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CUSTOMER NAME

Shepherd and Wedderburn

INDUSTRY

Legal Sector

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Pointsec® Protector™

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Shepherd and Wedderburn secure confidential client information against loss or theft

Shepherd and Wedderburn is a leading UK law firm, with 49 partners and some 460 staff across four offices in Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, and Aberdeen.

THE CHALLENGE

As a legal organization, Shepherd and Wedderburn’s team of employees deal with confidential client information every day, from medical litigation cases to employment disputes. With this volume of sensitive data inside the organization, it needed to protect client information and intellectual property, securing against loss or theft.

The consequences of any kind of confidentiality breach would be disastrous for any law firm, in terms of both reputation and trust, and Shepherd and Wedderburn needed to mitigate this risk as far as possible. Mark Findlay, IT manager at Shepherd and Wedderburn identified the following three key requirements from a security solution:

- Protection of intellectual property including confidential client information
- Preventing the introduction of nonbusiness software/material onto the corporate network
- Prevention of virus infections



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THE SOLUTION

During the evaluation process, Shepherd and Wedderburn considered a range of solutions from traditional antivirus vendors, however it was Pointsec® Protector™ that fit Shepherd and Wedderburn's needs most closely. The control Pointsec Protector offered over removable media devices was unmatched by competing vendors, and this feature meant the contract was awarded to Check Point back in 1999.



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Although USB memory sticks are used throughout the organization to move data around, all devices are authorized by Pointsec Protector prior to use. To make this policy less restrictive, and less onerous for the IT department, senior secretarial staff also have the ability to authorize removable media. To the majority of users, the implementation of Pointsec Protector on the desktop is transparent — they only become aware of it when they attempt unauthorized tasks, which Pointsec Protector will block.

Despite the increase in malicious threats and the proliferation of removable media devices over the last few years, Pointsec Protector has kept pace with the changing security landscape. Today, Shepherd and Wedderburn has over 350 Pointsec Protector licenses and continues to find it an extremely effective security solution, only supplemented by antivirus software on around 50 of the laptops used by its employees.

THE RESULTS

Mark Findlay, IT manager for Shepherd and Wedderburn, commented, “By using Pointsec Protector for over six years, the IT department has been able to effectively control the corporate network. The additional control it offers around removable media has enabled us to keep track of highly sensitive data and prevent it from falling into the wrong hands.

Findlay continued, “Pointsec Protector has also prevented misuse of the corporate network. Employees are prevented from downloading inappropriate files onto the network, which ensures our bandwidth isn't clogged with nonbusiness-related data such as music and images. It blocks malicious code such as viruses and spyware and has protected the business from many of the security threats that have hit other companies over the years.”

Neil Larkins, global product manager for Pointsec Protector, commented, “Pointsec Protector is well suited to organizations that take a proactive approach to IT security risk. Many of our clients are dealing with highly confidential data, and they trust Pointsec Protector to protect them against threats from both outside and inside the company.”

Findlay concludes, “The use of Pointsec Protector has significantly reduced the burden on the IT department at Shepherd and Wedderburn. Its ability to tackle multiple security threats at the same time has enabled the company to rely on it almost exclusively to secure valuable data and fight malicious code. Even in today's increasingly complex IT environment, it has kept pace and remains our front line defense.”

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