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Legal Solutions, Technologically Speaking

(NAPSA)—Legal problems may be a lot easier—and less expensive—to solve for many people now that lawyers are getting technological help to do more in less time.

One such aid is a new Web site for legal professionals featuring simple graphics and industry-specific content. It delivers information about products and services for the legal industry, such as what are called extranets, or secure Web sites. They let lawyers post documents and other data online and selectively share information with clients, co-counsel, and so forth.

According to the American Bar Association, only 19 percent of smaller law firms responding to a survey have extranets. Using an extranet is pretty much like using any other Web site, except you have to enter a login name and password to gain access. For law firms, there's also usually some type of encryption technology and other built-in security measures designed to keep the data safe and preserve attorney-client privilege.

Now, HP and NetDocuments can offer a secure online document sharing service that puts the power of big firm extranet technology into the hands of firms with more limited resources and tighter budgets.

That means creating an extranet no longer requires a team of



New technology lets law firms operate more efficiently and saves their clients money.

computer people or hundreds of thousands of dollars. With an HP scanner, digital sender or all-in-one device, law firms of all sizes can deploy a full-featured, elegant, secure client extranet.

You use e-mail to get documents into and out of a secure, online private repository. You can maintain multiple versions of a document online, share selected versions with selected individuals, and receive an e-mail notification when someone changes the document.

Files can be automatically saved to both the online repository and to your local hard drive. This improves performance and allows you to work on documents while on the road.

The new legal solutions Web site also features:

- Expert insights that provide information about doing business more productively and efficiently;

- Feature stories by credible legal sources to enhance understanding of specific technology applications;

- Technology solutions that promote new technology innovations to help streamline business operations in the legal industry;

- General business services that deliver information on purchase assistance, maintenance/operations, online services and planning and implementation services for law firms;

- Buying guides that offer tailored product solutions and demonstrate how advances in technology can increase a firm's efficiency and productivity;

- A news section with articles on the latest products that can help law firms deploy state-of-the-art technology; and

- Information on more than 10,000 products, accessories and services with clear links for quick access to purchasing and technical support points.

More information is at www.hp.com/go/legal and www.hp.com/sbso/services/netdocuments.html.