

“ We were looking for a solutions provider to help us develop our intranet using SharePoint. Finding a partner willing to take a pragmatic approach and work at pace was essential and we were lucky enough to find DB Consulting. Their Gold Partner status was reassuring, and we were able to engage them without delay. We are very pleased with the result; they delivered on time, without fanfare and have left us exactly where we wanted to be, self sufficient but able to call on their support again if needed.”

**Paul Davies, IT Manager, Druces**



## Background

Druces LLP is a leading firm of Corporate & Commercial and Property lawyers based in the City of London. Established more than 200 years ago, Druces serves a wide variety of financial sector and other corporate clients.

## Business Issue

Druces lawyers work collaboratively, often within cross-functional teams, to deliver services to clients. Druces's IT team was challenged to deliver a secure, flexible intranet platform to support this collaborative style of working. On paper, Microsoft SharePoint offered a solution, but with no in-house expertise and limited resources (and given Druces's right-first-time mentality) the decision was made to seek guidance and bring in experienced SharePoint developers to achieve the desired result – fast.

## The Challenge

To use Microsoft SharePoint to create a secure intranet platform to allow collaboration, matter-centric document management and group discussion. Critical success factors were easy but secure access, logical organisation, speed of document retrieval and privacy.

## Solution

DB Consulting delivered its SharePoint QuickStart service, prioritising key requirements and designing, building and rolling-out a fully-functioning 'release 1' intranet in rapid time, whilst concurrently bringing Druces's in-house team up to speed to ensure they would be self-sufficient going forward.

DB Consulting delivered a quality solution that enables users to access data reliably and securely from the office, home or whilst travelling, via an intuitive interface.

Functionality includes: a News site, enabling articles to be reviewed and approved before publication and release; an Office document store, enabling users to contribute to and categorise documents within a defined structure; Admin areas including Announcements, Staff Lists, Holiday Requests and Team Sites, all dynamically interpreted depending on level of access to ensure consistency and security, and all using in-built workflows with calendars viewable by department and fully integrated into MS Outlook; Private Discussion forums for partners only, including a mechanism for 'eyes only' discussions; Enterprise Search crawlers with specific search scope and rules to ensure that sensitive lists and documents are excluded; and finally integration of Web Parts to allow RSS Feeds from other sources.

## Results

From beginning to end, the QuickStart project was delivered in just five working days, meeting the client's demand for a rapid implementation whilst ensuring Druces's teams were up to speed with the system and would be self-sufficient going forward.

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## DB Consulting

DB Consulting works with ambitious, forward-thinking companies aiming to achieve strategic business objectives through the deployment of modern Information Systems.

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