

Leveraging PerfectLaw's All-In-One® Solution for Law Firm Success

The Case for All-In-One Network Platforms

Overview of Law Office Software Configurations

Generally speaking, mid-sized law firms use a patchwork of stand-alone software applications to assist with running their law firm. Each of these applications- the primary ones being for case management (CMS), document management (DMS), and accounting (back office) - has its own set of features and functions, as well as its own database. And because of that, data entry must be input multiple times, often once per application, to ensure uniformity across the board. This manual approach is both time consuming and error-prone, to speak nothing of the software and networking upgrades and continuing maintenance.

In an effort to combat these shortcomings, many law firms cobble together their stand-alone applications with integration software. However, this approach is technically demanding, financially burdensome, and requires ongoing maintenance. Additionally, integration software may not always be compatible with all stand-alone applications. Compatibility issues can escalate when the applications undergo upgrades, which may introduce changes that cause the integration software to malfunction, leaving your firm to suffer while waiting for things to get fixed. Thus, while integration software aims to enhance connectivity and streamline application cohesion, it also introduces a new set of challenges that a firm must be prepared to navigate.

This is why an all-in-one solution like PerfectLaw is critical for optimizing your firm's operations. PerfectLaw is a cohesive platform comprised of multiple, integrated applications which all operate from a unified database and are managed through a single data center. And by working with just one vendor, your firm benefits from a seamless integration of case management, document management, billing, accounting, and so much more. This integration eliminates the need for error-prone, manual data entry and eliminates the need for integration software all together. Each component of the PerfectLaw platform communicates effortlessly behind the scenes, ensuring all parts of the system are synchronized and effectively supporting one another. This unified approach not only simplifies maintenance, but also enhances reliability and efficiency across your firm's entire software ecosystem.

The Compound Benefits of All-In-One Software

Synergy is the concept that arises when two or more entities work together to produce something that exceeds what they are capable of achieving individually. It's when the harmonious collaboration of combined efforts results in more than the sum of the individual contributions.

By merging the features and functions of case management and document management together into a unified application, users are able to streamline the creation, saving, and routing of documents while significantly reducing workflow steps. It enhances productivity, promotes a paperless office, and ensures that all document-related tasks are automated efficiently and accurately.

When introducing back office software to the front office workflow, your synergy is exponentially increased by having the ability to automatically record your time and automatically submit that time to

the back office for processing. When all of your software components are combined into an all-in-one workflow, each one becomes aware of what the others are doing and consequently acts and reacts so that you don't have to.

Essential Integration with Microsoft Outlook

Law office software integration with Microsoft Outlook is essential; and, if you're running standalone case management and document management software, your Outlook workflows are twice as long. You're searching the case management software to find your contact's email address and you're searching the document management system to find the documents you're attaching. It's not efficient.

And even if you're able to integrate both your case management software and document management software with Outlook, in most cases, the load of the integration is put on the CMS and DMS. They're being bogged down as they attempt to talk to Microsoft Outlook while simultaneously trying to perform the work you instruct it to do.

On the other hand, with PerfectLaw's all-in-one, users only need to perform a single search to retrieve both the recipient's email address and relevant attachments. And the software integration is not done through the applications themselves, but instead behind the scenes via the servers. The benefits of having the servers integrate as opposed to the applications are that the applications won't get slowed down, the applications won't generate errors, and the users won't need to change the way they work. They won't need to worry about anything at all, as it's all taken care of behind the scenes.

Comprehensive Advantages of an All-In-One Solution

An all-in-one system is designed and upgraded as a single unit. Everything works with a singular architecture and purpose where all needed elements to do a task are stored in the all-in-one database. Data is entered one time from one location and immediately becomes accessible throughout the entire system. And that entire system, with the exception of Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat, is self-contained; there's no need to export, import, nor integrate with other software packages. This reduces the costs associated with installation, training, support, and maintenance.

And because the software technology and structure is uniform throughout, users only need to learn one set of commands. When you learn something in one part of the software, you can apply it to all other parts, as well. There is far less learning to be done; learning user interface commands for different software applications is eliminated.

Streamlining Your Law Firm with Proven All-In-One Synergy

PerfectLaw has been a private company for nearly fifty years and, for over thirty of them, has understood and worked toward the best all-in-one software and synergy concepts. There's a reason PerfectLaw owns the registered trademark for All-In-One®.