

## How Good is Your Predictive Coding Poker Face?

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# 2013 World Series of Poker Champion Ryan Riess



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**\$8.36m in Cold Hard Cash**



# Limits on Predictive Coding?

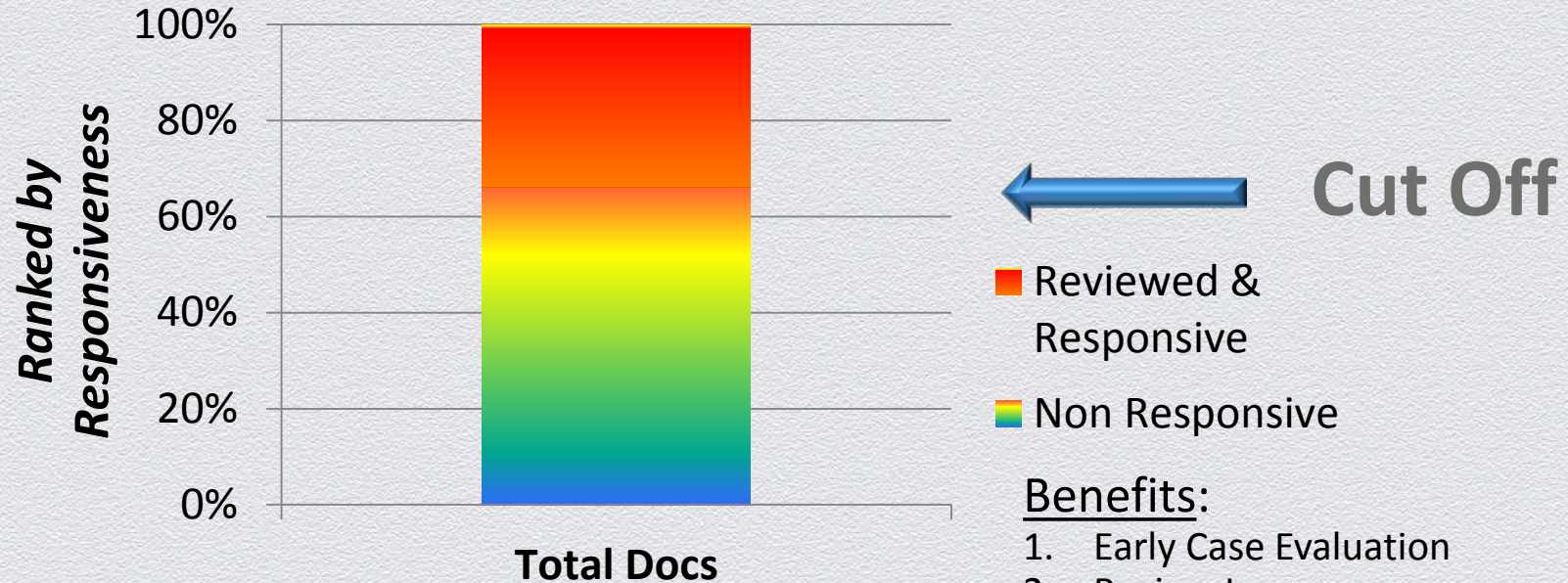
**What is keeping you from going “All-In” with Predictive Coding?**

1. Nothing. We Use Predictive Coding
2. Seems Risky
3. Expensive
4. Too Confusing
5. Answers 2 through 4





# How it Works



## Benefits:

1. Early Case Evaluation
2. Review Less
3. Increased Accuracy
4. Save Money

# Predictive Coding – Case Law

## CASE LAW

## KEY FACTS

### Da Silva Moore v. Publicis Group

- Agree to use PC, but disagree on protocol
- PC “Acceptable in appropriate cases.”
- Parties continue to scuffle

### In re Actos: (Pioglitazone) Product Liability Litigation

- Parties stipulate to use PC
- Case Man. Order outlines protocol
- Protocol is confusing

### \*Anheuser-Busch InBev NV & Grupo Modelo Merger

- DoJ investigation led to document request
- Lawyers claimed review of > 1m docs required
- Agreed to use PC and decreased cost by 50%

### EORHB, Inc. v. HOA Holdings, Inc.

- Judge suggests PC to parties
- Parties asked to “show cause” if they object
- Recommends selecting one vendor

