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Simon Edwards, Barrister, ThirtyNine Essex Street

ThirtyNine Essex Street's Requirements

ThirtyNine Essex Street, based in London's Chancery Lane, with an office in Manchester, was a top ranked set in the *UK Chambers 2009*. In all, there are 76 barristers who specialise in almost all areas of common, environmental and planning, public and commercial law. The chambers has been praised for its 'client-focused, modern and unstuffy' approach to the law, so it is fitting that Simon Edwards, who organises library services, was keen to make the transition to a modern online legal library.

He explains: "Having an online library allows every barrister access to the same reports at the same time. You could never guarantee that by relying solely on print texts. I believe that moving more legal information online is the way forward." Moreover, Mr Edwards wanted to help decrease research time and improve efficiency of the set.

The LexisNexis Solution

LexisNexis recommended their award-winning online legal research service Lexis®Library, part of the Lexis®Legal Intelligence suite. LexisLibrary allows the user to access up-to-date legal information at the click of a button from the broadest online library for the legal profession, which includes more than 300,000 cases and reports from the ICLR.

The wide-reaching information comes complete with clear links to case notes, complemented by regular alerts highlighting key legal developments and amendments.

How ThirtyNine Essex Street benefitted

Mr Edwards chose LexisNexis as the main provider of online services for a number of reasons. He commented that LexisLibrary:

- Contains a wide range of authoritative content: "LexisLibrary helps us to provide a more thorough service to our clients."

- Is regularly updated: "It is very important that material is up-to-date. With LexisNexis that is guaranteed, giving us a greater degree of confidence."
- Includes exclusive and extensive commentaries: "It offers much more commentary content than any other online service. There is a huge amount that is easily accessed and navigated."

In the past two years, the chamber's dependence on the traditional print library has gradually decreased. For Mr Edwards, the immediate availability of regular online updates has reduced the need to constantly refresh paper manuals. "By building up the LexisNexis services, we have been able to end subscriptions to most other law reports", he says. Further LexisLibrary will allow the chambers to consolidate more of its library services and cancel some duplicated services.

"Having more of our content easily accessible in one place is an advantage," says Mr Edwards. "The move to LexisLibrary also gave us access to sources we did not previously have available."

He also explained that the barristers were pleased with how LexisLibrary saves them valuable time and how easy the service is to use. "It is much easier to find material and work with it. LexisLibrary is a user-friendly system which helps me to do my research thoroughly and more quickly." He also highlighted another benefit of LexisLibrary, that barristers can now work out of the office, saving valuable time on unnecessary commuting: "Many of my colleagues are now able to work from home more frequently. It is a great benefit that they can now access all the library services remotely."

“During preparation for some cases, I've found that by using LexisLibrary I can reduce the time I spend on research by as much as 25 per cent.”

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