



E-DISCOVERY (& BEYOND): BDO PREDICTIONS FOR 2018

BDO's forensic technology professionals share their top predictions for the year ahead.

1. GET IT DONE - PRIVACY IS REAL.

To make a point, the European Court of Justice will take action against a giant U.S.-based tech company for noncompliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), triggering an avalanche of demand for services to help U.S. companies comply – and highlighting the shortage of qualified providers.

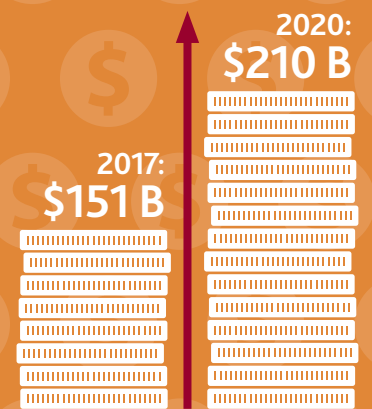


GDPR Compliance Deadline:
May 25, 2018

2. BIG LAW WILL CONTINUE TO INNOVATE BY INCREASING DATA ANALYTICS CAPABILITIES.

In 2017, corporations and providers did it. This year more major law firms will jump on board the Big Data train, possibly buying a major data analytics company.

Projected Data Analytics Market Growth:



5. A NEW BREED OF HACK LAWYERS.

Law firms will begin employing white hat hackers, selling ethical hacking services to corporate and governmental clients.



3.5 million
The estimated number of unfulfilled cybersecurity jobs by 2021.

4. "ALEXA, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND..."

Will this finally be the year IoT-enabled devices testify in court? Get ready – it's only a matter of time before you have to depose your opponent's star witness, Fitbit.

68% of U.S. companies have already incorporated IoT solutions into their business operations.

3. INFORMATION GOVERNANCE REDEFINED.

2018 is the year to organize your own IG neighborhood cleanup! It's no longer enough to get your own electronic house in order; now you need to clean up the entire neighborhood, turning your focus beyond your own systems to your entire extended business ecosystem.



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