



Five transformational changes shaping law firms

Technology is impartial, just like the law

Changing market dynamics are forcing traditional law firms and legal service providers to compete and collaborate. The result is unprecedented pressures on established firms to demonstrate value, as technology-led clients insist on increased efficiency, predictability, and cost-effectiveness.

1. Advancing technology

Cloud-based convergence of communication, collaboration, messaging, and AI is arguably the most significant opportunity for modernisation of legal services. Forward-thinking law firms use cloud-based technology for flexible, collaborative workflows that deliver more client-centric services to unlock higher value from fee-earners.

But much work is needed.

85%

of legal firms use cloud based technologies. An increase of 25% in the past 2 years

Source: Gartner, Market Guide for Corporate Legal Matter Management

50%

of legal work related to significant corporate transactions will have automated by 2024

Source: Gartner, Hype Cycle for Legal and Compliance Technologies 2021



2. Client demands

Meeting clients' digital expectations are changing the way law firms work. Clients now expect real-time case visibility, automation, and sharing timely intelligence.

71%

of law firms are prioritizing remote interaction over in-person

Source: Clio, Legal Trends Report 2021

79%

of clients see the option to work remotely with a lawyer as an important factor

Source: Clio, Legal Trends Report 2021

41%

of firms see customer service as important as resolving a legal matter satisfactorily

Source: Legal Futures



3. Enhanced competition

Leveraging client centric solutions and automated services are essential to staying ahead in a fiercely competitive market. Winning firms are adopting a single customer view and automation, through Al, to centralise and improve workplace practices.

Competition drives change.

4. Efficiency initiatives

Increasing competition and evolving client demands means that firms must find new ways of delivering client services more efficiently.

Reputation, price, and specialism are vital factors influencing client buying decisions.

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Source: Legal Futures

56% of firms understood the customer journey and have a mapped out communications plan

Source: Legal Futures

68% of corporate legal and compliance leaders are struggling to manage their workload

Source: Gartner

50% of firms have a consistent process for taking contact details

Source: Legal Futures

5. Workplace flexibility

The flexibility and resiliency to cope with the new ways of working are more important than ever before.

There is still much that can be done to improving the use of technology to deliver the client-centric solutions essential to staying competitive.

83%

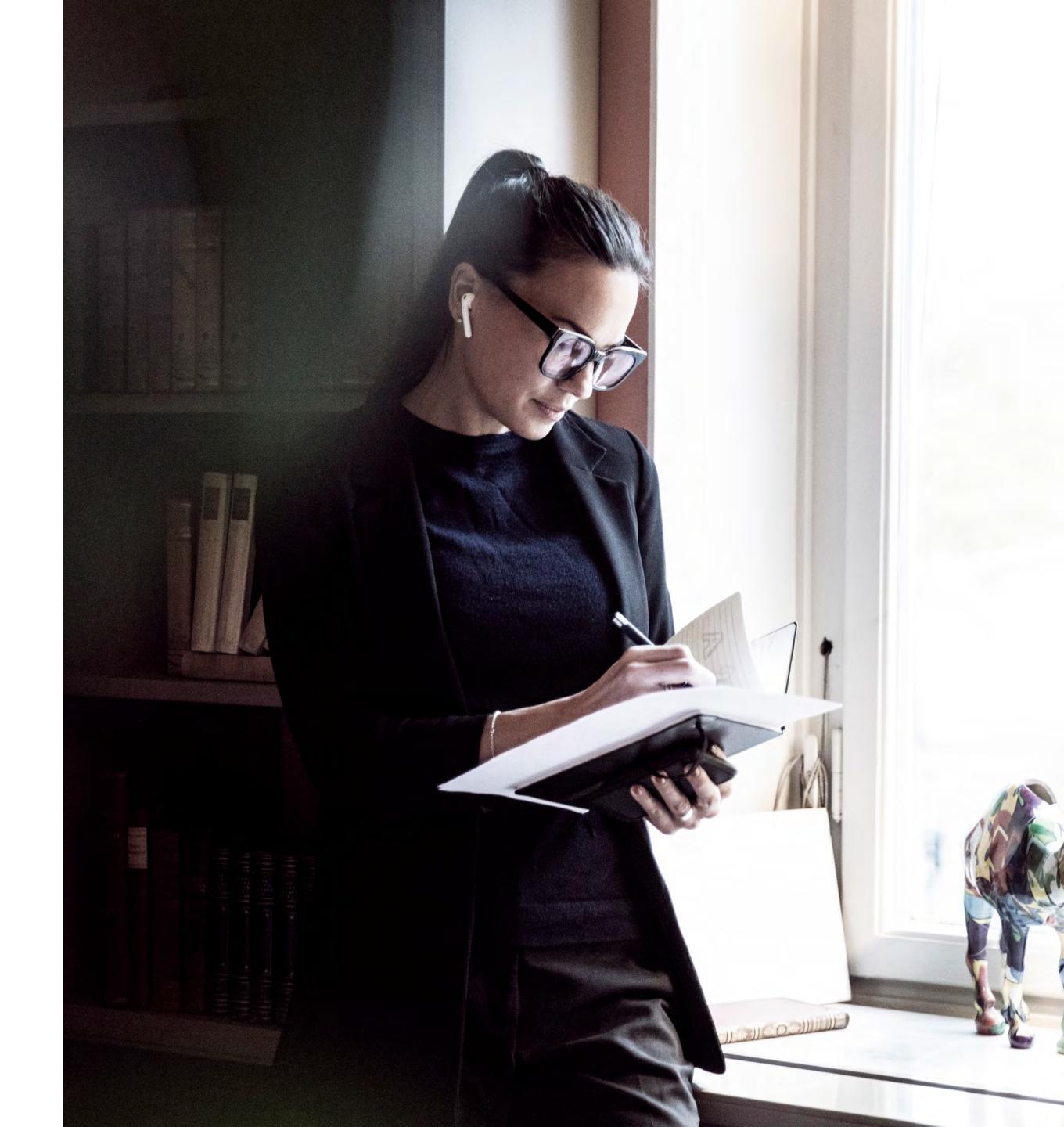
of top 10 firms said remote working had a positive impact

Source: PWC Law Survey Report 2021

100%

of top 10 firms expect to reduce their office footprint

Source: PWC Law Survey Report 2021



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Affordable cloud communications

Up to 30% lower costs than traditional systems

Greater flexibility

Modern mobile and desktop apps keep fee-earners productive

Secure and reliable

End-to-end encryption for all communications and devices

Easy setup and configuration

Simple, fast set-up with 24/7 customer support

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Analyse data for compliance, client insights, and fee earners' performance

Al chatbots

Streamline responses to client queries

Secure conferencing and collaboration

Secure high-definition audio and video conferencing, file sharing, and instant messaging

Call recording

Listen to client calls during your discovery process





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Jon Grainger's, Chief Information Officer, Slater and Gordon

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