

QuickBooks orBust?

So apparently QuickBooks is the go-to accounting program (even for law firms), or is there a rival product that people prefer?

I use QuickBooks because my CPA recommended it. She also set it up for me. When I have questions, she knows what I have.

Deborah Matthews, Virginia

I still use simple Quicken. I have ten employees and it can handle the rigors of a law office accounting.

Robert "Robby" W. Hughes, Jr., Georgia

I did some research into this as I was setting up my law firm. QuickBooks Online has the vast majority of market share here in the U.S.

In other countries, the largest competitor is a New Zealand company called "Xero." I've been using their program for a few months now. Xero's strength is in their pricing; however, I found the UI experience to be clunky compared to QuickBooks. There is also the issue of integrations if that's important to you. I've found that most of the major practice management systems only integrate with QuickBooks.

Joshua A. Lowenthal, Michigan

Quicken is less than \$100. It needs to be updated about every 3 years. So, is less than \$40 per year. It is not cloud based so you can control your own software and data.

Robert "Robby" W. Hughes, Jr.

I've been using Peachtree (now Sage) Accounting for decades. It is more oriented towards raw accounting (debits and credits). I have had to familiarize myself with QuickBooks in the past, and far prefer Peachtree's approach.

Michael A. Koenecke, Texas

And Tracy Griffin at Law Charge, copied here, with her long relationship with Intuit was able to help me purchase a newer QB version at a significant savings.

Deb Matthews

I use Quicken as well. It works fine for a law firm. Practice management and billing is best handled elsewhere.

Darrell G. Stewart, Texas

Yes, we use Quicken, Timeslips and Time Matters.

Robert "Robby" W. Hughes, Jr.

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Nicholas I. Fuerst, Arizona

QuickBooks (not in the cloud), Timematters, Billingmatters, and Quicken(2009) for my estates, trust, and personal accounts.

Jim Winiarski

Thanks everyone for the feedback. Very helpful.

Clayton T. Robertson, California

I'm not a true solo but have a small firm. I do not use QuickBooks or Quicken, but an accounting software that is integrated with my time and billing and practice management system. It is Tabs3/PracticeMaster, full suite that includes the General Ledger and Trust Account modules.

Any software worth its salt can export data into a common format, including QuickBooks, and any accountant worth their salt can take such exported data and should not require that you use QuickBooks. We have never had a problem with it, and find it so much easier not to have to duplicate entries. For client work like estate ledgers (not my own law firm accounting), we do also have Quicken (a pretty old version, I think), which literally every one of my employees can use, including my receptionist. So anyone can enter data for an estate or trust ledger - it is really, really easy to use.

Cynthia V. Hall, Florida