

CASE STUDY

Leading Law Firm

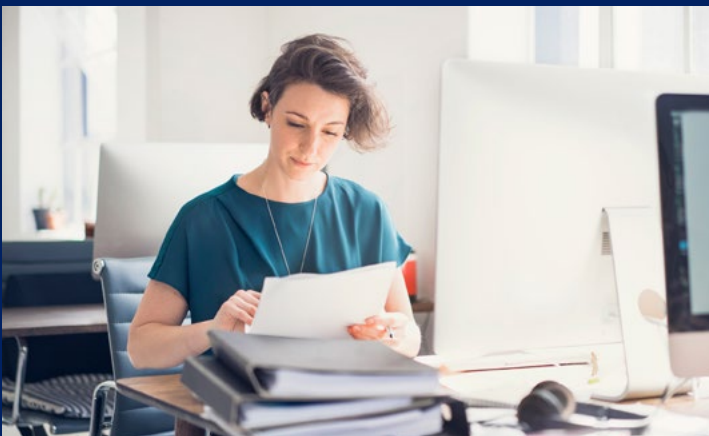
Using innovative technology and close collaboration, LanguageLine accelerated translation turnarounds and saved 86% on project costs.

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Translating a Legal Case

Since 2014, LanguageLine Solutions has been working in partnership with a leading law firm. This firm chose to partner with LanguageLine Solutions for our expertise in the legal sector, our ability to provide high quality language services round the clock, and most importantly, our unrelenting focus on security and confidentiality. Since the partnership began, LanguageLine Solutions has translated a wide range of documents, both into and out of English, for the law firm's client base. Whether witness statements, legal notes, supporting evidence for key trials, or even providing interpreters for meetings and court cases, both companies have successfully collaborated on a variety of projects.



The Challenge

- **Multiple file formats and language pairs**
- **Non-editable files**
- **Quick turnaround required**

For one particularly large and high-profile case, the usual challenge of fast, high quality translation grew to new heights. The project was a mixture of different file types and languages (with some content already in English mixed with the Russian). The majority of the files were non-editable, scanned PDFs which, under normal circumstances, would require translation from scratch without the aid of traditional, cost-saving translation technology, such as a Translation Memory (TM) or any Computer Assisted Translation (CAT) tools. Since cost was an important factor in this case, there simply wasn't the budget or the timeframes to translate in such a manual fashion.

How We Helped

- **Language detection**
- **PDF checker tool**
- **Translation Memory**
- **Independent Proofreading**
- **Linguist Sourcing**

LanguageLine Solutions was able to speed up the translation process and reduce costs for the law firm's client using our expertise, creativity and innovative technology. Our team developed an innovative optical character reader (OCR) tool which was able to analyze the quality of PDFs. By simply dropping batches of files into the tool, LanguageLine Solutions was able to identify the language and provide a word count, as well as assessing the quality of each page.

With this innovative technology, both the editable and uneditable text was picked up for translation, and the tool was able to score the quality of the OCR output to determine its usability. This resulted in greater leverage of the TM, as more text became usable and therefore could be analyzed by the CAT tool. Put simply, the law firm was able to secure significant cost and time savings on behalf of their client.

LanguageLine Solutions also applied some unique file processing to pass on additional cost and time savings to the client. A workflow was established through which only unique content for translation was identified, and any repeated segments were processed using Translation Memory. This second stage of the process more than halved the number of translatable words from 1.1 to 0.4 million.

Due to the urgency, and with a standard turnaround time of 7-8 months, multiple linguists with the correct expertise and skillsets were then deployed and thoroughly briefed to translate the documents simultaneously. Independent proofreading was also carried out in parallel, which enabled LanguageLine Solutions to further accelerate the turnaround time of this urgent project and guarantee the quality. Spot quality assurance (QA) checks were then carried out on some of the documents by a third linguist, and then all files underwent a final pre-delivery QA check by LanguageLine Solutions's Project Managers to act as a safety net to manage quality risk and consistency. Some files also went through a round of desktop publishing to ensure the formatting mirrored the original Russian documents—a challenge in itself when Russian text is usually 30% longer than English.

Finally, through certificate bundling, LanguageLine Solutions was able to further reduce turnaround times. Rather than certifying each page or document individually (which would take considerable time), the batch of files was certified as a whole; a solution which met court requirements and also helped to further reduce costs, as only 1 certificate was charged for 1.1 million words.

The result

Through innovative technology, careful planning, and close collaboration, LanguageLine Solutions and this leading law firm were able to complete Batch 1 of the case to a high quality standard within an accelerated turnaround time of just 30 working days. Cost savings amounted to 86% when compared to the cost of translating each document word for word by standard translation methods. A further 10 batches of files have since been completed for the case, bringing the total translated word count to 1,201,972 words with more still to come.



Over 1 million words translated



86% cost savings



Quick turnaround

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