



MCP UPGRADE THEIR DPS SYSTEMS

Metcalfe Copeman & Pettefar (MCP) are a regional firm of solicitors based in and around East Anglia. They have branches in Kings Lynn, Peterborough, Thetford and Wisbech.

Despite the firm being established as long ago as 1784, MCP have a very modern approach to the way they practice. And so in the late 1990s they approached DPS Software to install case management systems for the Matrimonial, Conveyancing, Wills and Personal Injury departments of the practice.

This was followed in early 2003 with the installation of the DPS Cashier legal accounting solution to replace the firm's ageing Avenue system. Then in July 2004, as part of their ongoing commitment to technology, MCP upgraded their existing applications to the DPS One Office system. This upgrade allowed the firm to merge the four offices' case management systems and legal accounts system into one, running over a Citrix environment.

DPS One Office is a single point solution for the fee earners and cashiers in the modern legal business, which guarantees unrivalled document assembly, practice management and a modular approach to predefined applications with enormous development flexibility and scalability.

One Office is in essence easy to use, yet sophisticated and flexible document assembly and case tracking engine that enables legal documents and forms to be created and maintained with ease. The engine fully automates document assembly, time recording, case tracking, document management, diary management and paper form completion. This subsequently brings time saving, efficiency and scalability to the legal office and business processes.

As part of the upgrade to One Office, MCP also rolled out DPS Cashier look-up licences to all of their fee earners and members of staff, giving them a restricted view of all the accounting information needed throughout the course of a matter.

The look-up licences allow the user to view ledger cards (for access to the financial information), submit electronic cheque requests and prepare bills.

As well as upgrading their DPS systems, MCP also moved their databases to Microsoft SQL, offering them greater data security, reliability and scalability.

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About Metcalfe Copeman & Pettefar

Metcalfe Copeman & Pettefar are a long-established substantial regional firm of solicitors. In addition to their general practice they also have a number of nation - ally recognised specialisms including their work in Employment Law, Commercial Law, Regulatory & Retail Law and Accident Litigation. Based in rural East Anglia, yet within one hour of London, MCP enjoy a quality of life which leads to a reasoned approach and an economy of change. It is the partners

hope and expectations that after 220 years of continuous practice the firm will be serving its clients in the law in 200 years time.

About Microsoft SQL Server 200

Business today demands a different kind of data management solution. Performance, scalability, and reliability are essential, but businesses now expect more from their key IT investments. SQL Server 2000 exceeds dependability requirements and provides innovative capabilities that increase employee effectiveness, integrate heterogeneous IT ecosystems, and maximise capital and operating budgets. SQL Server 2000 provides the enterprise data management platform your organisation needs to adapt quickly in a fast-changing environment. With the lowest implementation and maintenance costs in the industry, SQL Server 2000 delivers rapid return on your data management investment. SQL Server 2000 supports the rapid development of enterprise-class business applications that can give your company a critical competitive advantage. Benchmarked for scalability, speed and performance, SQL Server 2000 is a fully enterprise-class database product. Providing core support for Extensible Markup

Language (XML) and Internet queries.