



# **UNLOCKING POTENTIAL WITH THE RIGHT TECHNOLOGY PARTNER**

The Story of a Nonprofit Legal  
Firm's IT Transformation

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# A STRUGGLING NONPROFIT FACES A CROSSROADS

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A nonprofit legal firm located in New York, dedicated to providing legal aid, had long struggled with a fractured and aging IT environment. Key technology that staff members relied on was layered on top of outdated servers and switches that were prone to failure. Their phone system—an essential tool for client communication—was outdated, unreliable, and had no backup. But the cracks in their IT systems weren't just a matter of hardware; they reflected a larger issue: a lack of strategic IT planning.

Compounding the challenges, the nonprofit's relationship with their former IT provider left them feeling stuck. The previous Managed Services Provider (MSP)'s break-fix approach addressed problems only as they occurred, leaving no room for long-term vision. When the partnership ended abruptly, the nonprofit legal firm faced an IT landscape riddled with vulnerabilities and a slow, contentious transition. When Just-Tech stepped in as the nonprofit legal firm's new MSP, they didn't just address the immediate risks—they laid the foundation for a brighter future.

## **The Problems Faced**

When Just-Tech began working with the nonprofit legal firm, they encountered an IT infrastructure that reflected years of neglect. Systems were outdated, complex, and difficult to manage. Staff struggled to work efficiently because their technology failed to support modern workflows.

- **Aging Infrastructure:** Servers and switches were failing, and the on-premise phone system had no backup solution, threatening to leave staff unable to communicate with clients.
- **Limited Security Measures:** Without modern security protocols like multi-factor authentication (MFA), the nonprofit legal firm's systems were vulnerable to phishing attacks and unauthorized access.
- **Lack of Strategic Oversight:** There was no roadmap for future IT improvements, leaving the organization reactive instead of proactive.
- **An Abrupt Transition:** The former MSP withheld critical credentials, complicating Just-Tech's ability to quickly assess and stabilize the environment.



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Just-Tech's arrival was akin to stepping into a ship caught in a storm. The first priority was stabilization—assessing the environment, identifying immediate risks, and ensuring that the nonprofit legal firm's essential services remained operational.

This initial triage revealed a deeper truth: the nonprofit legal firm didn't just need a new MSP. They needed a partner who would help them reimagine what IT could do for their mission. Building for the Future

Once immediate risks were under control, Just-Tech began a comprehensive overhaul:

- **Replacing the Phone System:** The outdated on-premise phone system was transitioned to a cloud-based solution, ensuring reliability and scalability.
- **Streamlining Infrastructure:** Just-Tech reduced the number of servers from ten to three, simplifying maintenance while introducing modern, energy-efficient systems that streamlined operations and provided room for growth—all within a nonprofit budget.
- **Migrating to the Cloud:** By moving email to Microsoft 365 and introducing SharePoint and OneDrive, Just-Tech empowered the nonprofit legal firm's staff to work seamlessly from any location. Remote collaboration became a reality.
- **Enhancing Security:** MFA was implemented, and staff received training to recognize phishing attempts. This proactive approach drastically reduced cyber risks.
- **Creating a Roadmap:** The roadmap wasn't just a high-level plan; it included actionable steps to achieve both immediate stabilization and long-term scalability. For instance, Just-Tech worked closely with the nonprofit's leadership team to prioritize upgrades that aligned with their mission, such as tools to enhance client communication and streamline case management workflows. The roadmap also accounted for future growth, ensuring the IT systems would adapt as the nonprofit expanded its operations.



# THE RESULTS SPEAK VOLUMES

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## **Operational Stability**

The cloud-based phone system and streamlined servers transformed the nonprofit legal firm's day-to-day operations. For the first time in years, staff didn't have to worry about whether their technology would fail them. The modernization efforts demonstrated a clear focus on system reliability.

## **A Secure Future**

With MFA and modern security protocols in place, the nonprofit legal firm could rest assured that their sensitive client data was protected. The training provided to staff fostered a culture of security awareness, giving the organization another layer of defense against evolving cyber threats.

## **Collaboration Made Easy**

Before Just-Tech's intervention, remote work and collaboration were significant hurdles. The adoption of SharePoint, OneDrive, and Microsoft Teams changed everything. Staff could now access files and collaborate in real-time, whether they were in the office, at home, or in the field.

## **Cost Savings**

The reduction in physical servers and the shift to scalable cloud services didn't just simplify the nonprofit legal firm's IT environment; it also saved money. These savings were reinvested in client-facing initiatives, further advancing the organization's mission.

## **A Vision for Growth**

The IT roadmap developed by Just-Tech gave the nonprofit legal firm something they'd never had before: a clear plan for the future. This forward-looking strategy ensured that the nonprofit legal firm's IT systems would evolve in lockstep with their organizational needs, setting them up for sustained success.



# CONCLUSION

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## **A Committed Partnership**

Just-Tech's support didn't end after implementation. They conducted quarterly reviews to ensure the roadmap stayed aligned with the nonprofit's goals and made adjustments as needed to tackle new challenges. This ongoing partnership gave the nonprofit confidence that their IT systems would continue to evolve and support their mission over time.

### **Conclusion: A Blueprint for Effective MSP Engagement**

The transformation of the nonprofit legal firm demonstrates the profound benefits of engaging with a strategic MSP. Imagine your organization in the nonprofit legal firm's shoes: outdated systems, mounting risks, and no clear path forward. This story illustrates the value of choosing an MSP that not only resolves immediate challenges but also aligns IT capabilities with long-term objectives.

Just-Tech prioritized modernization, proactive planning, and robust risk management, helping the nonprofit achieve operational stability, enhanced security, and scalable growth. Consider an alternative scenario where these issues remained unresolved: How would aging infrastructure, security vulnerabilities, and inefficiencies impact your organization's ability to deliver on its mission?

Choosing the right MSP is not just about technology; it's about unlocking organizational potential. The lessons from this partnership underscore the critical importance of asking the right questions:

- Does your IT provider proactively plan for your future?
- Are your systems resilient against evolving risks?
- How does your IT environment support operational flexibility and innovation?

For organizations navigating today's complex technological landscape, the right MSP is more than a vendor; it is a partner in achieving success. Let this case study serve as an invitation to reimagine how a strategic MSP can transform IT from a cost center to a driver of mission-critical impact.