## Trinity: The Three Software Tools Modern Law Firms Run On

If you're a lawyer, law firm software is everywhere. Make one online search for the term, and you're caught up in the vortex of SEO -- you'll be served law firm software advertisements wherever you go online, from now until the end of time. I get how that can be annoying -- but, the point remains that law firms using the right software are more efficient, and make more money. So, it's all kind of like that little voice in your head that tells you not to have the cheesecake -- obnoxious, yet bitingly correct.

So, even as you know you should probably be upgrading your software stack, it's tough to swim through all of the sales pitches, and to wade through the multitudes of options available to you.

Fortunately, I'm here, to deliver you the answer you crave, to the question that keeps coming up: What software do I need to run my law firm?

A modern law firm should base its software program on three primary tools: productivity software (email + calendar, document storage), law practice management or case management software (a relational database to organize everything in one place) and an accounting program. Your productivity software and your accounting software should integrate or sync with your law practice management software. You should only be using cloud versions of these systems, in order to increase your flexibility, flatten your costs and increase your data security. And, if you need help setting up these systems or choosing between them, you should ask for help.

This is your lodestar for the future of your law firm technology platform.

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