### Hinterberger v. Catholic Health Systems

### Gordon v. Kaleida Health

- Judge suggests PC after lengthy keyword battles
- Parties disagree over “seed set” & protocol
- P’s MTC dismissed w/out prejudice for now

# Predictive Coding – Case Law

## CASE LAW

## KEY FACTS

\*NDLON v. ICE, et. al

Global Aerospace et. al. v. Landow Aviation

Cambridge Place Investments v. Morgan Stanley

Kleen Products v. Packaging Corporation of America

In re: Biomet M2a Magnum Hip Implant Products Liability Litigation

Fosamax/Alendronate Sodium Drug Cases

- MSJ re adequacy of gov't FOIA search
- Evaluation of gov't keyword approach
- Dicta endorses use of PC
- D files motion for protective order to use PC
- P “radical departure” from manual review
- Judge grants D’s order
- D files motion to use PC over P’s objection
- Court approves the use of PC
- Parties required to agree on protocol
- P tries to force to Ds to use PC
- Some Ds already reviewed and produced
- PC issue on hold until October 2013
- D objects to P’s use of keywords before PC
- Requiring D to use PC on 19.5m not proportional
- Large % of docs may have been left behind
- D produced more than 11m docs in related cases
- P wants D to redo productions using PC
- Denied since no “material deficiency” shown by P



# Strategic Decisions During Meet & Confer Discussions



Matt Damon in *Rounders*, Miramax Films (1998)

## Reading Your Opponents?

Should parties declare their use of predictive coding technology when going heads-up in meet-and-confer conferences?



# Strategic Decisions During Meet & Confer Discussions

## Avoiding a Rigged Game?

Is the predictive coding game rigged if the producing party insists on keyword culling before predictive coding?





# Strategic Considerations During Meet & Confer Discussions

## Calling the Bluff

Your opponent agrees to use predictive coding, but only if you agree to show your discard pile?





# Strategic Considerations During the Meet & Confer



## Statistics

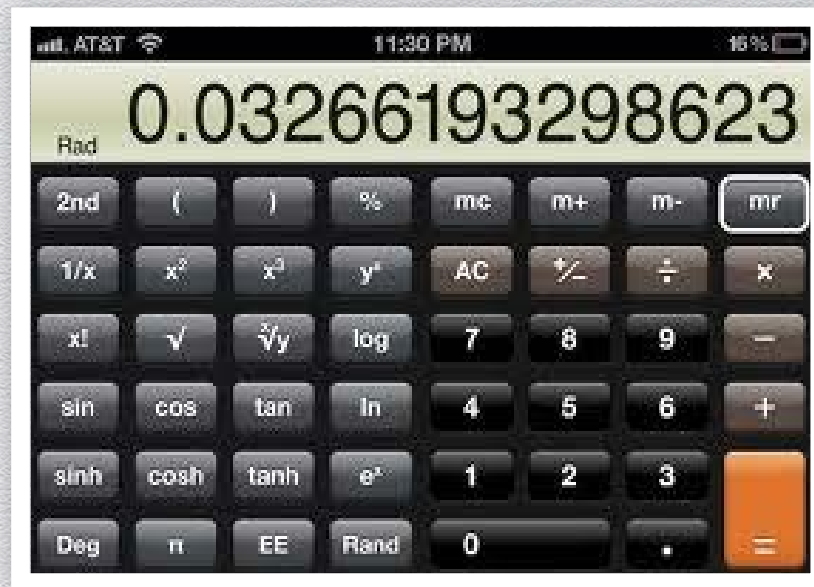
How do you know when your opponent is bluffing about statistics?



# Statistics

The role of statistics in predictive coding is best described as follows:

1. Irrelevant
2. Necessary, but Over-rated
3. Marginally Important
4. Important
5. Moot Since All PC Tools Have Statistics Built-In





