

Top 10 Things
that Drive Law Firm and
Corporate Legal Automation
Specialists Crazy

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#### What you will learn today



- 1. Top "crazy makers" for legal automation specialists
- 2. Who is responsible?
- 3. What causes it?
- 4. Ideas for avoiding/coping with it



Too many projects at once with moving priorities

# **Ever-changing**requirements once a project has been started



## Unrealistic time-frames for project completion

Underestimating complexity of the project
Misunderstanding the Development Lifecycle & Timelines
Lack of consensus on outcomes



# Short-term projects objectives that don't fit future requirements



# Prototype systems that graduate to production systems



### Disparate systems Stitched together without proper interfaces creating fragile workflows and increased time



### Lack of knowledge of the resources necessary for on-going operations and support of production systems



# Processes have outgrown solutions



### Disruption of processes due to reliance on outside vendors or inter-connected systems



### Inadequate and less than thorough testing prior to release into production environment



## Disconnected Communication

between end user, business analyst and the development team resulting in differing expectations and/or suboptimal use





Let's create APIs that are open, accessible and standardized.

OpenLegalAPI is a vendor-agnostic organization calling upon the legal and technology industries to streamline information technology interoperability with a unified ecosystem or "commonly accepted rules" with regards to system integration, specifically API data interchange between various technologies.

API accessibility — on demand or real-time data sharing and speed up the entire automation technology stack from beginning to end. This allows data integration between docketing systems and vendor; the ability to make "real-time" calls to pull and push data between docketing systems and vendor platforms; the ability to upload documents into docketing systems via automation.

#### **API functionality to include:**

- a. Ability to perform any function with an API that is available to a user through a human user interface.
- b. All forms used by worldwide patent offices to be downloadable in XML or JSON format so that any checkbox indications can be determined without use of OCR detection.

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