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2026 Legal CRM Detox Guide

Quick Start Checklist

Print and mark progress:

- Audit Complete (Week 1)
- Needs Defined (Week 2)
- Tools Tested (Week 3)
- Migration Done (Week 4-5)
- Live & Optimized (Week 6)

Timeline Goal: Finish by March 31, 2026. Total time: 4-6 weeks.

Template 1: CRM Audit Worksheet

Firm Name: _____ Current CRM: _____ Audit
Date: _____

Category	Check Items	Status (Y/N/Notes)	Metrics
Performance	Load time <5 min? Search works? Crashes?		Avg load: ____ sec

Data Quality	Duplicates >5%? Incomplete records? Formatting issues?		Dupes: ___%
Usage	Team adoption >80%? Mobile access? Integrations (billing/e-discovery)?		Users active: ___/total
Compliance	Conflict checks? GDPR/HIPAA logs? Audit trails?		Risks found: ___
Cost	\$/user/month? Hidden fees? ROI (hours saved)?		Annual cost: \$___

Red Flags Summary: List top 3 issues: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Team Survey (5 questions): Avg pain score (1-10): ____

Template 2: Must-Haves Requirements List

Prioritize your new CRM needs. Score 1-5 (must-have).

Feature	Description	Priority (1-5)	Notes
Matter-Centric Views	Track cases/clients holistically		

Conflict Checking	Auto-flag risks		
Client Portals	Secure doc sharing		
AI Search/Automation	Predict outcomes, auto-tag		
Integrations	Clio/DocuSign/QuickBooks		
Mobile App	Court-side access		
Pricing	<\$200/user/mo, scalable		

Shortlist 3 Tools: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Template 3: 5-Step Detox Action Plan

Step 1: Audit

- Export all data (CSV backup).
- Run dupe finder (e.g., built-in tool).
- Survey team: "Top 3 frustrations?"
Deadline: Day 7 []

Step 2: Define Needs

- Map workflows (intake → billing).
- Set KPIs: Onboard time <1 day.
- Budget: \$___/mo target.
Deadline: Day 14 []

Step 3: Test Options

- Trial 3 CRMs (2 weeks parallel run).
- Migrate test data (100 records).
- Score: Speed (), Usability (), Fit ().
Deadline: Day 28 []

Step 4: Migrate

Data Field	Old CRM	New CRM	Map Status
Client Name			[]
Case Notes			[]
Billing History			[]

- Backup x2. Off-hours cutover. Train via 15-min videos.
Deadline: Day 42 []

Step 5: Optimize

- Week 1 metrics: Adoption __%, Errors __%.
- Feedback loop: Monthly reviews.
- Automate: Zapier for intake.
Ongoing: []

Data Cleanup Rules (Pre-Migration)

- Standardize: Phone: (XXX) XXX-XXXX; Names: Title Case.
- Merge Dupes: Criteria: Same email + name fuzzy match.
- Delete Bad Data: Bounced emails, >2yr inactive, incomplete (>50% fields).
- Re-engage: Email survey for updates.

Best Practices & Warnings

- Pro Tip: Migrate one practice area first (e.g., family law).
- Avoid: Skipping backups (risk: total loss); No training (adoption <50%).
- ROI Tracker: Hours saved: ___ | Savings: \$___ | Leads gained: ___ .

Next Steps: Share this with your team. Book a call at [HakeemSolutions LegalOps](#) for hands-on help