



Vertical Brief – Legal

Confidentiality and Accessibility.

Data is the core of every law firm. Protecting client data and having secure ready access to that data is the foundation of the legal industry. Law firms are held to the highest standards of client confidentiality and must protect clients' data, ensuring data security, integrity and restorability in the case of corruption or loss. Failure to protect and recover data will impact the firm and client relations and ultimately the reputation of the firm. An automatic, reliable backup with offsite vaulting is a necessary component of a data protection strategy.

The legal industry has seen exponential growth in the volume of data that must be retained and protected. Corporate records retention policies need to align with IT policies to ensure the uniform storage and destruction of data. The transition to an electronic law practice, increased focus on ethical conduct, stringent adherence to client guidelines, and compliance with government regulations create a growing pool of data to be backed up and managed.

Traditionally, tape backup for a single law office was sufficient to back up records, research, and email. But law firms that have five or more locations require a backup method that is reliable and in line with progressive business practices and processes.

Limitations of tape backup that must be considered and weighed against the business practices and policies as a law firm grows include:

- Tape backup requires onsite IT expertise at each location to ensure proper loading, changing and managing of tapes.
- Tape backup requires offsite transportation of tapes for storage to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley regulation if the law firm is doing business with regulated industries. Offsite tape transportation is prone to loss and theft.
- Recovering data from tape is unreliable.
- Recovering data from tape is slow.

Asigra specializes in providing a scalable and cost-effective online backup solution that ensures record confidentiality, compliance and easy accessibility.

Asigra Televaulting delivers automatic and reliable ROBO (remote office/branch office) data backup that can be managed from a central location. Backups are managed from a central location so IT expertise is not required at each law office. Standardized, proven backup processes that align with business rules and policies ease litigation concerns for electronic discovery and ongoing business continuity.

Asigra Televaulting encrypts (up to 256 AES) all data at the source and maintains encryption throughout the transfer and storage process, which protects the privacy

and integrity of client data during the entire backup process. (If stored at a third-party vault, only individuals authorized by the legal firm are able to access the backups.) Clear audit trails are generated when the data is accessed.

Data is transferred over a secure WAN to a central data center or vault thus ensuring offsite protection. In the event of a server crash, human error, or natural disaster, data is immediately available for restore and recovery. Data is always accessible.

Asigra Backup Lifecycle Management (BLM) maintains the integrity of corporate requirements for the proper destruction of backup records. Inconsistent practices of destroying electronic records can result in keeping records and emails longer than compliance requires.

Asigra online backup key benefits:

- Automated compliance with storage and privacy regulations
- Local and offsite storage ensure redundancy
- Data is fully encrypted at all times while in-flight and at-rest to ensure confidentiality
- Easy, efficient backups and restores
- Fully scalable and capacity-based licensing ensures complete backup coverage as data grows
- Instant access and recovery of all backup files in the event of data loss or corruption
- Date and time-stamped access log for clear audit trail
- Ability to coordinate data backup between multiple office locations
- Backup lifecycle management to meet data destruction requirements
- Continuous data protection so complete records (both documents and emails) are ensured

Additional information:

Case Study: [Fisher Meredith](#)

"Asigra is simply a better solution than tape. It gets the data offsite and all the data is protected. We can quickly and easily restore whatever we want, whether it's a file or a directory or a server."

Fisher & Phillips LLP

Case Study: [DFA Law](#)

"Now that a lot more of our paper documents are scanned, our business increasingly relies on digital data. Having complete daily rather than weekly backups minimises the amount of data loss and TouchPoint's online and centralised backup means that we can retrieve all of the lost data from any location much more quickly than we could have done with the previous Veritas tapebased solution."

DFA Law

Case Study: [New Jersey State Bar Association](#)

"Since practicing law today means relying on electronic records and documents, protecting a firm's irreplaceable data is essential,"

New Jersey State Bar Association