



Inspiration From the Trenches

KUTAK ROCK

Discover what it was like for Jay Selanders, Chair of Kutak Rock, to adopt NetDocuments and how it has transformed the way he—and all the lawyers at Kutak Rock—work.

What would it be like if managing your documents were as simple as saving your newest draft or sending the latest email? Perhaps your stress level would decrease, or your to-do list would shrink considerably. Or maybe you would finally have some extra minutes to treat yourself to your favorite coffee shop.

BUT WHO ARE YOU KIDDING—DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT COULD NEVER BE THAT SIMPLE...RIGHT?

When Jay Selanders joined Kutak Rock in 2007 he already had a long list of reasons why document management was the worst part of the job. Even simple versioning seemed to come with endless pains; that is, until he was introduced to NetDocuments on his second day at Kutak Rock.



I realized quickly that NetDocuments was a huge leap forward in terms of the ease with which I could share documents with other lawyers and clients. **Keeping versions straight was simple and straightforward** without the need to manage any servers or file shares.



MASTER THE LEARNING CURVE

Lawyers are buried under matters with little time to spend on new, complicated technologies. While a document management system (DMS) is typically considered complex, Selanders was surprised to discover how simple and intuitive NetDocuments was, clearly saving him enormous amounts of time even as a new user.



Although NetDocuments is a sophisticated platform and should be more daunting, it is intuitive from the start. With very little training, and a dash of curiosity, anyone can become an above average user quickly.

Today, I don't even have to think when I'm using NetDocuments, it's just automatic. I can't believe how much time I used to spend filing documents compared to now.



STREAMLINE AND EASE COLLABORATION

Reviews from clients, subject matter experts, and your own revisions all too often culminate in a collection of unruly, unmanageable documents. Selanders acknowledged that the struggle to manage documents while collaborating has been a theme throughout his career, but NetDocuments has changed the game by streamlining the editing process and providing a single source of truth for files.



The complexity of legal work is increasing, which means more lawyers than ever are involved in a matter's completion.

NetDocuments helps me easily compare documents, keep track of versions in a single location, and make changes on the fly with the confidence that no one will use an old file. **The ability to travel without a stack of paper in my briefcase is priceless.**



CONQUER EMAIL FILING

Emails are a consistent source of anxiety for the majority of lawyers. The sheer volume, endless to-do's, and typically aggravating filing process usually adds up to numerous unfiled, unorganized emails—and a lot more risk for your firm. But with an integrated email management system (EMS), Selanders says NetDocuments makes email filing as simple as clicking 'send.'



We lawyers simply aren't good at filing emails. The filing process is often onerous and drains our time—time that is better spent actually serving our clients.

But ndMail has taken this traditionally terrible process and made it effortless. **I've had to completely change my mindset regarding email filing and can already see how ndMail is going to become a competitive advantage.**



MAINTAIN BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Competitive firms like Kutak Rock made the move to cloud-based document management years ago, protecting their business from the disruptions that come with disasters out of their control. As the COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S. in early Spring of 2020, Selanders told us just how clear the value of NetDocuments became.



When I took over as Chair of the Firm in 2017, I asked about our disaster plan and was told **'you take your computer and you go home and work.'** That's the power that a mature cloud DMS like NetDocuments gave us.



CHOOSE THE VENDOR THAT LISTENS

The legal technology marketplace is increasingly crowded, with features and functions often feeling similar or within reach of a competitor. What should really be the determining factor is whether or not a technology vendor understands your needs, stays informed on industry developments, and anticipates new regulations you will have to meet. Selanders agrees that NetDocuments is just such a vendor and will continue to provide Kutak Rock with the competitive advantage they need to ***work inspired.***



“I’ve sat in on the customer advisory boards and NetDocuments actually listens. **They are anything but stagnant and look to practicing lawyers on how to continually improve and dial-in the service.**



If your firm is ready to join Kutak Rock as an industry leader and remove daily burdens from your lawyer’s workflows, **request a consultation** with a legal technology expert today or call NetDocuments at **(866) 638-3627**.