

COST ESTIMATIONS IN AN ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY SYSTEM

ABSTRACT

Embodiments of the invention relate to systems, methods, and computer program products for improved electronic discovery. More specifically, embodiments relate to providing financial cost estimate for electronic discovery requests that allow the requester to gauge financial costs at the onset of the request. In addition to providing for a cost estimate at or near the time that the request is made, further embodiments of the invention, provide for a dynamic estimate of financial cost. The dynamic financial cost estimate changes over time based on the e-discovery tasks already performed and a better assessment of the degree of further e-discovery tasks yet to be performed. As such, the dynamic financial estimate becomes a more accurate and reliable estimate the closer the e-discovery request is to completion.

(Figure 1)