

Conclusion

The development of a computer strategy for a large law firm is too important to be left merely to computer experts. The development of such a strategy, while requiring a contribution from technical experts, is not primarily a technological exercise. For a large law firm, it involves making

decisions about the issues described above, and allocating priorities for computer usage. There are a host of associated business decisions such as whether it is desired that all professional staff should have a computer terminal on their desk, and integration issues such as whether or not the firm wants to charge clients for services such as word processing and

the use of particular precedents.

Organisations which do not have a computer strategy, or have one and do not enforce it, will merely drift on the tumultuous ocean of computer technology – and any ocean can be a dangerous place.

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AN INTERNATIONAL ROLE

In June 1988, the Computer Law Societies of Belgium, France, Germany, Holland and England came together to establish an International Association known as the "International Federation of Computerlaw Association". The New South Wales Society has been offered and has accepted membership of the newly formed International Association.

The objects of the Association as described in the Articles are:—

- to stimulate an exchange of scientific views with regard to the development and the

legal, economic and social effects of computer law;

- to organise conferences on these themes;
- to co-ordinate the activities of the members with European institutions and other international organisations dealing with computer law information.

The Association may do all things directly or indirectly relating to its objects in particular collecting, disseminating and publishing the existing scientific studies or expert opinions relating to Computers and Law.

The headquarters of the Association is to be in Brussels. There shall be a General Meeting at least once a year, which may be held at places other than the headquarters in Belgium.

The Society welcomes the opportunity to become a member of an international organisation dedicated to the development and furtherance of computer law. It is hoped that membership will provide our Society with a forum for the interchange of ideas on an international level.

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