

Private Law Practice Achieves Modern Service with Kofax Power PDF

In the legal sector, law firms must increasingly contend with courts and clients going fully digital. When the state of Florida implemented mandatory electronic filing of briefs, motions and all other documents placed before the courts, the Tampa-based private practice law firm of Rick Georges faced a dilemma: overpay for expensive software on an ongoing basis or fall out of compliance with state regulations.

For this small independent firm, achieving compliance at the right cost was essential for protecting the budget. Simultaneously, a need existed for PDF editing software that could produce quality documents the courts would accept as valid. After examining existing solutions, Kofax Power PDF was selected as the most feature-rich and cost-effective approach.



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Richard Georges, Attorney at Law

ABOUT RICK GEORGES

An independent property and estates lawyer in Florida needed a solution that would enable compliance with the state's mandatory e-filing regulations.

OVERVIEW

Challenges faced included unnecessarily expensive software solutions and steep learning curves.

- Meet rigorous e-filing requirements
- Create legally compliant digital documents
- Achieve compliance at a competitive cost

PRODUCTS IN USE

- Kofax Power PDF

BENEFITS

- Streamlined PDF creation, conversion and editing
- Easy compliance with state-level e-filing demands
- A more paperless office environment
- Cost-effective solution achieved for the long term

Challenge

Richard Georges is a Florida-based lawyer operating a private practice and specializing in complex areas of the law including real property law, wills and trusts, probate and estates, and corporate law. The balancing act between representing clients with prompt, attentive service and fulfilling all the requirements set out for attorneys by Florida law is a daily concern. Operating independently, the firm does not maintain dedicated staff for document handling.



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"Florida is a leader in e-filing technology for the legal sector," explained Georges. "After the Florida legislature decided to mandate e-filing in the late 2000s, the state Supreme Court confirmed the change and instituted a gradual digital shift. Today, it's mandatory for attorneys to digitally file motions and other paperwork with courts in every country across the state."

A solution needed to adequately meet these e-filing requirements while achieving the improvements in speed. Georges needed to evaluate document management tools that could provide these capabilities at a price point sensible for an SMB.

Solution

After exploring and working with leading solutions on the market, Richard Georges chose to adopt Kofax Power PDF as a key component of his practice's daily operations.

Power PDF provides a fully-featured PDF editor designed around a familiar and intuitive user interface that is common to existing modern office productivity software such as the Microsoft Office family. Providing fast and simple document conversion capabilities, Georges can now easily publish legal motions and other pleadings directly to PDF from his word processing software of choice.

Additional features, such as digital and electronic signatures and sign-and-fill capabilities, further enhance Power PDF's usefulness as a tool for preparing legal e-filings. Robust security settings ensure that law offices can store sensitive or privileged information locally or in the cloud without compromising critical professional standards. Built-in optical character recognition simplifies the process of scanning hard copies into computer systems while reducing the number of errors that require manual correction.

Most importantly, Power PDF represented the most cost-effective investment for Georges' practice. With its one-time fee for a perpetual license, adding Power PDF to the practice's toolset was a choice with clear benefits compared to opting for monthly or annual subscriptions. Freeing the firm from paying an ongoing cost without corresponding benefits, the Kofax PDF editing solution was the clear winner.

Results

Since adopting Power PDF, Georges uses it exclusively and daily, relying on its quick conversions, reliable stability and rich feature-set. "I use Power PDF in every aspect of my law practice and couldn't practice without it," said Georges. "It is superior to competing products and much less expensive."

With the flexibility of Power PDF's conversion and document creation capabilities, processes ranging from client intake to e-filing with the state have become seamless parts of the workday. Less friction between processes means better service for clients, fewer missed filing deadlines, and more accurate digital paperwork. Georges concluded, "This is a strong buy recommendation for every desk in your office."

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