



## **Case Study: Financial Services Bankruptcy – Processing 1 TB in 2 days**

In the world's largest financial services bankruptcy, e-Stet was tasked with collecting, processing, administering a review, and producing over 1TB of emails (4.7 million records) for a creditor:

### **Collection:**

The data consisted of emails for 55 custodians, for a period of 4½ years, stored on EMC'S EmailXtender / SourceOne. e-Stet's client previously attempted to perform the collection and attempt searches on EmailXtender, only to realize that their internal processing capabilities were insufficient, culminating in a system crash. Since the sole source of data was the email archiving appliance, e-Stet analyzed the appliance's capacity and set up several remote connections, and proceeded to collect data on a 24 hour basis from e-Stet's Los Angeles headquarters.

### **Processing:**

Following a protracted period of waiting for opposing counsel to agree to the ultimate list of search terms to be applied to the data, e-Stet was tasked with processing and searching the first phase of 1100 GB data in a period of 3 days. e-Stet processed all 3.6 million emails (4.7 million records, including attachments) in 2 days and applied over 3,500 search terms, most of which were combination of wildcard and proximity searches, yielding nearly 330,000 responsive documents, to be hosted on e-Stet's review platform. Ultimately, additional custodians were added to the collection and review, resulting in an expanded data set which was processed on a rolling basis and loaded for review.

### **Review:**

In cooperation with counsel, e-Stet assembled and trained 30 attorneys to review all responsive documents. As additional custodians were added to the case, the reviewers were tasked with adding to their document load. Contract attorneys reviewed approximately 650 documents each per day. Upon second level review and thorough quality check, the e-Stet team began to assemble the data for production.

### **Production:**

The responsive documents totaled 87 GB of native files, to be converted to TIFF, branded with bates numbers and confidentiality language, and accompanied by a load file. Since the decision to produce in TIFF format was made at the last minute post-review, e-Stet was tasked with TIFFing the entire set of native files in 4 days. The e-Stet team worked on a 24 hour basis over the weekend and shipped 4 complete production sets to 4 different sets of opposing counsel across the country, meeting the tight deadline. In total, over 3,500,000 Tiffs were created.