Workshare surveyed over 220 legal professionals to find out what impacts their productivity.

The majority of legal professionals collaborate with over five people during a project.

- 51%

Why?

- To discuss changes: 62%
- To gather feedback: 62%
- To discuss progress: 61%
- To ask for actions to be completed: 60%

*multiple choice answers
On your marks...

Project progress is mainly held up because of:

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<td>Slow document turnaround</td>
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Legal professionals need more **clarity**.

86% say it’s important to have visibility over a document’s editing history. This provides a full audit trail of activities around a document, including who accessed it, when, and what changes were made. This visibility reduces the time it takes to search for relevant changes, key inputs, and previous versions.

44% face issues with version control. For almost half of respondents, finding and working on the correct version is a huge problem, jeopardizing the integrity of the final document.
78% of legal professionals are struggling to meet the productivity levels demanded by today’s legal profession.

The fact is...

So, how do they think this can be fixed?
To resolve legal productivity challenges...

- 65% think their firm could automate more process around document reviews, such as automatically alerting individuals when new versions are available, to help speed up document progress.
- 65% state they need a central workspace to share, review and collaborate on documents from anywhere.
- 67% think it’s important or very important for this workspace to be accessible from a mobile device.
For most, increased productivity and better service delivery are the key business drivers for improving organizational efficiency in 2015.

- Better service delivery: 68%
- Increased productivity: 55%
- Growth/expansion: 41%
- Increased innovation: 29%
- Personal development: 27%
- More strategic projects: 25%
- Better quality IP: 15%

And how will this be achieved?
78% believe technology continues to be the most adopted strategy to help improve organizational efficiency.

- Technology adoption 78%
- Mobile technologies 74%
- Flexible working 52%
- Education and training schemes 47%
- Outsource work 32%
- Reengineer working practices 30%
- None 4%
Conclusion

The legal productivity challenges highlighted in this report are forcing an efficiency drive when delivering projects and servicing clients. As such, firms are increasingly turning to technology in a bid to allow their lawyers to spend time providing value-added services.

Technology is at the forefront of service-delivery innovation, offering efficiencies in accessing content, streamlining processes, and sharing knowledge. But these technologies and applications must be easy to use, and fit the way lawyers are used to working. They must provide legal professionals with the ability to work from anywhere, with extended teams, and ensure the integrity of content is maintained throughout the collaborative process.

Only then will legal professionals reach their full potential, and address productivity challenges.

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