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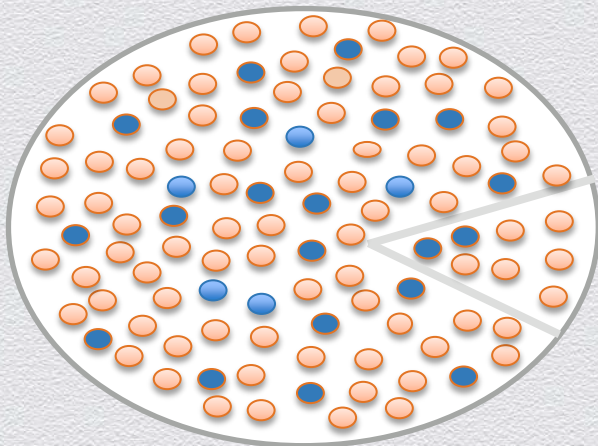


$$4/52 = 7.69\%$$



# Predictive Coding & Statistics 101: Standard Sampling

Document Population



Sample Size = 8



Sample (High Yield)



**Actual Responsive = 25% (25/100)**

**Actual Non Responsive = 75% 75/100**



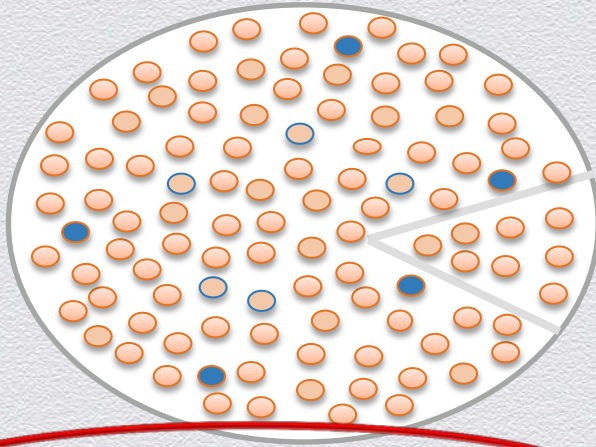
**Estimated Responsive = 25% (2/8)**

**Estimated Non Responsive = 75% (6/8)**



# Predictive Coding & Statistics 101: Standard Sampling

Document Population



Actual Responsive = 5% (5/100)

Actual Non Responsive = 95% (95/100)

Sample (Low Yield)

Sample Size = 8



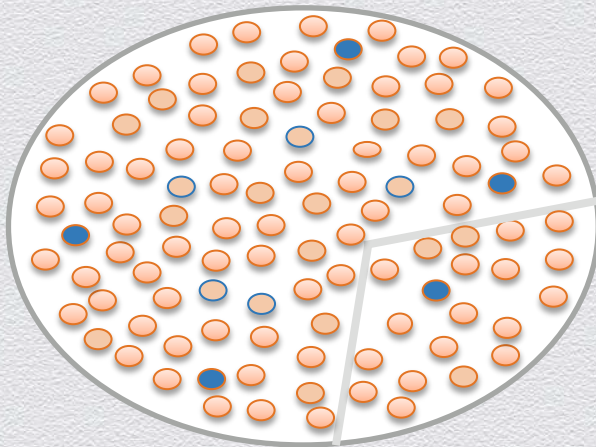
Estimated Responsive = 0% (0/8)

Estimated Non Responsive = 100% (8/8)



# Predictive Coding & Statistics 101: Advanced Sampling

Document Population



Increase Sample  
Size = 20



Advanced Sample (Low Yield)



Actual Responsive = 5 (5%)

Actual Non Responsive = 95 (95%)



Estimated Responsive = 5% (1/20)

Estimated Non Responsive = 95% (19/20)



# Who Cares?

Assume your opponent agrees to produce approximately 90% of all responsive documents in a population of 1m documents, but they incorrectly **underestimate** the number of responsive documents due to flawed sampling.

They do This



- They **incorrectly** estimate 5% of population is responsive or 50,000 docs
- They **incorrectly** assume their burden is met when they find 45,000 responsive documents ( $90\% \times 50,000$ )

