# Taming 'Big Data' eDiscovery

Ten Tips to Avoid be 'Byten' by Big Data in Your Case

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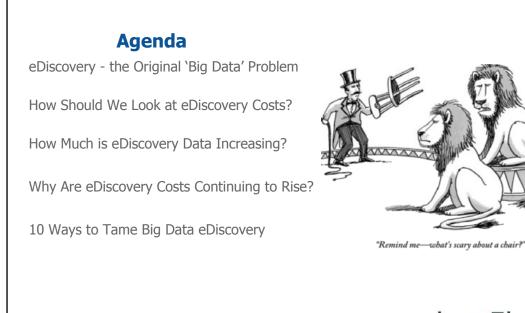
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# eDiscovery: the Original 'Big Data' What is Big Data?

#### Flavor of the Month/News Cycle?

- Big data is "high volume, high velocity, and/or high variety information assets that require new forms of processing to enable enhanced decision making, insight discovery and process optimization." (*Gartner*)
- Litigation document management is an important and early Big Data application.
- eDiscovery is characterized by sometimes extreme time-pressures often not present in Big Data applications in other industries.

#### How to 'Control' eDiscovery Costs

- Easy answer drop your case. No eDiscovery costs then. . .
- Nonsensical answer because eDiscovery is part of the strategic pursuit of case goals, and should be approached, evaluated and managed in that context.



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# What is eDiscovery Like?

### Are eDiscovery Costs Like Expert Fees?

### Yes

- Large, expected part of commercial litigation
- Quality matters; not a commodity
- You need to understand the process undertaken for both

### No

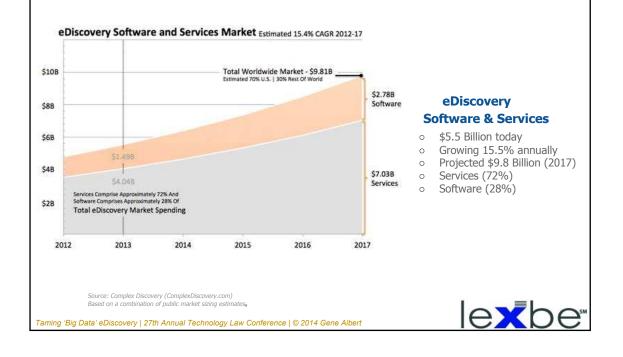
- Involuntary (you don't *have* to hire an expert, but you do need to respond to discovery)
- Experts are always important to litigation if retained; eDiscovery usually only if mistakes occur
- eDiscovery expenses increase based on quantity of data, but experts bill hourly, related to to case importance

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# Why Do eDiscovery Costs Rise? eDiscovery Market is Big & Growing



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