The Virtual Private Network of Lawyers
(The Réseau privé virtuel des avocats – RVPA)

A safer and more professional Internet

A safer Internet for lawyers and clients
A more professional Internet for law firms
Lawyers provide new services on-line

History 1980 /1990

- As computing developed, lawyers, registrars, judges quit the pen and carbon paper to discover the first computers, Minitel, copy-paste function anf the fax which in the end wins ; it is a tie!!
- There are ideas to bring together our closed worlds, courts and lawyers. Space bar will serve as IT bridge, pilots are numerous:
  • BORDEAUX, GRENOBLE, ALBERTVILLE, NANCY, DRAGUIGNAN, PARIS, etc.
– The will to give time and to avoid slowness of hearing leads the players of the procedure to make up first procedure contracts with automated date management.

– From AVOCATEL in Paris to IT communication of the District Court of Draguignan, one single will:
  • Give sense to the intervention of the judge in the informatisation while respecting new code of civil procedure.

1994, the EDIAVOCAT adventure, towards a attempt to mutualize

• AVOCAWEB is born, 1994 - sept. 2005
2004, a national project

**CNB decides to support use of a secure broadband network**

- The Conseil National des Barreaux (CNB) takes account of the major challenges of the profession of secured electronic communication and takes up RPVA
  - The Virtual Private Network for Lawyers (RVPA).

2004, a national project

**Ministry of justice to start dematerialisation**

- The Ministry of Justice wants to extend to all courts and bars the experience of the Paris Bar and the TGI by circulating the communication tool ComCI TGI / Avocat
With www.avocat-conseil.fr, the Conseil National des Barreaux makes of Internet a professional tool for lawyers

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A safer Internet

safe access to the network

- Aim
  - Secure access to Internet
- Tool
  - The RPVA, Virtual Private Network for Lawyers
  - A VPN for lawyers in France
    - Which filters entries and encrypts exchanges
    - Which changes according to the technical environment of the law firm
- Means
  - ADSL or SDSL connection, from 512 kb to 8 Mb
  - Connection through mobile terminals
A safer Internet

Safe e-mails

- Aim
  - To secure mailbox for lawyers and keep professional secrecy

- Tool
  - Secured mailbox @avocat-conseil.fr
    - Hosted in a secured area of the RVPA
    - Protected by an up to date antivirus

- Means
  - Electronic mail
  - E-mail address @avocat-conseil.fr
    - Only for lawyers in France and approved by the bar where lawyers are registered
**eID of the lawyer**

**Signature in electronic communication**

- **Aim**
  - To sign documents sent on-line
  - To make sure of the identity of the lawyer

- **Tool**
  - an eID for the lawyer
    - To sign documents
    - To confirm on-line declarations and procedures
  - an encryption support
    - A USB key for each lawyer

- **Means**
  - the « Certificat Avocat » *type 3 plus*
  - electronic signature service

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**Services Gateway**

**ww.avocat-conseil.fr**  a services gateway reserved to lawyers

- **Aim**
  - To optimise the use of information technology by law firms

- **Tool**
  - The gateway, which is hosted in a secured area, will enable to access to a whole set of common services

- **Means**
  - Filtered access according to the security level required

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Progressively from 2006,

- Services offered by the profession
  - Bars (extranet)
  - Technical bodies (UNCA, ANAFA, CNBF)
- Electronic archiving
  - Accountancy documents and exhibits
- Time stamps on the sending of documents
- Access to mortgage files
- Professional documents
- On-line procedures
  - Submission of legal aid requests
  - Submission of applications for call for public tenders
  - On-line declarations
    - VAT, URSSAF, Assedic, Retirement, DUCS, ...
e-Bar

going IT, towards a true modern justice

- Aims
  - To optimise management of civil procedures
  - To reduce waiting period for processing
  - To improve the management of the list

- Tool
  - e-bar to:
    - Gather the files of cases and the list of court hearings before the TGIs
    - Send and receive mails and acts of procedures

- Means
  - Reserved to lawyers using the RVPA
    - Secured network, mailbox @avocat-conseil.fr, lawyer’s certificate

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Signature of the national framework convention on the protocol of electronic communication between TGI and lawyers

On 4 May 2005, the Ministry of Justice, the Conseil National des Barreaux signed at the Chancellery the convention providing for means and conditions of electronic browsing and exchange of documents, and of exchanges relating to civil cases dealt with by courts, between the TGIs and lawyers.

Progressive national spread
- step 1 (e-registrar): Paris and Grenoble
- step 2 (end 2005): Lille, Marseille and Alès
- step 3 (end 2006): extension by court after an agreement between the Chancellery, the CNB, the Regional Courts and Bars.
**Marketing Mode**

**Basic pack**
- 1 access to a secured RPVA network
  - and to Internet at the speed chosen
  - from 512 kb to 8 Mb through ADSL, SDSL or Nomade
- 1 secured e-mail
  - Firstname.lastname@avocat-conseil.fr
- 1 lawyer’s certificate on an encrypted USB key
- 1 tool for electronic signature
- Access to professional services

**Contract period**
- Access to network and e-mail: 24 months
- Certificate: 36 months

**The additional lawyer’s pack** *(for colleagues working in a law firm)*
- 1 secured e-mail
  - Firstname.lastname@avocat-conseil.fr
- 1 lawyer’s certificate on an encrypted USB key
- 1 tool for electronic signature
- access to professional services
  - on the extranet of the website www.avocat-conseil.fr

**An additional pack for mailbox**
- 1 secured e-mail
  - Firstname.lastname@avocat-conseil.fr
- access to professional services
  - on the extranet of the website www.avocat-conseil.fr
### Fees

#### Basic packages

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<th>One workstation (1)</th>
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<td><strong>Monthly fees VAT excl.</strong></td>
<td>64 €</td>
<td>84 € Router included</td>
<td>89 € Router included</td>
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<td><strong>Activation fees VAT excl.</strong></td>
<td>70 €</td>
<td>30 €</td>
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(1) Offer restricted to user of Microsoft Windows

(2) The high speed of 8 MB of the network to the workstation depends upon the location of the user's workstation

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Offers to law firms wishing to connect more than 5 workstations to the network. Above 10 workstations, ask for a quotation.

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<td>Tool for electronic signature</td>
<td>5.30 €</td>
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<td>Access to <a href="http://www.avocat-conseil.fr">www.avocat-conseil.fr</a></td>
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<td>Additional mailbox <a href="mailto:xxx@avocat-conseil.fr">xxx@avocat-conseil.fr</a></td>
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**Events in 2005**

- **September**
  - Subscribers of Avocaweb have access to RPVA

- **October**
  - [www.avocat-conseil.fr](http://www.avocat-conseil.fr) is put on-line
  - RPVA is open to all lawyers

- **November**
  - agreements CNB - Bars
    - Registration authorities of lawyer’s certificates
  - pilot site e-Bar of Lille
    - Local convention *TGI* and Bar of Lille

- **December**
  - pilot site e-Bar of Marseille
    - Local convention *TGI* and Bar of Marseille
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