Instead of This



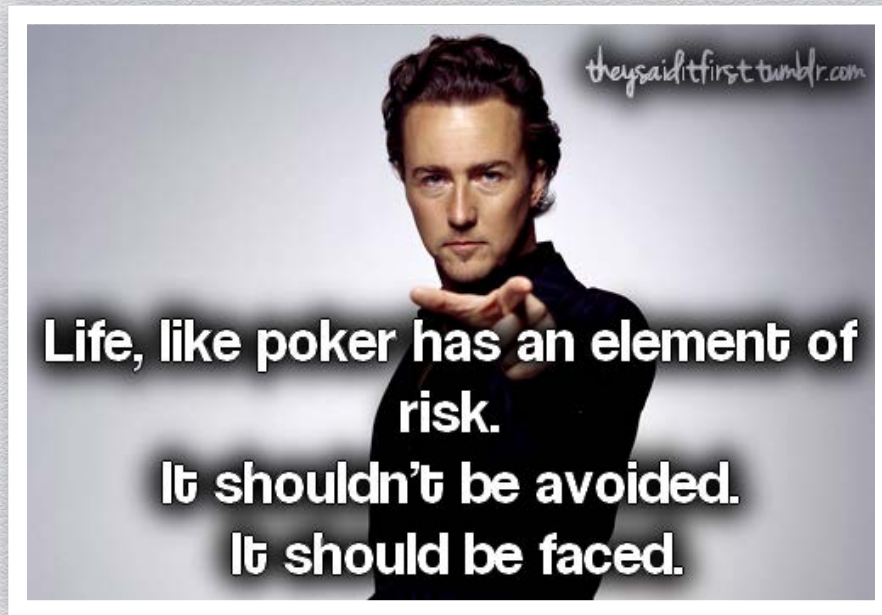
- Estimate 10% of population is responsive or 100,000 docs
- Burden actually met when they reach 90,000 documents ( $90\% \times 100,000$ )



# PC in 2014

**How can technology tools better address the perceived risks of predictive coding in 2013?**

1. Become More Transparent
2. Have Statistics Built-In
3. Easier to Use
4. Less Expensive
5. Become Better Integrated
6. All of the Above?



Actor Edward Norton



# Speed Round

- ◆ Biggest Barrier to PC Adoption?
- ◆ Statistics matter. True or False?
- ◆ PC is a replacement for all other technology tools?
- ◆ PC is a complete replacement for keyword search?
- ◆ Requesting parties should be entitled to see non-privileged discard pile?
- ◆ All PC technologies are created equal and are statistically sound?
- ◆ Daubert tests should be required to vet the statistical approach applied?



# Resources

## e-discovery 2.0

thoughts about the evolution of e-discovery

### Breaking News: Over \$12 million in Attorney Fees Awarded in Patent Case Involving Predictive Coding

BY MATTHEW NELSON ON FEBRUARY 14TH, 2013



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A federal judge for the Southern District of California rang in the month of February by ordering plaintiffs in a patent related case to pay a whopping \$12 million in attorney fees. The award included more than \$2.8 million in "computer assisted" review fees and to add insult to injury, the judge tacked on an additional \$64,316.50 in Rule 11 sanctions

## FREE BLOG

[clearwellsystems.com/e-discovery-blog](http://clearwellsystems.com/e-discovery-blog)

### Moving Data to the Cloud? Top 5 Tips for Corporate Legal Departments

BY MATTHEW NELSON ON SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2013



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One of the hottest information technology (IT) trends is to move data once stored within the corporate firewall into a hosted cloud environment managed by third-party providers. In 2013 alone, the public cloud services market is forecast to grow an astonishing 18.5 percent to \$131 billion worldwide, up from \$111 billion in 2012. The trend is driven largely by the fact that labor, infrastructure, and software costs can be

reduced by sending email and other data to third-party providers for off-site hosting. Although the benefits of cloud computing are real, many organizations make the decision to move to the cloud without thoroughly weighing all the risks and benefits first.



# Resources

Free *Predictive Coding for Dummies* Book: [go.symantec.com/predictive-coding](http://go.symantec.com/predictive-coding)

“Computer-Assisted Review Appropriate in some Cases Says Judge Peck in New *Da Silva Moore* eDiscovery Ruling”: <http://bit.ly/yENOsX>

“Shining a Light Into the Black Box of Predictive Coding Technology”: <http://bit.ly/K5DBKQ>

“Search, Forward: Will manual document review and keyword searches be replaced by computer assisted-coding?": by Judge Andrew Peck <http://bit.ly/qGwIRh>

Twitter: [@InfoGovLawyer](https://twitter.com/InfoGovLawyer)

“Technology-Assisted Review in Electronic Discovery Can Be More Efficient And More Cost Effective Than Exhaustive Manual Review” by Maura R. Grossman & Gordon V. Cormack: <http://jolt.richmond.edu/v17i3/article11.pdf>



**Thank you!**



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