Other Tools like eDiscovery in Legal Writing

Introductory Concepts

- Consider other tech tools that link up with concepts or skills you teach

- eDiscovery is a great one because it touches on fact analysis, client interviewing and relationships, legal practice, ethics, teamwork, processes, and much more!

- Price is often not a challenge, because there are usually tech providers within each category that will offer free access for your class.

- The biggest payoff is for the students: You can offer a real-life experience that is interactive, engaging, and leverages self-directed, practical learning.

- It's much easier to pick up a new tech tool than you think. No need to master this stuff to expose students in a short module or assignment.

In the Classroom

- Consider a group exercise using the tech tool to do something related to one of your big assignments. For example, with eDiscovery: Put your factual source documents on the platform, include a couple of red herrings and a privilege document, and let them review!

- Don't be afraid of advice and insight from vendors. They work with practicing attorneys every day and have a lot of ideas to offer when it comes to the content.

- Also don't be afraid to involve vendors as guest lecturers. Many are wonderful contributors!

- Consider a flipped classroom exercise where students can explore a tech tool on their own (especially if you're nervous of a live activity)

Assessment Options

- Simple activities to test whether students were able to access the tech tool and use it to reach some conclusion.

- Simple quizzes or polls to test for concept mastery.

Additional Resources

- Feel free to use Joe Regalia's eDiscovery sample assignments and resources: here
- A flipped-classroom guided eDiscovery activity Joe and other profs have used: here.
- Check out articles sharing Joe's experience using eDiscovery in the LRW classroom here and here.