

Is Your Tech Ruining Your Reputation?

Lawyers and technology have always had a fickle relationship. Especially in the context of a law department where Legal is often viewed as a cost center, and teams are told to ‘make it work’ with tech that isn’t fit for their needs. With an increasing workload and pressure to deliver work faster, cobbled-together tech stacks are forcing teams to create workarounds that strain their efficiency. And, it’s no surprise that workarounds pose risks – both in security and the actual, day-to-day productivity for the law department.

There are two key functions that lawyers need from their technology that they simply cannot get from generic solutions made for the everyday professional: 1) workflow support and 2) detailed version control.

The Right Technology Fixes Broken Workflows

Law departments everywhere are experiencing [increased demands on their time and expertise](#) from every corner of their organization. As a service department with little control over their own deadlines, work feels nearly constant and must be done in excruciating detail while remaining secured at all times. If lawyers do not have the right technology in place, they are subject to constant sticky points in their day-to-day work whether it be hunting for lost documents, uploading and downloading files constantly, or manually filing email communications. With the constant stop-start of their workflow, it’s no wonder [lawyers are getting burnt out](#).

While tools like Dropbox, Google Drive, or even Box may meet the basic needs of many, these generic solutions simply cannot support the level of detail lawyers require to accomplish work effectively.

[Solutions that are built for legal work](#) offer detailed (and nearly automatic) document profiling, powerful searches, and detailed version controls that streamline legal workflows. Advanced legal platforms offer the [email integrations](#) and [planning tools](#) required for law departments to keep every key piece of a matter or project organized, precise, and moving forward. These legal-centric tools relieve lawyers of onerous tasks that drain their time and distract them from doing what they’re great at: practicing law.

The Right Technology Gives Lawyers Control Without the Burden

In many organizations law departments are given access to a shared drive and a green light to use and organize it how they wish. But as we are all aware, law departments working to [shatter](#)

[the notion they are the 'Department of No'](#) are leaning into collaborative work across the business and often sharing documents. Unfortunately, without the right solutions in place, attempts at collaboration are leading to groups of people having incorrect access to sensitive information or lawyers working solely out of their inbox, attempting to keep tabs on countless versions of a file.

Either way, the lawyer is losing.

Solutions that are built specifically with the needs of lawyers in mind have [secure sharing mechanisms](#) that streamline the collaboration process with other departments while removing the burden of managing an access list or keeping track of multiple files. When work happens in a single place, on a single file, law departments and their teams are set up to drive results quickly and efficiently while staying in complete control of their work.

[When Technology Can Stay Out of Your Way, That's Work Inspired](#)

The role of the legal department is changing. More is being demanded of legal teams and many CEOs are coming to terms with the idea that Legal can be so much more than a cost center: they can be business strategists who generate revenue.

If law departments are to meet these new expectations without burning out their teams, it's critical they be provided the technology that will naturally support their purposes. Systems that are simply the 'bread crumbs' of other departments will no longer do, and it's time Legal demand they be given the tools that will set them up for success.

Learn more about how consumer-grade solutions like Dropbox are holding your team back. Download our short guide, [Dropbox for Lawyers: Is it slowing you down?](#) today.