

Evidence

Turning complex data into clarity

10 Jurisdictions. 4.5 Million Documents: How CMS Evidence Powered a Multi-Jurisdictional Investigation with Harvey and RelativityAir

Navigating 10 jurisdictions, 270+ custodians, and cross-border complexity to deliver rapid, secure, and cost-effective document review for a global trading company

4.5M+

Documents



10

Jurisdictions



270+

Custodians



99%

Reduction



The challenge

A global integrated trading company faced the prospect of a competition authority investigation. **CMS Germany** was advising the client on the **internal investigation**, and the client needed to move quickly: the investigation had to be launched to gain a thorough understanding of the situation before regulators came knocking.

The scale was staggering. CMS Germany was tasked with managing the legal side of the investigation, while the volume and cross-border complexity required specialist data and document review support:

- Over 4.5 million documents spanning approximately 270+ custodians
- 10 separate jurisdictions, each requiring strict data segregation and security
- Mounting cost pressures driven by the sheer volume of data under review

Time was of the essence. The client was in a hurry to get a comprehensive understanding of its exposure, and any delay could have had serious consequences.

The solution

CMS Germany turned to CMS Evidence, whose specialist team executed a rigorous, jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction workflow to ensure data integrity, security, and efficiency at every stage. The key elements of the approach included:

- **Jurisdiction-First Data Intake:** All data was ingested one jurisdiction at a time, preventing confusion or cross-contamination of materials across borders
- **Security Architecture:** Each of the 10 jurisdictions had its own secured folder structure and user group, ensuring that access was strictly limited to authorized reviewers per jurisdiction
- **Status Reporting:** CMS Evidence provided updates broken down by jurisdiction and by process stage (processing, searching, review), giving the client full visibility into progress
- **AI-Augmented Review:** Given the large volumes of documents responsive to search terms, CMS Evidence deployed Harvey in conjunction with RelativityAir to dramatically reduce the reviewable set

The CMS workflow



Search
in Relativity



AI Analysis
in Harvey



Review
in Relativity

The results

By combining RelativityAir's robust eDiscovery platform with Harvey's AI-powered document analysis, CMS Evidence delivered a scalable, secure, and efficient review process that met the client's urgent timeline. Key outcomes include:

Rapid Turnaround

The jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction approach enabled parallel workstreams while maintaining strict data segregation



Volume and Cost Reduction

A 99% reduction in the reviewable document set — from 4.5 million to under 40,000 — dramatically reduced the cost required for human review



Cross-Border Compliance

Secure, permission-based access across 10 jurisdictions ensured full compliance with local data protection requirements



Transparent Client Communication

Bespoke reporting by jurisdiction and process stage kept the client informed at every step



90%

Cost savings compared to traditional linear review



99%

Reduction from ingestion to review



Our tools



CMS Evidence

Data Intelligence
& Delivery



RelativityAir

eDiscovery Platform



Harvey

AI-Powered Analysis

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