

Solving the “Priv Log” Panic

TOP LAW FIRM REALIZES MAJOR EFFICIENCY GAIN BY AUTOMATING PER-EMAIL-STRING PRIVILEGE INFORMATION CAPTURE & PRIV LOG CREATION

Nothing causes an instant headache like having to go back through a mountain of already Reviewed-for-Privilege emails just to separate out each unit conversation between the parties, and re-determine privilege at the unique email “string” level! Yet, this is routinely what many law firms do when it comes time to make the dreaded Priv Log – a detailed listing of withheld email communications that lists what was withheld, why it was withheld, who the communication was from and to, and what it discussed.

After seeing Valora’s PowerHouse Automatic Data Processing System perform lightning-fast AutoCoding for Names, Dates and Privilege, one smart AmLaw 250 (Top 5) law firm decided to take Automating Priv Logs one step further.

Utilizing the principles of AutoCoding and Rules-Based review, Valora automatically “de-threaded” each Privileged email conversation string into its unit components, so that each unique communication could be evaluated for Attorney-Client Product Privilege. Noting Authors, Recipients, Copyees and Blind Copyees for each unit communication thread, Valora automatically identified which email “stringlets” were protected under Attorney-Client Privilege, and which were not. As a further benefit, Valora also automatically identified precisely when and how Privilege was broken in specific instances, based on the send/receive history of Authors and Recipients in the chain.

To perform this work, Valora used PowerHouse’s AutoUnitization, AutoDeThreading, AutoCoding, AutoSummary and AutoReview modules to separate out email conversation threads into their unit correspondences, uniquely capture Author(s), Recipient(s) including CC and BCC, Date, Time and Subject, create AutoSummaries of pertinent information from withheld privileged documents on a unit correspondence basis, identify Privilege, Type of Privilege, Loss of Privilege, and other important email-string-level decisions, and finally, create the Priv Log.

The large law firm client estimated they saved their client over \$125,000 in manual labor costs and several days of time. They were so pleased with the output results that they have since returned to Valora for numerous matters requiring the same treatment. Detailed, unit-level, communications analysis on a string-by-string basis has never been easier!

