

The Stewart McKelvey advantage

Stewart McKelvey's Vision Improving Legal Analysis (SVILA*) is an e-discovery project and litigation management tool.

The volume of electronic information involved in cases can be overwhelming and take many forms including: emails, websites, blogs, and word processing files.



SVILA* e-discovery facilitates timely production to opposing parties.



What SVILA* e-discovery means to you

- Reduces costs via best practices
- Applies rigorous systems and protocols
- Promotes effective litigation strategies
- Incorporates project management principles

Six stages of SVILA* e-discovery

The SVILA* system drives cost and operational efficiencies at all six stages of the e-discovery process

Identify & Map

1

- Search for key custodians
- Locate key data files & drives
- Conduct IT & non-IT interviews
- Identify mapping systems

Preserve & Hold

2

- Issue client memo
- Issue litigation hold
- Notify IT & non-IT staff
- Support client execution

Collect & Copy

3

- Cover email files
- Cover network files
- Cover hard drives
- Cover any other

Process & Filter

4

- Basic cull & filter
- Advance cull & filter
- Planned method/system
- Tracked steps/results

Report & Review

5

- Assign client review
- Assign lawyer review
- Follow staged process
- Provide staged reports

Index & Produce

6

- Integrate all review results
- Confirm protocols & standards
- Prepare indices & logs
- Produce batches & files

Our job is to mitigate risks, manage costs, and adopt practical, defensible strategies for all phases of discovery in the “e-age”. We’ve recognized the challenges faced by in-house counsel, external counsel, and litigants, and have responded to their needs by facing the technological realities of the new millennium.

The information technology curve

- North America’s largest corporations reported in 2007 that approximately 40 per cent of their total litigation budget was spent on e-discovery issues.
- Every two days, we create as much information as we did from the dawn of civilization up until 2003.



SVILA* e-discovery: Ahead of the curve

The use of electronic media to create and store information is rapidly changing the way litigation is conducted. The discovery of electronic information can lead to large, uncontrolled costs in many cases. Controlling costs means adopting early and effective project management tools.

Who can use SVILA* e-discovery

- Corporate Counsel
- Litigation Managers
- Legal Project Teams
- E-Consultants
- Case Experts

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