

# Cloud-Based Legal Software Selection

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# Agenda

- ▶ The Challenge
- ▶ Identifying Software Needs
- ▶ Evaluating Software
- ▶ Recommendation



# The Challenge

- ▶ *Big Money*
- ▶ *Assumptions By Sellers*
- ▶ *Marketing*
- ▶ *Time Is Money*



# Legal Tech is Big Money



More than \$1 Billion invested in 2018



More invested in AI Focused in 2018 than total in 2017



Fintech – Financial Services - \$111.8 Billion invested in 2018



Lawyers slow on uptake now accepting



Subscription based



Legal Technology – search on Google = 2,720,000,000

# Assumptions by Sellers

We all do things  
the same.

And/or they  
know how we  
should be doing  
it.

They can retrain  
us to do it their  
way.

We have an  
abundance of  
disposable  
money.

They can save us  
time.

We like continual,  
surprise changes.

# Marketing

Private Equity

Trained in Sales Not Legal Operations

*“Created By Attorneys For Attorneys”*

Bar Associations



Time is Money

# Identifying Software Needs



- Firm
- Staffing
- Clients



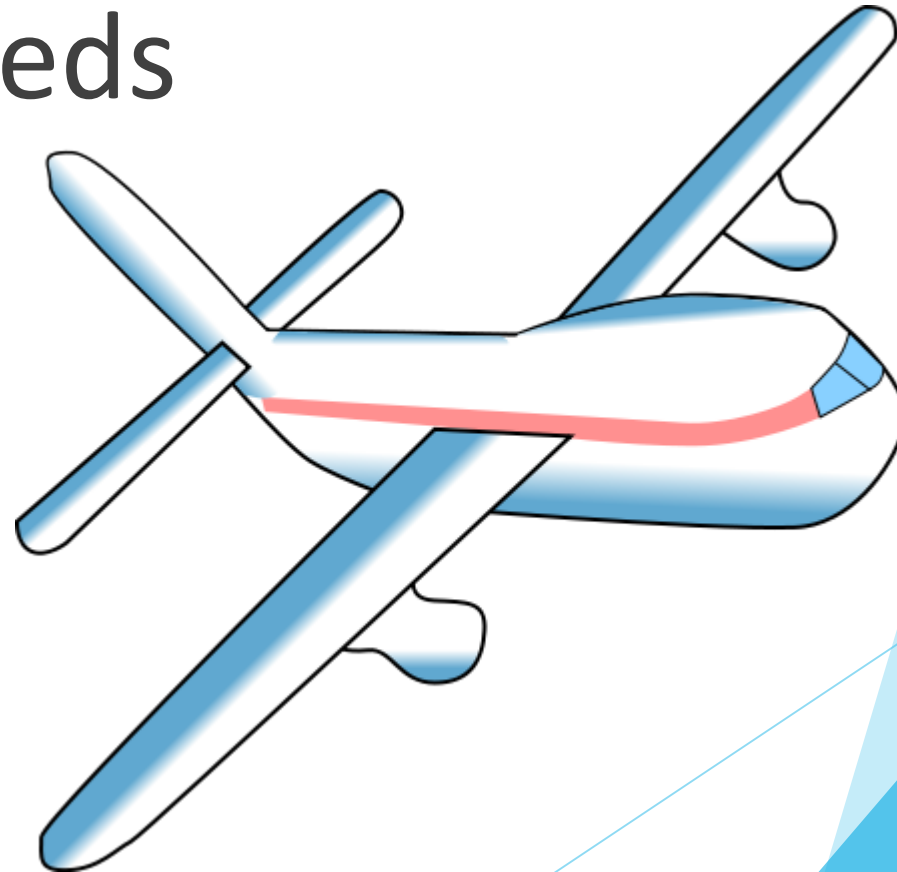
# Firm

- ▶ Size
- ▶ Age of Attorneys

*Dewey, Cheetum & Howe, LLP*



- ▶ Mobility Needs
- ▶ Priorities



# Staffing



How Many?

Billing only?

Tasks



Clients

# Location of Clients





# Type of Client



# Age of Clients





# Expectation of Clients



# What are firm needs?

Why are you looking for software?



