

INTRANET REVIEW: CREATE AN EFFECTIVE LIBRARY INTRANET SITE AND/OR RESEARCH PORTAL

You want to create or redesign your library's intranet site and/or research portal, benchmark your site against best practices, or create a plan for the future?

Success in such an initiative is fleeting at best if you approach it without a plan. Doing the work up front outlines why you want to engage in such a project, what content or resources you will provide via your site, when you plan to do the work, how to streamline delivery of the pages, and how to build a business case for the resulting work.

A few reasons for redesign may be to:

- **Move to new or improved technology platform.** As new development tools are released to the market, new standards for development evolve. 87% of law firms say they are moving to MS SharePoint. If your firm is among that group, you will need a plan to proceed with your part of the portal.
- **Distribute management of content** to those who are subject experts or who own the content.
- **Improve usability/navigation.** Each user may have different needs when it comes to using an intranet. Using employee roles or workflow are just a couple ways to make usability and navigation better. Examining how work is done in your organization could be the key to improved usability. Other factors like improved search or site structure improve usability

and navigation as well.

- **Improve support of intended purpose.**

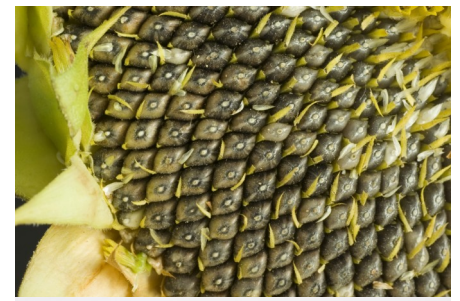
Perhaps your goal is to use the intranet as a research platform. Making the right research services available at the point of need without much effort on the part of your attorneys will reduce the time they spend finding the right resource and give them more time for billable work.

What content are you making available on your intranet site? Is it what your firm needs? Can your users easily find what they need? Does your site tell your users what you can do for them in a way that is easily understood?

An Expert Review will help answer those questions.

Expert review deliverables include:

- Report on Content, Design, and Usability
- Recommendations for improvement
- Plan for Implementation





There are many good reasons for wanting to redesign or develop a new portal/intranet and many ways to go about doing so. The key is to have a plan before starting to make sure the initiative is successful.

Nina Platt Consulting has professionals who have extensive experience in planning, designing and maintaining library intranets and research portals and offers Expert Reviews of intranets and specifically library sites/ research portals. We will work with you to examine why you need a redesigned research portal or library site, plan for the new portal/site, and define the work required to achieve your goals.

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