

Trusted partners for legal challenges

Ever-growing data volumes, generated through client communications, case files, contracts, discovery documents and regulatory records.

Storage, organisation and retrieval of vast amounts of sensitive information securely, while **maintaining data governance**, confidentiality and efficiency.

Immense pressure on **traditional document management** systems.



The good news is that, if you've invested in Microsoft's ecosystem, there's a solution available requiring no additional infrastructure and very little, or no, extra licensing. And the advantages go beyond cost savings. By consolidating your legal content in Microsoft's ecosystem, you create the foundation to leverage generative AI tools that can be securely and responsibly deployed. With matters, documents and institutional knowledge in one place, your team can ask better questions, quickly find answers and unlock insights, knowing that data is protected within Microsoft's compliance and security framework.

Cloud Essentials can help you:

- **Migrate content** – out of legacy document management systems and email archives into the Microsoft ecosystem
- **Improve data governance** – establishing the controls, policies and oversight within Microsoft Purview to ensure confidence in information security
- **Improve productivity** – through the automation of templates, custom workflows and tailored reporting
- **Configure your data estate** – organising SharePoint and Teams for optimum internal and external collaboration while minimising risk
- **Optimise storage** – taking a holistic approach to data lifecycle management, backup and archiving
- **Innovate with AI** – establishing firm foundations for a confident rollout of Copilot

This has been very refreshing. Cloud Essentials have not been just an implementer, but a trusted partner. They haven't taken a cookie-cutter approach but have genuinely wanted to find the best way to help us.

Legal Client



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Our experience

A partnership through change

Over more than a decade in partnership with South Africa's leading full service commercial law firms, we've ridden many waves of change, tackling the challenges of managing unstructured and semi-structured content, alongside the deployment of Microsoft 365. In recent years our focus has been to unlock the value of the M365 platform for greater productivity, collaboration and innovation.

We've supported legal firms in modernising their technology landscape - from upgrading legacy systems and migrating to the Microsoft cloud, to shifting on-premise workloads into Microsoft Azure (a transition accelerated by the pandemic). These advancements have enhanced data accessibility, strengthened security, and simplified compliance management across legal practices.

Harnessing the power of knowledge

Focus is now turning again to knowledge management. For one client alone, we've handled the migration of over 7 million documents into SharePoint online and the move away from on-premise infrastructure by upgrading to Azure Active Directory. Our team has assisted with the configuration of clients' data estates in SharePoint, sometimes with third party software overlaid, to provide legal-industry-specific matter management functionality.

With firm data governance foundations established, the introduction of Copilot has followed and we're supporting our clients to introduce AI into their businesses to increase productivity and improve collaboration further.

Make the most of your Microsoft Investment

Single pane of glass matter collaboration

It does not matter where the content is stored as long as your SharePoint Index can access it to aid your Search optimisation

Secure, real-time client collaboration

Work simultaneously on documents with live editing, commenting, and version control.

Confidence in data security and data governance

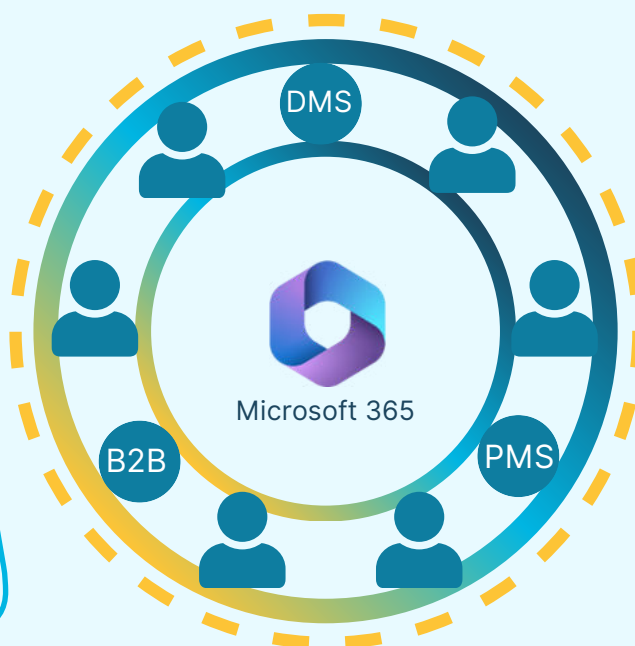
We can help establish the controls, policies and oversight within Microsoft Purview to ensure confidence in information security

Real-time document collaboration

Share files and co-author in real-time with granular access controls and end-to-end encryption.

Data-driven insights and automation

of templates, custom workflows and tailored reporting



Modern legal collaboration starts with a central hub - access, search, and manage documents, emails, and tasks in one place within Microsoft.



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