

Herring Law Group: Technology Can't Limit Us

A MetaJure Case Study

When Greg Herring, a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, opened Herring Law Group in January 2015, he had a clear vision: Create a premier family law firm that provides top quality service to clients in Southern California and uses technology to efficiently and economically accomplish results. From the outset the firm established itself as leader in California family law.

"In today's world, our lawyers and clients are continually on the move," said Greg. "Our work isn't limited by time or location. It spills over into weekends and the middle of the night. Technology can't limit us. We need to serve our clients when and where they need us. Our fast-paced multi-faceted practice demands that we find information immediately, share knowledge easily and access files from anywhere. We have to be innovative and nimble. We have to have the right technology."

That meant embracing the Cloud. Growing from four to eight experienced attorneys and paralegals just over the past year, they are continually connected with each other, the courts and their clients, handling much of their work over email. It also meant they needed a modern document management system that not only worked in the Cloud, but required little training and didn't distract the team.

The Need for a Modern Document Management System

Before forming Herring Law Group, the attorneys and staff alike had all been at large law firms. "We grew up in firms with traditional and cumbersome document management systems and we knew we needed something different," Greg says. "I saw how staff at my last firm spent their time managing information and documents -- the older document management system limited us because it was time-consuming and complicated."

"We looked at a number of systems and did the cost-benefit analysis. MetaJure just made sense. MetaJure is really user friendly. There was nothing to transition. It was installed over the weekend and we were up and running on Monday morning. Everybody loves it. Even the people who wanted a traditional search system now love the technology," says Attorney and Legal Administrator Erin Schaden.

Why MetaJure?

The automatic OCR feature in MetaJure has been particularly important to Herring's team. Says Erin, "In one case, we had over 700 pages of text messages between two parties in the middle of a dispute. We needed the capability to search for sentences confirming what was or wasn't said between them. MetaJure immediately found them. Boom. Done. It would have taken someone hours and hours to do what MetaJure did in a few seconds. In another example, we resolved a major dispute because MetaJure was able to scan all emails between two parties and find the exact conversation where they had discussed a particular issue."

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Herring Law Group is growing thanks to technology like MetaJure. "MetaJure is easy and cost-effective," says Erin. "It's turned our people from being slaves to their machines to being able to work efficiently. This technology truly helps you instead of forcing you to spend a lot of time on unproductive tasks. I can't imagine how hamstrung we would be without MetaJure. There's no way we could efficiently practice without it. It's saving us hundreds of hours."

Herring Law Group's attorneys are leaders in California family law. The firm provides highly skilled negotiation and litigation services and represents individuals in all facets of family law.