



2018 Electronic Discovery Symposium for Government Agencies:

Brainstorm Activity Results

Predictions for the future of eDiscovery

The focus of the brainstorming activity at our 11th Annual Electronic Discovery Symposium for Government Agencies was on the future of eDiscovery. The participants broke out into small groups to discuss and share ideas about what they foresee the future holds for eDiscovery. These ideas were captured on an illustrated diagram of a robot. Groups represented varied eDiscovery aspects in relation to major body parts (e.g., what would be the “brains” or the “heart” of eDiscovery, etc.). We’ve provided several examples of the robot creations that capture eDiscovery practitioners’ future predictions side by side with the present state of discovery.

Following are the key predictions.

Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) will revolutionize eDiscovery and serve as the “brains” changing the nature of the legal profession.

- AI will automate tasks across the discovery industry and throughout government agencies significantly reducing labor costs and shortening litigation cycles.
- Algorithms will be created to understand the law and identify relevant information, thus making machines more effective and efficient than humans at performing basic discovery functions: removing the risk of human error, and exponentially decreasing the time a task would take a human to complete.
- AI will sift through audio, video, text, GPS, and other data making collection, review, and processing highly accelerated and less effort for attorneys.
- AI will enable easier decision making by identifying relevant and clear case information enabling legal professionals to focus on client objectives and case strategy using analytical and advocacy skills.



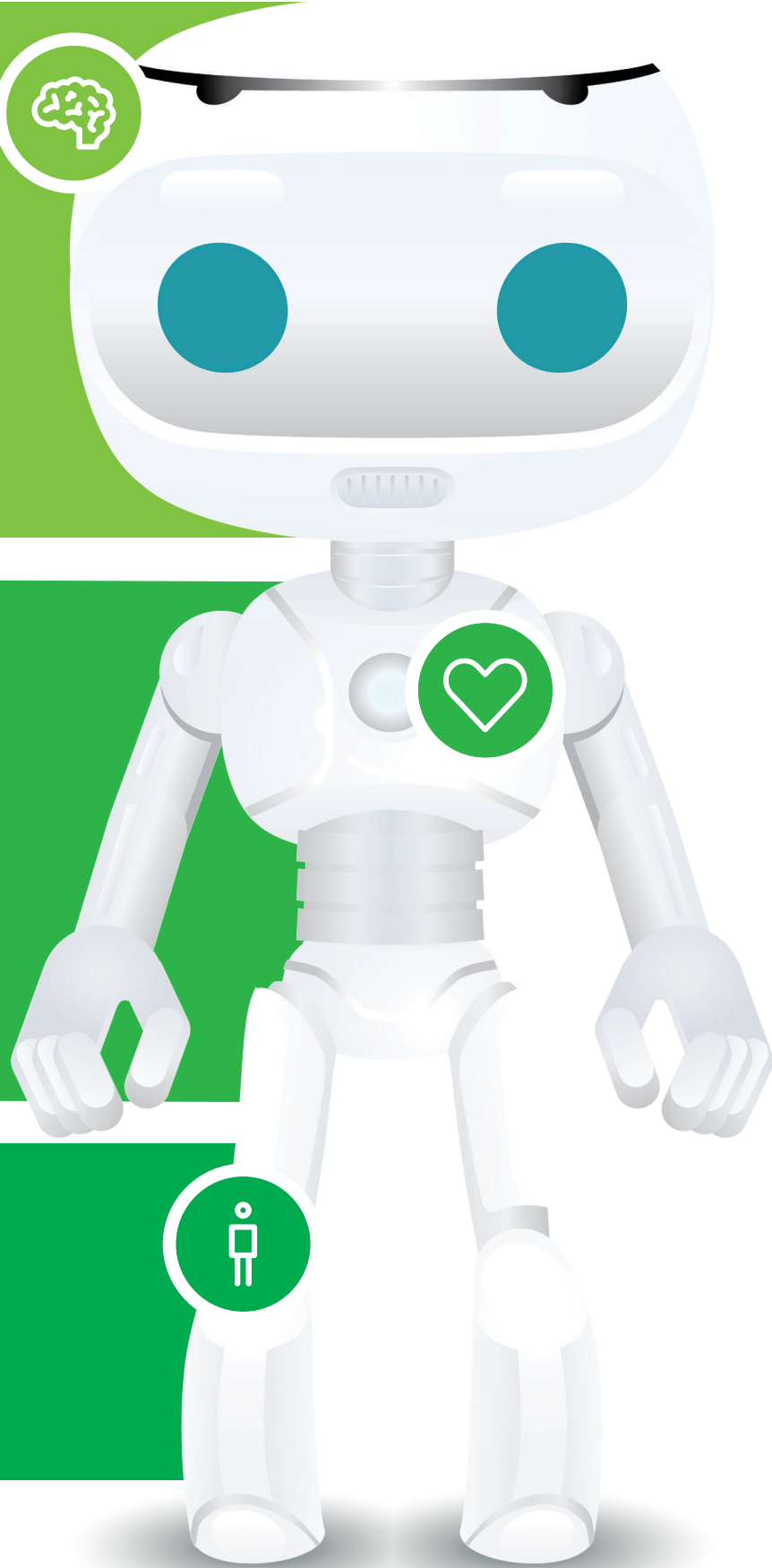
Information Governance (IG) and data are the “heart” of future eDiscovery with data stored and easily accessed in the cloud.

- IG technology advancements will automatically store data in the right buckets with automatic email inventory and archiving tools.
- Centralized data management systems in a cloud environment will make searches across wide sets of data and retrieval faster and easier.
- Automating records management will cut costs and revolutionize how agencies administer and leverage their information assets.
- Proactive records management will be enabled in a process that is user friendly and consistent providing real time access between data and custodians.
- Advances in technology will enable automated deletion of unnecessary electronically stored information thereby reducing storage costs and risks associated with the retention of non-essential electronically stored information.



End-to-end automated, streamlined services and unified product systems across industry and throughout government are the future “body” of the eDiscovery practice.

- Centralized litigation support and discovery management will provide shared technical services and data processing across agencies with one review platform within government.
- Consistent tool application across the agencies will make discovery more cost effective and efficient.



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