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The Legal CRM Survival Guide: What Lawyers Are Doing Wrong (and How to Fix It Fast)

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Here's a breakdown of problem you might be facing and solution to it

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COMMON PROBLEMS LEGAL PROS FACE WITH THEIR CRM

⚠️ 1. Document Templates Keep Breaking

Legal professionals often struggle with document templates not generating the right data.
 Sometimes they use the wrong merge fields or leave important custom fields empty — and the system can't recognize it.

✅ **Solution:** Hire a legal tech consultant to map the correct fields and test the DocGen setup. DIY is possible, but it's time-consuming and risky.

⚠️ 2. Legal Pros Don't Have Time for CRM Add-Ons or Integration Features

Most don't explore helpful tools already inside the CRM — like automation, calendar links, intake forms, or workflow triggers.

✅ **Advice:** Just reach out for help. If you're willing to test small improvements, you'll reduce stress and get more out of your CRM.

⚠️ 3. Paying for Features They Don't Use

A lot of legal pros get excited by flashy CRM promotions — free gift cards, "done for you" promises, fancy dashboards.
But after purchase, they barely use the core functions.

✅ **Advice:** Don't be misled by marketing. Ask what your firm really needs before buying.

⚠️ 4. Software Sales Teams Overpromise

Vendors say their CRM does everything: migration, support, automation, AI, etc.
But after sign-up, the user still needs training or a tech expert to get full value.

⚠️ 5. Legal Pros Don't Know Which Software Is Best for Their Practice

They go online and ask for help — but get conflicting suggestions and still choose the wrong tool.

✅ **Main reasons:**

1. They don't understand the tech

2. They don't have the right person guiding them

⚠️ 6. Most Legal CRMs Get Bugs

When bugs happen, legal pros feel frustrated — but they never check status updates.

✅ **My Strategy:** Check CRM status pages every week (e.g. Filevine status, Clio updates) to stay ahead of problems.

⚠️ 7. Manual Process Waste Time

Many lawyers still rely on manual copy-paste: retyping emails, entering the same client info in multiple places, etc.

✅ **Fix:** Automate repetitive steps like:

- Client intake

- Appointment reminders

- Welcome emails

- Document assembly

🛠️ SOLUTIONS & STRATEGIES

✅ Leverage the CRM You Already Have

You don't need to buy new tools. Use the **core features** first before adding extra apps.

✅ Use Workflows to Stay Organized

Set up workflows that match your practice's daily, weekly, and monthly tasks.
 Know what to do for each new client, matter, or document.

✅ Embed Intake Forms into Your Website

Let new leads fill out forms directly on your site. This can:

- Collect all client info

- Trigger automations

- Create new matters automatically

✅ Use Zapier to Automate Tasks

Zapier is a no-code tool that connects your CRM with tools like:

- Google Sheets

- Email

- Slack

- Calendars
 If your CRM doesn't do it, Zapier probably can.

✅ Use API Integrations (If Needed)

If you're more advanced, use API integrations to connect multiple CRMs, billing tools, or case systems together.

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