swiftly and accurately when facing an eDiscovery request. With StoredIQ for Legal, organizations can effectively scope and manage the legal hold process and quickly understand potential evidence by providing legal teams with insight into data prior to collection. A deeper understanding of where data lives within the enterprise helps teams determine exactly what data needs to be collected, amass the smallest set of data, and measure the volume of data potentially relevant to the case. Powerful analysis functionalities facilitate the rapid and efficient extraction of truly matter-relevant data from a mass of information.

Cut the cost and complexity of eDiscovery

An overly inclusive approach to litigation response can result in large volumes of irrelevant data entering the discovery process, with high downstream costs for attorney review and production. The more data an organization has, the more difficult and expensive it becomes to comply with these requests.

Rather than requiring data to be moved to a centralized repository, StoredIQ for Legal manages the data in-place. This means legal teams can rapidly analyze data before it is collected, saving time and money. By simply and intuitively managing custodian scoping and notification, organizations can cut through the complexity of legal hold and collection and easily transform legal hold requirements into collection and preservation plans that take action on data.

Why use IBM StoredIQ for Legal?

- Provides a single interface for visibility into notifications, data identification and the status of collections
- Enhances communication accuracy and efficiency by minimizing handoffs between IT and legal teams
- Accelerates understanding of data with powerful search functions that work across large amounts of unstructured content
- Helps increase confidence in decision making by intelligently analyzing data in-place, before collection

Detailed discovery results are displayed in powerful visualizations, enabling quick validation of the targeted criteria. If the team decides to move forward with collection, StoredIQ for Legal enables legal and IT users to collaboratively automate data collection from more than 75 data sources. And when full review is required, the solution can integrate with leading review platforms.

Align IT and legal teams to efficiently address legal matters

StoredIQ for Legal provides legal and IT teams with a unified system for managing the eDiscovery process, helping to simplify communications and more effectively address IT and legal requirements within an organization. Increased alignment between IT and legal helps the two groups find balance between conflicting needs—even as those needs evolve and change.

Information governance for the modern enterprise

StoredIQ for Legal helps organizations reduce the time, costs and hazards of eDiscovery. Content-aware intelligence and action-based policies enable organizations to understand and manage information based on its value and potential risk. Its data collection and exploration capabilities are an important piece of a comprehensive governance strategy, designed to help organizations streamline litigation response, save time and increase defensibility.

Why IBM?

IBM Enterprise Content Management (ECM) software enables the world's top companies to make better decisions, faster. By gaining control of unstructured information, companies can access information, collaborate and influence business decisions in new ways, making content a first-class source of insight.

IBM StoredIQ provides an integrated, modular and scalable information management platform that enables line-of-business and IT professionals to more effectively understand and act on data where it resides. Leveraging the fabric of our information governance foundation to optimize existing legal, records, compliance and IT processes, StoredIQ enables customers to manage enterprise information according to its business value, comply more efficiently with litigation and regulatory mandates and defensibly dispose of information that no longer has value or preservation requirements.

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