

# Empire Justice

## CASE STUDY



### EMPIRE JUSTICE

[www.EmpireJustice.org](http://www.EmpireJustice.org)

Empire Justice protects and strengthens the legal rights of people in New York State who are poor, disabled or disenfranchised through systems change advocacy, training and support to other advocates and organizations, and high quality direct civil legal representation.

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It's made my life a **LOT**  
easier!”

**Nancy Krupski**  
**IT Director**  
**Empire Justice**

### CHALLENGE

As a provider of legal documentation, seminars and support to New York state, Empire Justice had a massive amount of data with no clear way to store, organize or filter information. With hundreds of categories nearly 1700 articles and 2000 documents in an all static HTML based site, it was impossible to organize and structure the data in any meaningful way for their clients and would take hours to update and organize. Create an article meant creating entire separate pages which also further resulted in a disorganized and difficult to manage website. Site users found the experience to be even more frustrating as the categories were unsearchable.

### SOLUTION

Binarian knew that a robust Content Management System with a flexible and customizable structure would be required to provide Empire Justice with the website they required. Binarian structured a custom content management system with full in line editing and MS-Word like controls all revolving around the management of articles, forms, seminars and PDF based files. A robust search feature was included as well as clear organizational structure with the ability to know exactly where in the site the user is located at any given time.

In addition all data is stored in a relational database which can be ported to other external systems and article feeds for third party sites should the need arise. Newsletter, event and CMS management can all be done by the same administrator through a consolidated online management control panel and permissions can also be assigned to content editors for specific categories or articles.

Finally Binarian came up with an efficient workflow process to help automate and streamline the process of converting all the static HTML information into the new content database.

### RESULTS

Users have commended Empire Justice for the upgrade as the data is now much easier to find. On the previous site, updates were slow due to the inability to location where information needed to be stored. Articles, categories and fill assignments can now be created in minutes instead of hours or days without the need to create any additional files. In addition all data is stored in a database that is backed up remotely so that all article data is safe and secure. This has also free up personnel to focus on other key issues instead of updating the website.

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