



AI 2035: The Legal Profession and the Judiciary in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

AI in eDiscovery: Managing Volume, Bias, and Validation Duties

This session explores how AI is transforming e-discovery, with a focus on managing large data volumes, identifying and mitigating bias, and meeting evolving validation obligations. Attendees will gain practical guidance on defensible workflows, quality control, and best practices for leveraging AI in discovery.



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Christopher Bojar is Director of EDiscovery and Litigation Support at Barrack Ferrazzano. Christopher works with clients to manage complex discovery processes and litigation technology needs. He brings a practical, solutions-oriented approach to data-intensive matters. Christopher focuses on efficiency and defensibility in discovery workflows.



Chris Campbell, Head of eDiscovery, Edelson

Chris Campbell is Head of eDiscovery at Edelson P.C., where he leads discovery strategy for complex litigation. Chris manages data workflows, review processes, and production to ensure defensible outcomes. He focuses on efficiency and innovation in discovery practices. Chris supports large-scale class actions and mass tort cases.



Eric Stadel, Litigation Support Manager, McAndrews

Eric Stadel is an experienced litigation support professional with expertise across the Electronic Discovery Reference Model (EDRM). Eric manages all phases of data handling, including identification, preservation, processing, and production. He has supported trials and arbitrations at the local, national, and international levels. Eric is proficient in a wide range of litigation technologies. He focuses on delivering efficient and defensible data solutions.



Moderator: Anita Alvarez, Chief Legal Counsel, Maryville Academy

Anita Alvarez is the Chief Legal Counsel at Maryville Academy. Anita is a former Cook County State's Attorney (2008–2016), recognized as the first woman, Hispanic, and career prosecutor elected to that position. She also served as Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal in Chicago, where she specialized in complex criminal investigations, public corruption, and financial fraud. Anita served as president of The Chicago Bar Association from 2009–2010.

Track 1 (Litigation)
Location: Room 421, 4th Floor
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AI Articles for Review or Discussion

1. Winston & Strawn — Guardrails Before Greenlights

<https://www.winston.com/en/insights-news/guardrails-before-greenlights-how-gen-ai-will-actually-shape-e-discovery-in-2026>

2. Reveal Data — Predicting Emerging Trends in AI eDiscovery for 2026

<https://www.revealdata.com/blog/predicting-emerging-trends-in-ai-ediscovery-for-2026>

3. Lighthouse Global — 2025 AI in eDiscovery Report (225-person survey)

<https://www.lighthouseglobal.com/ai-in-ediscovery-report-2025>

4. Sidley Austin — Generative AI in Discovery: Protective Orders as an Emerging Point of Dispute

<https://www.sidley.com/en/insights/newsupdates/2026/04/generative-ai-in-discovery-protective-orders-as-an-emerging-point-of-dispute>

SECTION 1: MANAGING VOLUME

- Practical workflow optimization: early culling strategies, tool selection, processing efficiency
- Real numbers: timeline/cost savings when you get it right vs. wrong
- Process failures
- Risk/defensibility angle: what clients ask for, what opposing counsel will challenge
- Proportionality arguments
- Mega-scale realities: what "volume" means in class / mass actions
- Offensive v. Defensive Approaches to Review

SECTION 2: MANAGING BIAS

- Validation sample selection: who reviews it, blind vs. non-blind, what courts expect
- Legal/ethical framework: duty to validate AI outputs (case law emerging)
- Standards gap: what courts will eventually require vs. what's defensible today
- Protective orders: contractual safeguards against bias (completely closed AI (Trained Models on Private setups vs. public tools (Chat GPT) vs. enterprise / API)
- Tool capability: what predictive coding/AI detects for bias
- Workflow design

SECTION 3: VALIDATION DUTIES & DEFENSIBILITY

Discussion Topics

- Legal landscape
- Low-risk vs. high-risk AI use: what's defensible today (issues analysis, privilege screening) vs. what courts haven't blessed (responsiveness determinations)
- Validation methodology in practice: sampling protocols, QC checkpoints, ongoing monitoring
- Error measurement: how do you actually test AI output accuracy? What metrics matter?
- Audit trail: what documentation proves your process was defensible if challenged
- Settlement/appeal risk
- Practical constraints: balancing defensibility with deadline pressure in class actions