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The Background

Mander Cruickshank is a UK-based family practice of solicitors founded in the early 1920's. The practice is engaged principally in private client work and, since the inception of Legal Aid, has acted for clients in the areas of criminal and matrimonial work. Mander Cruickshank's growing practice required an ever larger amount of staff resources dedicated to converting PDFs of their most important documents such as leases, contracts and HIPS (home information packs).

The Challenge

Every day legal practices around the world need to work with and amend documents that have been sent in various formats. This was certainly the case for Mander Cruickshank who regularly receives dozens of legal documents from clients, government officials and other solicitors. It is very often the case that these documents are sent in PDF format which usually requires a conversion before the document can be edited or worked with further. This necessitates many hours of manual work by employees before the actual legal work can begin. For Mander Cruickshank the time-consuming and inefficient task of unlocking the data inside a PDF was carried out by an administrator who would cut and paste the text into Microsoft® Word so that the content could be edited.

The trouble with this process is that, more often than not, after the cutting and pasting many of the formatting elements of the original document change unexpectedly or are simply not recognised. Issues such as this meant that staff would repeatedly have to spend more time sorting out the formatting before the documents could be useable. For small documents this was not a major issue, but for documents in excess of ten pages this had become a time wasting exercise that they could not afford.

The Solution

Mander Cruickshank needed to find a piece of software that would quickly and efficiently convert a PDF document to Microsoft Word with little manual intervention. They had two basic requirements for any software they purchased: an accuracy rate of at least 90% and the ability to convert a 50 page PDF document in less than five minutes. After trying various programs which claimed they could do this but either failed entirely or fell short of their expectations, Mander Cruickshank found ABBYY PDF Transformer Pro through a web search of PDF conversion products.

ABBYY PDF Transformer is the ideal solution for anyone working with PDF files. This intuitive, versatile, multilingual tool enables users to easily convert any type of PDF into editable formats with the original layout and formatting retained. Creation options include the ability to convert a PDF directly from Microsoft Office applications with just one click, combine multiple files from different sources into one PDF and adjust PDF according to the user's needs – redact sensitive information, add stamps and bates stamps, turn your files to searchable and protected PDF documents, or turn them into PDF/A format. Based on ABBYY's intelligent technologies, PDF Transformer ensures superior conversion accuracy and provides quality results in no time.

Mander Cruickshank tested the demo version with a variety of PDF Documents and found on average the documents were converted within one minute and the results were 99% accurate. They were very pleased with the few steps it took to perform a conversion and the logical and easy to understand interface. Even with the most difficult documents – often those that contain images – the program's interface allowed the user to identify and differentiate between varying elements of the document before final conversion was completed.

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About Mander Cruickshank

Mander Cruickshank is a practice of solicitors engaged primarily in private client work. They have offices in Coalville and Hinckley and serve these areas and the surrounding areas around Leicester. The Practice holds a Legal Services Commission franchise in both Family and Crime, which means that the Practice is subject to stringent quality control measures.

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The Outcome

PDF Transformer has been well received by the staff whose previous tasks were focused solely on converting documents. They find the program very easy to use and that it provides significant increases in productivity, cutting down the time spent converting documents by at least 75%. This has allowed Mander Cruickshank to be vastly more efficient in the handling of case work and to provide a quicker and more thorough service to their clients. To date they have purchased multiple licences for PDF Transformer Pro and the intention is, as the needs of their practice continue to grow over time, to add additional licenses.

About ABBYY

ABBYY is a leading developer of document recognition, document conversion, data capture and linguistics technologies.

ABBYY's products include: FineReader and PDF Transformer – end-user applications for document conversion; Recognition Server – a server-based OCR and PDF conversion solution; FlexiCapture and FormReader – data capture programs for processing forms, semi-structured and unstructured documents; FineReader Engine SDKs that provide a full spectrum of ABBYY's recognition technologies; and Lingvo – a line of dictionary software.

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