

Contract Reviews

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Evaluations of legal agreements to ensure terms are clear, fair, and comply with relevant laws, and to identify potential risks.

USE CASE IN PRACTICE

Pricing Anomaly Review

A Legal Data Intelligence leader in a law firm was engaged to review contracts for a real estate client. During preliminary analysis, they identified pricing anomalies in several agreements. Further investigation revealed that one lease contract included a higher markup due to undisclosed relationships between the parties involved.

Revenue Optimization Analysis

Asked to review a corpus of contracts for a client, a Legal Data Intelligence practitioner employed an LDI approach. The analysis revealed that the client was missing out on potential revenue by not enforcing price escalation clauses. In this case, the LDI leader delivered direct business value by empowering the client to realize additional revenue.

Contract Due Diligence Analysis

A Legal Data Intelligence practitioner systematically reviewed and assessed a target company's key contracts to identify potential risks, obligations, and value drivers. Leveraging AI-based technology and advanced data management tools, they efficiently analyzed large volumes of agreements to extract critical information and specific clauses. This approach enabled informed decision-making and risk mitigation, supporting successful transaction outcomes.

MODEL WORKFLOW

Initiate

Confirm Budget and Vendor RFP Process

Establish budget including ceiling

Define terms of review engagement, including data volume, hosting platform, time required, level of attorney subject matter knowledge needed, etc.

Determine Goals

Understand the needs of this specific review

Issue RFP and Review Bids

Send RFP to eligible vendors, including statement of objectives and terms of engagement

Compare bids using factors such as past performance, capabilities, price, and oversight attorney preference

Evaluate Contract Volume Versus Available Resources

Consider engaging a contract review firm if data volume exceeds available attorney bandwidth or causes potential deadline issues

Demo or Test Potential Tools

Engage vendors and conduct demos of tools

Participate in trial periods, if available

Assign Roles and Responsibilities

Define team roles and determine whether a vendor will be involved, then outline how responsibilities will be shared with counsel

Set communication protocol with all stakeholders involved

Migrate Data

Use encryption at container level or Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) to transfer data

Process Data

Load migrated data into approved tool and process: de-duplication, metadata extraction, Optical Character Recognition (OCR) extraction, etc.

How Technology Can Assist

Quickly manages large data volumes

Eliminates manual workflows and reduces human error

Investigate

Analyze Data

Examine data to find relevant information, patterns, and provisions

How Technology Can Assist

Uses machine learning and/or AI to automatically identify key provisions for efficient review

Select Data

Apply additional culling to find desired data

Tag contracts for key provisions and escalate high-risk clauses

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Uses heat mapping and other culling features to identify provisions for batch exclusion based on template provision

Complete Review

Conduct due diligence review

How Technology Can Assist

Utilizes auto-extracted provisions and other built-in machine learning and/or AI features to perform lawyer-in-the-loop review

Implement

Act on Results of Review

Add key items to the disclosure schedule, identify any necessary addendums for counterparties, etc.

Notes

Depending on the outcome of the due diligence, certain steps may be necessary to close the deal

Support Client/Counsel Post Findings

Assist in any follow-up remediation steps, any integration into the client's Client Lifecycle Management (CLM) system, and capture process improvements and documentation for audit readiness