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# Cedar Grove Law Group

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Regional business law firm serving SMB clients in commercial contracts, employment matters, and real estate transactions. Twelve attorneys and ten paralegals across two offices. Matter intake, conflict checks, and engagement letters follow established playbooks but remain document-heavy.

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| <b>BUSINESS TYPE</b>                                         | <b>INDUSTRY</b>                     |
| Partnership                                                  | Legal Services                      |
| <b>LOCATION</b>                                              | <b>OPERATING REGIONS</b>            |
| United States                                                | North America                       |
| <b>COMPANY SIZE</b>                                          | <b>CUSTOMER TYPES</b>               |
| Small (11–50 employees)                                      | Small & Medium Businesses, Consumer |
| <b>BUSINESS MODEL</b>                                        |                                     |
| Fee-for-Service                                              |                                     |
| <b>REGULATORY CONTEXT</b>                                    |                                     |
| Other                                                        |                                     |
| <b>STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</b>                                  |                                     |
| Operational Efficiency, Revenue Growth, Talent, Compliance   |                                     |
| <b>KEY SYSTEMS</b>                                           |                                     |
| Custom / Proprietary, CRM, Accounting                        |                                     |
| <b>DATA SENSITIVITY</b>                                      |                                     |
| Personally Identifiable Information (PII), Financial Records |                                     |

CAPTURED IDEAS

16 ideas across 8 areas

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Targeted SMB Outreach Lists</b>                                                                                            |                          |
| <b>BUSINESS FUNCTION</b>                                                                                                      | <b>VALUE PROPOSITION</b> |
| Marketing                                                                                                                     | Accelerate pipeline      |
| <b>FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY</b>                                                                                                |                          |
| Business development relies on partner networks. Prospecting lists for local SMB segments are built manually in spreadsheets. |                          |
| <b>VALUE CLARIFICATION</b>                                                                                                    |                          |
| Structured prospect research would expand pipeline beyond referral-only growth.                                               |                          |

### Seminar Content Repurposing

#### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Marketing

#### VALUE PROPOSITION

Speed time to market

#### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Partner presentations are not consistently repurposed into client alerts.

#### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Repurposed content would extend reach of existing thought leadership.

### AI-Assisted Client Intake Summaries

#### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Sales

#### VALUE PROPOSITION

Reduce cycle time

#### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Initial client calls produce lengthy notes. Associates spend 2–3 hours synthesizing intake into matter summaries and conflict check packets.

#### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Structured intake summaries would accelerate conflict review and engagement letter drafting.

### Engagement Letter Assembly

#### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Sales

#### VALUE PROPOSITION

Reduce errors and rework

#### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Engagement letters are copied from prior matters with manual fee table updates.

#### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Template assembly from intake fields would reduce errors and admin time.

**Contract First-Draft Generation**

| BUSINESS FUNCTION | VALUE PROPOSITION |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Delivery          | Save staff time   |

**FRICION OR OPPORTUNITY**  
Standard commercial agreements start from precedent libraries but require heavy customization. First drafts take 4–6 associate hours.

**VALUE CLARIFICATION**  
AI first drafts from structured deal terms would reduce turnaround on routine contract work.

**Due Diligence Checklist Drafts**

| BUSINESS FUNCTION | VALUE PROPOSITION   |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Delivery          | Improve consistency |

**FRICION OR OPPORTUNITY**  
Transaction checklists are rebuilt for each deal type from memory.

**VALUE CLARIFICATION**  
Checklist drafts from deal profile would standardize associate workflow.

**Matter Status Client Updates**

| BUSINESS FUNCTION | VALUE PROPOSITION      |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Customer Success  | Improve responsiveness |

**FRICION OR OPPORTUNITY**  
Clients request status updates that partners assemble from docket notes and email threads.

**VALUE CLARIFICATION**  
Draft client updates from matter timeline would improve responsiveness without partner time.

**Renewal Reminder Outreach**

| BUSINESS FUNCTION | VALUE PROPOSITION  |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Customer Success  | Increase retention |

**FRICION OR OPPORTUNITY**  
Annual contract review reminders are tracked in spreadsheets inconsistently.

**VALUE CLARIFICATION**  
Systematic renewal outreach would increase repeat engagement revenue.

#### Time Entry Narrative Assistance

##### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Operations

##### VALUE PROPOSITION

Improve accuracy

##### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Attorneys batch-enter time weekly. Narrative descriptions are inconsistent and often rejected by billing review.

##### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Structured time narratives from calendar and docket would improve realization rates.

#### Trust Account Reconciliation Notes

##### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Operations

##### VALUE PROPOSITION

Reduce manual work

##### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Monthly trust reconciliation narratives are written manually for the partner review.

##### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Draft reconciliation summaries would speed month-end close.

#### Precedent Search Across Matters

##### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Growth

##### VALUE PROPOSITION

Improve access to expertise

##### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Prior work product is stored by matter folder. Finding relevant clauses requires partner memory or manual search.

##### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Semantic search across precedents would shorten associate research time.

#### Associate Onboarding Playbooks

##### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Growth

##### VALUE PROPOSITION

Speed onboarding

##### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

New associate training relies on partner shadowing with no centralized playbook.

##### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Structured onboarding content would reduce ramp time for junior attorneys.

#### Document Management System Search Improvements

##### BUSINESS FUNCTION

IT / Technology

##### VALUE PROPOSITION

Save staff time

##### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

The DMS keyword search returns too many unranked results. Associates re-search the same topics across matters.

##### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Semantic search configuration would reduce research time per matter and surface better precedents.

#### Automated Security Awareness Training

##### BUSINESS FUNCTION

IT / Technology

##### VALUE PROPOSITION

Reduce operational risk

##### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Phishing awareness training is sent annually by email with manual completion tracking.

##### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Automated micro-training modules with completion reporting would meet cyber liability requirements with less admin effort.

#### Court Filing Deadline Tracking

##### BUSINESS FUNCTION

Logistics

##### VALUE PROPOSITION

Reduce operational risk

##### FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Docket deadlines are manually entered into calendars and checked against jurisdiction rules. Missed deadlines carry malpractice risk.

##### VALUE CLARIFICATION

Automated deadline alerts from docket entries would reduce calendar errors and malpractice exposure.

Print and Courier Cost Tracking

BUSINESS FUNCTION

Logistics

VALUE PROPOSITION

Reduce operating cost

FRICTION OR OPPORTUNITY

Printing and courier charges are billed to matters but rarely reviewed for accuracy before invoicing.

VALUE CLARIFICATION

Automated cost reconciliation against matter budgets would surface billing discrepancies before they reach clients.

CURRENT BUSINESS AI POSTURE

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MARKETING

Experimenting

Marketing assistant uses ChatGPT for newsletter drafts. Partner review before send.

DELIVERY

Experimenting

Associates informally use ChatGPT for research memos. No firm policy on client-confidential content.

OPERATIONS

Experimenting

Billing team uses ChatGPT for cover email templates. Time entries remain manual.

IT / TECHNOLOGY

Avoiding

Practice management and document management systems are vendor-supported. No AI in IT operations.

SALES

Avoiding

Conflict checks and engagement letters are manual. No AI in intake workflow.

CUSTOMER SUCCESS

Avoiding

Client status updates are partner-drafted. No AI in client communications.

GROWTH

Avoiding

Training materials and precedent libraries are static document sets.

LOGISTICS

Avoiding

Office supplies and print services are managed by the office administrator. No AI in procurement.

CURRENT AI USE

| Activity                                  | Business Function | Tool / Vendor | Process Documented | Helping? |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| Newsletter and seminar description drafts | Marketing         | ChatGPT       | Documented         | Yes      |
| Research memo first drafts                | Delivery          | ChatGPT       | No                 | Partly   |
| Invoice cover letter templates            | Operations        | ChatGPT       | Informal           | Yes      |