

5 Unexpected Cloud Benefits

Learn how your firm can benefit from using the Legal Workspace cloud.

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5 Unexpected Benefits of Cloud Usage

There are so many reasons for law firms to use the cloud, ranging from increased convenience to more robust security. Here are five big benefits of using the cloud:

1. Bump up holiday and summer billable hours

It's summer time, and the living is easy—right? All of your clients are settled on a beach somewhere, and all of your attorneys are kicking back with their feet on their desks. Maybe in a parallel universe! In this world, hours need to be kept up during the summer and holidays. And use of a cloud environment allows your firm to do just that: Attorneys can access data and the programs and applications they need whenever and wherever they need them.

2. Eliminate network downtime

Network downtime can be a scourge. It sidelines productivity, it causes headaches, and it costs money. When you transition to using a cloud environment, any fears you had about experiencing network outages and failures can disappear. Legal Workspace, for example, has redundancies in place to ensure that its servers are consistently up and available for customers using its cloud environment. No interruptions. No glitches. No downtime.

3. Automate data back-ups

Stuff happens. One attorney might inadvertently leave her laptop on a plane, another might find his smartphone went missing somewhere between the office and the commute home. And it's not only lost or stolen devices that could cause problems: Security breaches also pose data loss risks to law firms reviewing and storing sensitive, privileged materials.

Most people know that data back-ups are paramount to guarding against data loss. Unfortunately, not many law firms perform regular back-ups as they should. When you utilize a cloud environment such as Legal Workspace, data gets backed up routinely, thus eliminating worries about data loss.

4. Easy on-boarding



On-boarding new employees can be a hassle. You may be introducing multiple unfamiliar applications, programs, and procedures to any new attorney or staff member. Working with a cloud environment such as Legal Workspace can ease that pain because the platform is standard across devices; there's no need to re-invent the wheel every time someone logs in from a different device or location. Legal Workspace also provides an environment that's intuitive to use, which reduces trial-and-error interactions.

5. HIPAA compliance

Law firms and attorneys that work with Private Health Information (PHI) have an additional responsibility: complying with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Some cloud environments, such as Legal Workspace's HIPAA Compliant Edition, offer enterprise-grade safeguards for data storage, which meet HIPAA compliance obligations. This type of solution removes the need for large law firms' IT departments to cobble together a system for additional data protection. It also allows smaller law firms access to security that would otherwise be impossible for them to create and maintain.

When a law firm begins using a cloud environment like Legal Workspace, it instantly benefits from increased convenience, consistency, and security. The cloud can be an immediate painkiller for a lot of common law firm headaches.

Legal Workspace is a pioneer in cloud-based work environments and data storage designed specifically for law firms. Learn more at <u>legal-workspace.com</u>.