



MITIGATING RISK, INCREASING RESILIENCE

CYBER SECURITY

INSIGHTS FOR LAW PRACTICES

Law firms, in-house legal departments, and the judicial system are under constant threat by cybercriminals and hackers seeking to exfiltrate valuable client data, case evidence, and classified information. At the same time, strict security and regulatory requirements detail how data should be secured. If not managed and secured correctly, it can lead to steep fines, penalties, and a damaging hit to the organization's reputation.

Law practices are responsible for securing sensitive client data, evidence, and trade secrets. By investing in their cybersecurity readiness, law firms can ensure their clients and brand reputations remain intact.

Cybersecurity Is a Key Law Firm Challenge

In an era where everyone is facing rising cyber threats, the legal industry is increasingly under siege. Given the massive risk of data loss, penalties, and reputational damage, it's no wonder that law firms cite cybersecurity as their top concern.

39% Had a security breach in the last year.¹ **67%** Cite cybersecurity as one of the top challenges facing the legal market.²

60% Say the growing sophistication of attacks is their biggest cyber security challenge.³



Only 26% Say their firm is "very prepared" to respond to a cybersecurity incident.⁴ **Only 41%** Have 24/7/365 security coverage.⁵

Securing Your Processes Matters

As one of the top targets for cyber attacks, law firms must do everything possible to protect their data and clients from a devastating breach. Manual, paper-based processes can...

...cost money:

33% Law firms that experienced business disruptions/loss of revenue from a cyber attack⁷ **\$5.08 million** Average cost of a breach for the professional services sector (including the legal industry)⁶

...impede growth:

86% Cite security concerns and/or data security concerns as barriers to implementing other new technologies⁸ **42%** Law firms that experienced brand/reputational damage from a cyber attack⁹

...and expose law firms to significant security and compliance issues:

56% Law firms that experienced IP/confidential client data loss from a cyber attack¹⁰ **47%** Law firms that experienced internal data loss from a cyber attack¹¹

Top Three Cybersecurity Challenges Facing Law Firms

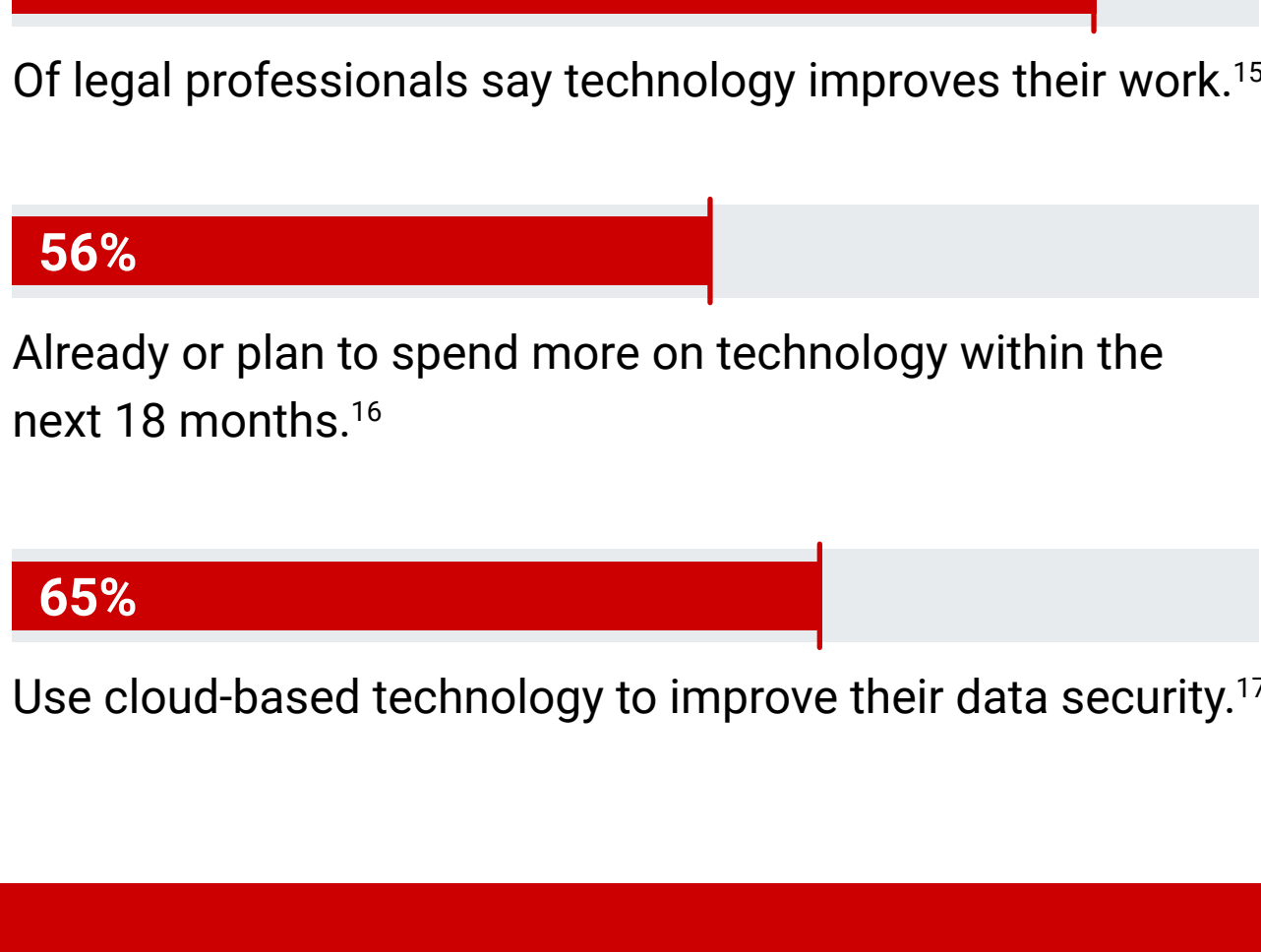
- 1. Vulnerable endpoints**
Devices like printers and copiers are often weak links in security and provide heightened risks to your network. **65%** of law firms have been a victim of a cyber incident.¹²
- 2. Unsecured document access**
Paper documents are easily lost, stolen, or copied. **25%** of law firms reported a data breach due to unauthorized access.¹³
- 3. Insider threats**
Employees with access to physical or digital documents pose significant risks. **76%** of organizations find insider threats hard to detect.¹⁴

Going Digital Is the Way to Stay Secure

To safeguard sensitive client information, law firms must prioritize digitization alongside robust cybersecurity measures. Digital systems can assist in making secure data management seamless and help increase overall efficiency.

- Enhanced access control**
Encryption and user authentication protect sensitive data.
- Detailed audit trails**
Track who accesses or alters data, strengthening compliance.
- Reduced cybersecurity exposure**
Fewer endpoints mean fewer vulnerabilities.

Law firms know the risk and are investing in technology and automation to help protect their clients and data.



How Canon Can Help

Cybersecurity is more than just preventing attacks. It's about protecting clients, their future, and your reputation. That's where Canon's Managed Detection and Response (MDR) service comes in. Partnering with Rapid7, these services help ensure 24/7 coverage by a dedicated team of cybersecurity professionals, providing the robust protection of a security operations center (SOC).

- From secure printing and document workflow improvements to robust data extraction and business process optimization, Canon is here to help law firms leverage automation and cybersecurity best practices to prevent attacks and reduce disruption.
- As a recognized leader in specialty imaging and workflow solutions for the legal industry, Canon provides the software and hardware that law practices need to help protect sensitive documents and client data.

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