

## DOCUMENT ACCESSIBILITY FOR LAW FIRMS

If your firm serves ADA, education, or public sector clients, accessibility isn't optional—it's leadership. An inaccessible website or PDF doesn't just undermine your message—it can jeopardize your credibility, your client relationships, and even your case integrity. In states like **California**, legal ethics rules further raise the bar, making WCAG compliance not just a best practice, but a professional responsibility.

# What is document accessibility?

Legal Compliance Reminder for Law Firms Serving Healthcare or Public Clients. Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA, all patient-facing materials, including websites and PDFs, must be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. In addition, firms must be aware of expanded requirements, including:

- Providing translated materials for individuals with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Designing content for usability by individuals with mobility or cognitive impairments, ensuring clarity and ease of navigation

### Key Risk Areas

Inaccessible PDFs with no text recognition or screen reader compatibility

- ! PDF intake forms, contracts, or public briefs not compatible with screen readers
- ! Law firm websites failing WCAG audits
- ! Clients with disabilities unable to access legal resources

### What you Should Do Now

Accessibility is crucial not just for compliance but also for federal funding eligibility.

Key actions include:

- Audit your site and PDFs for WCAG compliance
- Convert legal documents to ADAcompliant formats
- Ensure searchability, navigation, and translation are enabled

#### That is where DocAccess steps in...

DocAccess simplifies PDF accessibility by automating the process, eliminating unnecessary complexity:

- Converts PDFs into fully accessible formats that are friendly for screen readers
- Adds search, translation, and document navigation features
- Works with one simple code install no tech background needed

