

Section 1

Who Is This Book For? *(Spoiler: It's Not for Everyone)*

You're currently either using a Windows or Mac computer in your practice—if you're using Linux then you don't need this book :).

If you're already using a Mac in your practice, then you've already justified your decision many times, explaining to colleagues why you choose to “be different” by using a Mac when the vast majority of lawyers use Windows. You've had to suffer through accusations of being an Apple “fan boy” (or gal) while others have admired the glowing Apple on your Mac laptop from afar.

If you're already using a Mac in your practice, then this book is a formal acknowledgment that you are *not* crazy for using a Mac. Although the majority of this book is not written for you, you will find useful information and suggestions that will provide you with some additional direction in using Macs in your practice. The Reference Guide in Section 5 and the tips in Section 7 will prove worthwhile to most readers, save the most devout Mac experts.

If you're currently using a Windows computer in your practice and you're holding this book, then you are what we have labeled “Mac-curious.” How you came to be Mac-curious can vary quite a bit.

Perhaps you use a Mac at home for your personal computer or your kids use a Mac for school, and you've often wondered if that same computing experience could be shifted over to your professional world.

Perhaps you've just simply gotten fed up in dealing with Windows, the “blue screens of death,” the forced upgrades, viruses, and malware

(although to be fair, Windows 10 has solved many of these old frustrations from the Windows of yore).

Or perhaps you started using an iPhone or iPad at some point and became exposed to the Apple “ecosystem”—the Apple stores, their customer support, and the ease of use—and you wanted to experience a little more of that seamlessness in your daily computing needs.

However you arrived at your state of being Mac-curious, you haven't taken the leap of faith to switch from Windows to Mac. You might be hesitant because your computer is something you use every day and you can't afford to be without it. Other lawyers might be telling that you're crazy for thinking of switching to a Mac—why make more trouble for yourself? Or you simply might not have the confidence to know exactly what you need to do to make the switch. Maybe the thought of trying to learn it all is overwhelming. **This book is for YOU!**

In this **first section** of the book, we'll lay some groundwork for developing the proper mindset for switching to Macs because, frankly, Macs aren't for everyone.

In the **second section** we bust some of the myths we constantly hear that hold lawyers back from switching to Macs, such as, “Macs are too expensive,” “My IT folks tell me I can't switch,” and so on.

The **third section** addresses your specific questions about running a Mac-based law practice, such as, “Are Macs more secure?” and “Is the software I need available on a Mac?”

In the **fourth section** we provide you with a general step-by-step action plan for switching to Macs.

In the **fifth section** we provide a “Non-Exhaustive Reference Guide” for the hardware and software that we recommend for most Mac-based law firms.

Next, in the **sixth section** we've compiled the critical questions you must ask to ensure a smooth switch from Windows to Macs.

And finally, in the **last section** of the book we pulled together some of the best productivity tips and tricks for Mac-using lawyers for you to start with if you decide to make the switch :).