

Emergency Responder Michael Riley issues second article in series about Technology & Emergency Management Law Practice

Experienced emergency responder and lawyer Michael Riley reviews the advancements of technology as to emergency management law practice, and how it is utilized.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, UNITED STATES, November 3, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In this second published article in a series, New Orleans-based business attorney Michael J. Riley, Jr. discusses the advancements and impact of technology upon the legal profession, and how it is being utilized to enhance the client experience in terms of satisfaction and customer service. As technology reshapes all of modern personal and professional life, the legal profession is no exception.

Emergency management covers a broad range of issues that can be better managed with software and other technologies. Emergency Management in the U.S. is surprisingly broad. A lawyer in this area will encounter issues as diverse as Grant Management and Administration, Public Assistance Program, Environmental and Historic Preservation Requirements, Hazardous Materials, and Project Funding. Incorporating technology into a law practice in this area can make the practice more efficient and increase client



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As technology is advancing, the legal profession is not exempt. Incorporating technology into a law practice can make the practice more efficient and increase client satisfaction. In fact, technology may enable the practitioner to exceed client expectations. Here are a few, simple-toimplement options.

Research Efficiency

The internet has placed all of society's information at one's fingertips, and again the legal profession is not exempt.

The speed of research has dramatically increased. An attorney can analyze a legal matter much more quickly without even leaving the desk. However, that is what clients expect nowadays - instant results.

There are a few tools that can make your job easier. For example, many cases and articles are available for free on Google Scholar (<u>https://scholar.google.com/</u>) or on Findlaw

(https://www.Findlaw.com). Most

courts post their forms and cases on the Web, reducing search time to minutes and saving you a walk to the courthouse.

Coming back to smart phones, many attorneys today use them even for legal work. A 2016 survey conducted by the American Bar Association found that 88 percent of respondents used smart phones for law-related work. A fifth of them were using research apps, and those numbers have undoubtedly surged since.

e-Subscriptions

To make your law practice more efficient, subscribing to multiple industry-related blogs and news outlets may deliver relevant information right to your email inbox. In turn, you may be able to tailor valuable information to specific clients and send them a proactive communication.

The Cloud/On-Line Repositories

There are many ways to incorporate a secure document repository in your practice. Online document management providers offer some limited client document sharing and also offer full-scale extranets as an add-on. There are many options and price points for achieving the logical benefit of client document repositories.

Web-based software enables a firm's documents to be securely stored in "the cloud" and provide accessibility from nearly any location. The safety of such storage systems has increased greatly, and allows you to have remote access while on the road or working from home.

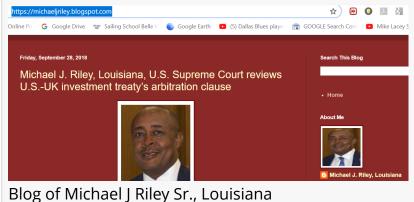
For example, you can set up a system



Michael J. Riley, Sr., at work in Haiti



Michael J. Riley, Sr., at work in Haiti with Dr Laborde



whereby the lawyer uploads the documents he/she wants to share with the client and the client accesses them via a secure log-in.

<u>Michael Riley</u> concludes that the benefit to the client includes having all the documents for a matter in a single repository, accessible at his convenience, with the lawyer taking responsibility

for document management. One can update or replace the documents as needed, thus eliminating concerns over versions. Popular examples include <u>www.litigationservices.com</u> and <u>www.alphareporting.com</u>

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