



Eversheds signs groundbreaking deal to pilot Apple iPads for lawyers

International law firm Eversheds has announced that it has signed a new deal which could eventually see all of the firms lawyers move on to Apple iPads. In a collaboration with IT partners Computacenter and Citrix, the firm intends to explore how the introduction of iPads in to the business can help its lawyers to work more flexibly.

All parties in the collaboration called internally 'Eversheds Anywhere' will make an equal financial contribution to the implementation of the pilot which the parties aim to complete by the end of August 2010.

As part of Eversheds' culture to drive innovation through the business and the firms ethos of delivering first-class client service excellence, it is the firms intention that the iPad pilot will explore new ways of ensuring that Eversheds lawyers can not only stay connected to clients but access the data they need 24/7. The pioneering initiative will allow lawyers to review documents, host virtual meetings, arrange schedules and access mail and business intelligence from wherever they may be in the world.

Eversheds CIO, Paul Caris said: "The iPad is an incredibly intuitive device which will be popular with our lawyers. With Citrix technology we expect to deliver key applications to lawyers including email, document management and client relationship management systems whenever and wherever they need to. We have already made an investment in the Citrix platform so we will be able to deliver our applications on to mobile devices very quickly.

"We are an innovative law firm and our lawyers are constantly on the move around the world. We want to provide clients with a quality and progressive service and our people with the most flexible working environment and believe that the new iPads and this groundbreaking collaboration will allow us to do that."

Andy Goddard, Practice Leader Computacenter workplace business said: "We enjoy working with Eversheds because of their desire to always look at new and innovative ways of working. We're very excited to be helping one of our most important clients test this exciting new concept,

which is essentially about moving consumer devices into the workplace. Citrix technology is clearly proving the enabler for organisations to consider such flexible working practices, and for Computacenter we get to assist the customer implement the technology and learn from the experience. Whether its tablet or other consumer based devices, it's very clear big businesses are considering or need to consider device consumerisation as it will undoubtedly be an emerging part of many organisations IT strategy in the future. This is a groundbreaking project that all three parties are engaged in and we are fortunate to be at the leading edge of the iPads adoption into corporate IT.

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Andy Goddard
Practice Leader, Computacenter