

Spotlight on: Chief Information Officer

As law firms become more entrenched in technology, the law firm CIO's role has become more prominent. The position requires someone who is able to translate complicated technical topics into something that partners will understand. A firm grasp of current technology and how it will affect the firm's clients, lawyers, and staff is important. The CIO needs to be able to determine the financial and practical advantage of technology upgrades. Contract negotiation skills are a must since even a small law firm could have over 100 support contracts in place. The ability to network with peers and provide strong leadership for a diverse range of personalities is a plus.

A listing of Chapter Member titles that would report to the CIO:

Direct of Document Processing
Director of Information Services
Director of Information Technology
Director of Library & Knowledge Management
Director of Technology Support
IT Director
IT Manager