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Repstor’s strong reputation for intuitive matter management within **Office 365** wins the case at international law firm McAllister Olivarius

McAllister Olivarius is an international law firm. Although its main office is in Maidenhead, Berkshire, it has clients around the world and staff who spend a lot of time travelling or working from home. McAllister Olivarius’s core legal services, which span employment, family and discrimination work (in

employment or at universities), are expanding too, now also encompassing online abuse cases including revenge pornography. McAllister Olivarius shares its office and some staff with its sister law firm, AO Advocates, which focuses on historic child sex abuse cases.

Cloud-based collaboration calls for Office 365

To support its expansion plans and keep pace with modern ways of working, the firm has recently migrated its office productivity, document management and collaboration tools to the cloud, adopting Microsoft SharePoint Online within Microsoft Office 365 (O365) as its new standardised application platform.

As part of this process, McAllister Olivarius needed a way of organising and filing case-related documents and emails. This meant having a complete and reliable record of all correspondence, all retained in and easily accessible from a single central place – in this case, SharePoint Online.

Organising emails in SharePoint Online

Previously, the firm used iManage Worksite and its Outlook connector as the central document management repository. When it migrated to O365 as its new cloud-based platform, McAllister Olivarius needed to find an equivalent solution to seamlessly connect Outlook to SharePoint Online.

“Our migration partner, Proventeq Ltd, recommended Repstor,” says Honza Cervenka, McAllister Olivarius’s IT project manager and a trainee solicitor. “Proventeq said Repstor’s products are very popular with law firms, many of which use Repstor’s software extensively for matter management.”

“Positive references from other law firms gave us the reassurance we needed. We liked the fact that Repstor had an on-the-ground customer support team and weren’t a faceless website like so many other software companies. We also noted Repstor’s versatility in connecting to platforms beyond just O365/SharePoint Online—having it in place promised us phenomenal flexibility should we expand beyond just SharePoint Online in the future. We chose Repstor over some of its competitors for these reasons.”

A seamless transition

McAllister Olivarius selected Repstor’s affinity™ and assist™ solutions, to provide direct filing of case-related emails in SharePoint Online from Outlook. An early trial confirmed that Repstor affinity and assist were a good fit, and supplemented SharePoint Online’s built-in browser interface well. The solution was deployed rapidly, thanks to Repstor’s specialist product consultants. McAllister Olivarius and AO Advocates have been actively using the software since April 2018.

“Email filing is intuitive and user-friendly with Repstor, and so our users transitioned from iManage Worksite with ease”

Honza Cervenka, McAllister Olivarius’s IT project manager

Opening up new options in Office365

“The biggest selling point of all is that Repstor opens up the wider world of Office 365 to us, allowing us to fully benefit from the wide suite of Microsoft’s cloud offerings,” Honza continues. “Our staff find it much easier to work from home and collaborate with our lawyers abroad. In time we hope to use O365’s telephony and videoconferencing options too.”

Next, the firm is due to trial Repstor’s mobile solution and Honza is enthusiastic about the potential for McAllister Olivarius team members to use Repstor’s email filing and access capabilities on the move. “As we are an international firm, our fee earners travel a lot, so having the ability to file case-related correspondence between locations would be invaluable in keeping our lawyers productive and in the loop,” he says.

Discovering Repstor has been a timely triumph for the ambitious firm. “Repstor has a very stable product which I can see becoming the de facto option for legal matter management in SharePoint Online. The experience feels very familiar and intuitive to users, and the software is highly versatile. It’s also backed up by a great level of local support. All in all, Repstor has proved to be exactly the solution we needed.”