

# Perry Mason would not recognize today's law office

**W**e asked the firms that made the List of Litigation Practices how technology has affected their practices over the past five years. The changes they shared are as transformative as those in any industry.

**"One** of the most dramatic changes is that when going to trial, we have our entire file, exhibits and videotaped depositions on an iPad. In the past we would have boxes of paper and file materials. Additionally, virtually all legal communications now are transmitted electroni-

cally. Now, all we receive in the mail are catalogs."

**Robert F. Spohrer**  
Managing partner  
Spohrer and Dodd PL

**"Using** tools like predictive coding, we are able to help clients navigate through the oceans of data that modern litigation involves in a predictable and efficient manner. We then use technology like secure wikis to manage and distribute knowledge among counsel and the client, which leads to a more collaborative and

better informed process. Technology affords us the opportunity to do more with less and to involve our clients as active participants in the process."

**Bill Adams**  
Managing shareholder  
Gunster

**"We** have implemented an integrated file/case management system wherein an attorney can receive standard mail, email, voice messages etc. all electronically from any location. As a result, there is greater opportunity to have all infor-

mation available and to be more responsive to the client's needs from virtually anywhere.

**Glen McClary**  
Managing partner  
Boyd & Jenerette PA

**"Technology** has drastically changed our litigation practice. Pleadings are now served and filed electronically, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and e-mail has replaced snail mail and phone conferences to a large extent. As a result, the demands on attorneys to rapidly respond to their clients' needs are greater than ever."

**Kenneth B. Jacobs**  
Jacksonville managing shareholder  
GrayRobinson PA

**"Most** of our legal research is now done online, which has virtually eliminated our law library - previously the largest private law library in the area. More of our lawyers work remotely more often because we can access our secure network from anywhere in the world. Likewise, there is an increase in remote attendance of events such as conferences, depositions, hearings and seminars."

**Christopher Hazelip**  
Litigation chair  
Rogers Towers PA

**"Our** practice is increasingly electronic. Pleadings can now be electronically filed and served, eliminating mail or hand delivery of most documents."

**Timothy W. Volpe**  
Partner  
Adams and Reese LLP

**"To** gather and present evidence, we must have knowledge of the technology of both our clients and the people and companies against which we are litigating. With every advance or change in technology, this task gets more challenging, and the need to engage technology-savvy counsel more important. "

**Michael R. Freed**  
Managing partner  
Brennan, Manna & Diamond PL

**"Technology** has dramatically changed the practice of law over the past five years by allowing lawyers to work faster and more efficiently, find better solutions for our clients' legal issues and compete more effectively in the marketplace. Technology will continue to positively impact the way we learn, practice, and interact with clients. But increased use of technology also presents challenges and requires constant care and vigilance now and in the future."

**Dana G. Bradford II**  
Managing partner  
Smith, Gambrell & Russell LLP

**"Technology** has made the office mobile with the ability to access files and the office desktop from remote locations. Communication with clients, opposing counsel and internal staff has largely transitioned to an electronic format, which has been further supported by the recent onset of electronic filing requirements. It is exciting to think about what's around the corner in the next five years.

**Kevin Mercer**  
Partner  
Wicker, Smith, O'Hara, McCoy & Ford PA