

# How Proteus Turned 19th-Century Files into Modern Litigation Tools



## SITUATION

A leading international AmLaw 100 law firm, based in St. Louis faced a daunting task – to organize and review documents for litigation dating as far back as the late 1800s.

The challenge was compounded by shifting committee names and responsibilities, the existence of subcommittees, and frequent requests for publications and committee materials across varying date ranges. Attorneys needed to sift through this vast collection to create accurate timelines for the litigation team, but the complexity and scale of the records made the process time-consuming and inefficient.

They turned to Proteus to help.

## ACTION

Proteus's team quickly jumped into action to create a custom identification and tagging workflow designed to bring order to this historical archive. The team converted spreadsheet data into individual PDFs, ensuring each entry contained all visible fields from the original web call logs. These files were then processed into a managed review platform, where they were indexed for efficient searching and categorization. By deploying advanced search workflows, the team could isolate relevant materials, focus attorney review on a smaller, high-priority subset, and conduct targeted redactions with precision.

## RESULT

This organization coupled with a streamlined workflow transformed how the firm managed its committee archives. Attorneys gained access to custom chronological views and a field-tree browser that allowed them to quickly see all publications or committee documents tied to a specific group.

This approach not only saved significant time and resources during redactions but also reduced the effort required to retrieve older records with poor OCR quality. Ultimately, Proteus acted as an extension of the litigation team, delivering structure, efficiency, and clarity to a complex historical record set.

“These large cases can be daunting, but they involve real stakes and real people managing real deadlines. It was great to combine smart teams, powerful software, and a collaborative approach.”

– AmLaw 100 Partner