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graph TD; A[Why are you looking for software?] --> B[Who will use the software?]; B --> C[What security is needed?]; C --> D[How will you use the software with your clients?];
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Who will use the software?

What security is needed?

How will you use the software with your clients?

# Feature List

- ▶ Client Intake – sending electronic engagement letters
- ▶ HIPPA compliant
- ▶ Only Tax Department Will Use
- ▶ Mobile Phone Apps
- ▶ Integrates with Billing System
- ▶ Secure Document Transfer with Clients

# Software Spend





Firm History  
Percent of Gross  
Hourly Cost



Now What?

# The List - Features

Features
24/7 User Help
Actions Date Stamped
Depo Transcripts
Doc/Photo viewer
Email Documents from Outlook
Email Photos Directly In
Firm uploads documents
Full Text Search
Handles Video
How long in market
Tags - Firm Create
Mac Integration
Report Customization Ease
Response Time
Scan Directly to Program
Secure sharing outside of firm
SQL
Standard Screens Customizable
Support hours for PST
User groups
Where are Data Centers
Firm adds users/cases
Archived cases different rate

# Evaluating Software



Review Sites



Colleagues



Google



Consultants



The Demo



The List



# Search for Recommendations



ASK PEERS AND  
OTHER FIRMS



SEARCH ON  
GOOGLE



READ LEGAL TECH  
BLOGS

## Review Software Sites and Resources

- ▶ Check out the sites
- ▶ YouTube
- ▶ Check out Help
- ▶ Target Market



# The List – Software To Review

Features	Relativity	Logikcull	Everlaw	Liquid Lit
24/7 User Help				
Actions Date Stamped				
Depo Transcripts				
Doc/Photo viewer				
Email Documents from Outlook				
Email Photos Directly In				
Firm uploads documents				
Full Text Search				
Handles Video				
How long in market				
Tags - Firm Create				
Mac Integration				
Report Customization Ease				
Response Time				
Scan Directly to Program				
Secure sharing outside of firm				
SQL				
Standard Screens Customizable				
Support hours for PST				
User groups				
Where are Data Centers				
Firm adds users/cases				
Archived cases different rate				

# The Demo



## Don't Rush The First Demo

Leave plenty of time for questions you have.  
Be sure you are clear on features.  
Be sure the appropriate people are present.  
Don't be afraid to ask anything.

# Control the Demo

Have features shown to you when you ask questions.



# The List – The Comparison

Features	Relativity	Logikcull	Everlaw	Liquid Lit
24/7 User Help	x	x		x
Actions Date Stamped	x	x	x	x
Depo Transcripts				
Doc/Photo viewer	x	x	x	x
Email Documents from Outlook				
Email Photos Directly In		Box		
Firm uploads documents		x	Not Yet - nxt few months	
Full Text Search	x	x	x	x
Handles Video	x	x	x	x
How long in market			6	6
Tags - Firm Create	x	x	x	x
Mac Integration	x	x	x	app
Report Customization Ease	x	x		some
Response Time	15 min	6 min		15 min
Scan Directly to Program				
Secure sharing outside of firm	x	x	x	x
SQL				
Standard Screens Customizable	x			
Support hours for PST	8 to 8	24/7	8 to 6 / next morning	8 - 7 CST
User groups	x			
Where are Data Centers	Injar?	Amazon	Amazon	Virginia/Illinois/Texas
Firm adds users/cases	x	x		
Archived cases different rate	x	x		

# Other Considerations

Implementation Costs

Travel Costs

Training Costs

Hours and Location of Support

Integrations





# The Decision

## Review Your Chart

What software meets all or most of your needs

What can you live without

Get clear understanding of costs and process for implementation

## Craft Your Report

Intro – What you recommend

Body – Why, how you made your decision, what software you reviewed, list

Conclusion – Summary project plan, costs



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A close-up photograph of a baby's face. The baby has light brown hair and blue eyes, looking slightly to the side with a questioning or curious expression. A dark grey horizontal bar is superimposed over the middle of the face, containing the word "QUESTIONS?" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background is blurred, showing green foliage and a window frame.

**QUESTIONS?**

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