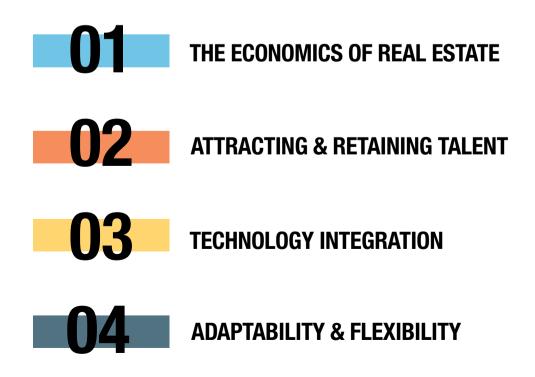
WORKPLACE DESIGN TRENDS

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The Legal Industry has had dramatic shifts in the last decade, specifically in how their workplaces are designed. TPG has identified four overarching themes which are impacting workplace design for the legal profession:



THERE ARE MANY TRENDS THAT CHARACTERIZE LAW FIRM OFFICE PLANNING TODAY. HOWEVER THE TWO PRIMARY GOALS ARE **ATTRACTING AND RETAINING TALENT, AND REDUCING A FIRM'S REAL ESTATE FOOTPRINT. ALL OTHER TRENDS SUPPORT THESE TWO GOALS.** — JAMES PHILLIPS, FOUNDER, TPG ARCHITECTURE

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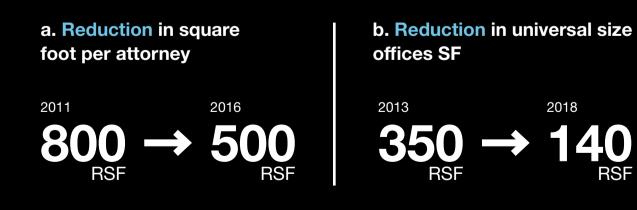
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THE ECONOMICS OF **O1** REAL ESTATE

Historically, law firms have occupied, on average, 2-3 times more square footage than any other industry.

Today's law firms want to reduce their real estate footprint as a way to reduce their overhead costs.

We've seen:



c. Since 2011, an increase in shared offices



ATTRACTING & RETAINING TALENT

A diverse and multigenerational workforce has a new set of values and work styles that need to be considered in the workplace. With a strong focus on talent recruitment and retention, here are some of the ways in which law firms have strategically responded to a fast changing labor market:

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Experience & Placemaking

Law firms are creating spaces that are authentic, comfortable, and that provide a level of hospitality to create remarkable experiences for both employees and clients.

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Well-Being

Creating a state of well-being in the workplace allows staff to thrive. This includes access to daylight, more open and transparent spaces, wellness initiatives, and respite areas such as cafés and lounges.

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Mentorship & Collaboration

There are positive dynamics created by the multigenerational mix – the main one is knowledge sharing. Mentorship requires specific workplace design elements that promote peer-to-peer learning.

In addition to mentorship, new roles, processes, and business structures have made legal firms more collaborative. Currently, law firms demonstrate ratios as high as 1.3 collaborative seats per attorney.

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THE LEGAL INDUSTRY IS COMPETING WITH TECH

COMPANIES FOR THE SAME TALENT. FIRMS MUST

ADAPT TO NEW WORK STYLES IN ORDER TO

ATTRACT AND RETAIN THE BEST TALENT.

- SUZETTE SUBANCE, MANAGING EXECUTIVE/STUDIO CREATIVE DIRECTOR



TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

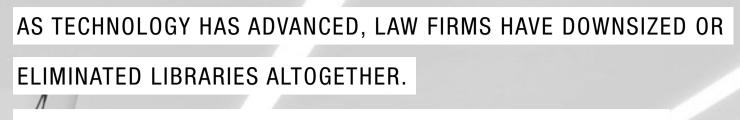
New technologies have had two major impacts on the legal industry:

Mobility & Choice

Technology has given employees the opportunity to work from anywhere at any time. Workplace design has responded to this new flexibility by creating a broad range of spaces that respond to different work activities throughout the day. The idea of mobility is gradually being welcomed by progressive legal practices.

Smaller Libraries & Reduced Overall Storage

In-house libraries continue to shrink as information becomes more accessible online. As the legal industry transitions into a more digital one, the space requirements for libraries and storage have decreased and have unlocked the opportunity for more flexible working styles. NEX, NY



MILLENNIAL (LAWYERS) WILL NOT MISS THE

BOOKS BUT THEY WILL MISS THOSE BIG TABLES

AND THE ENERGY THAT COMES FROM

WORKING ALONGSIDE ONE'S COLLEAGUES.

– AMERICAN LAWYER JOURNAL, 2018

ADAPTABILITY 8 FLEXIBILITY

As law firms continue to reduce their overall real estate footprints, they also seek to make the most of every square inch of their spaces. Because we cannot predict the future, layouts must be more efficient, streamlined, and flexible to adapt to rapidly changing workforce needs.

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Flexible and Modular Planning

Over the length of lease, firms seek workplaces that will ebb and flow with them as they grow or contract. Planning with flexibility in mind ensures that a spaces will accommodate client needs on move-in day and for years to come.

Convertible Spaces

On a day to day basis, flexibility means the ability reconfigure spaces to meet changing business needs. Solutions like multi-purpose spaces, movable partitions, and flexible furniture allow spaces to be easily converted.

Timeless Design

A timeless design requires the creation of an authentic workplace that reflects your culture and brand.

IN WORKPLACE DESIGN, THERE ARE NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWERS.

WHAT MATTERS MOST IS ADDRESSING AN ORGANIZATION'S NEEDS AND CULTURE.

THAT'S WHERE TPGCOMES IN...

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By consolidating its footprint from five to four floors, this client reduced its real estate by 50,000 RSF.

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To accommodate projected growth within limited space constraints, this client incorporated universal office sizes, doubled up associate offices and created more opportunities for collaboration and mobile working.

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