Computer assisted review and analytics are more widely used today to identify relevant data in the review of large volumes of ESI. Keyword searches and other common culling mechanisms will no longer be sufficient to manage today’s burgeoning amount of data.

As new mobile devices are released almost weekly, organizations are challenged to keep up with collecting and preserving the data they hold. Furthermore, review tools will need to adapt to working the way we do – “on the go.”

As ESI volumes continue to rise, using data analysis and data visualization tools will become a key driver for focusing collection and processing efforts to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

The rise of social media has also offered up an abundance of electronic evidence for legal matters. Preserving and collecting that evidence, however, can prove challenging. Capturing data from social sites requires new tools and techniques different from those used to preserve email or other types of ESI, and will be important as “social” continues to progress.

Cloud storage has become increasingly attractive to businesses, offering a range of benefits including outsourced maintenance and cost-effective storage of information. On the other hand, the cloud presents a variety of legal and security challenges when preserving and collecting data.