



# TOGETHER TOWARDS A PAPERLESS WORK ENVIRONMENT





## Introduction

The world is not only in the digital age, but also in a time of awareness of climate change on our planet.

Reducing emissions and the use of fossil fuels, we are learning more and more about ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Even the COVID-19 pandemic has helped this reduction.

However, paper consumption remains very high both in the legal teams of companies and in most of their departments.

# Paper consumption

The average lawyer uses around 17,000 sheets of A4 paper every year. Almost 83,5 kgs. This number of sheets adds up to a weight of 83.5 kgs and, if all the sheets were stacked, they would reach the average height of a man.

## **212,912 solicitors in England and Wales.**

The 212,912 lawyers in England and Wales consume 3,619,504,000 sheets of A4 paper every year. That's more than 17,778 tonnes of paper which, when stacked, would make a 46km high paper tower that would reach the stratosphere.

## *Old-fashioned ways of working*

According to our CEO, **Alejandro Esteve de Miguel**, "lawyers have assumed that the printer is one of our essential tools for the legal profession. And the only way to save the environment would be to apply '**Think before you print**'. This is over. Technology, such as document automation, has provided a way not only to reduce paper consumption but to eliminate it for once and for all".



# How does this consumption affect the environment?

## Emissions: an actual danger.

The production of one tonne of paper generates 9 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions. Even the average American car produces only 5 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

## Water is also involved.

324 litres of water are used to produce a single kilogram of paper, which is equivalent to 200 pieces of A4 paper. That is at least 2 litres of water are consumed per A4 sheet.

## What about the trees?

Almost half (42%) of all trees felled in the world are used exclusively for the paper industry. 93% of all paper is produced from new trees.

## What about recycling, as with plastic?

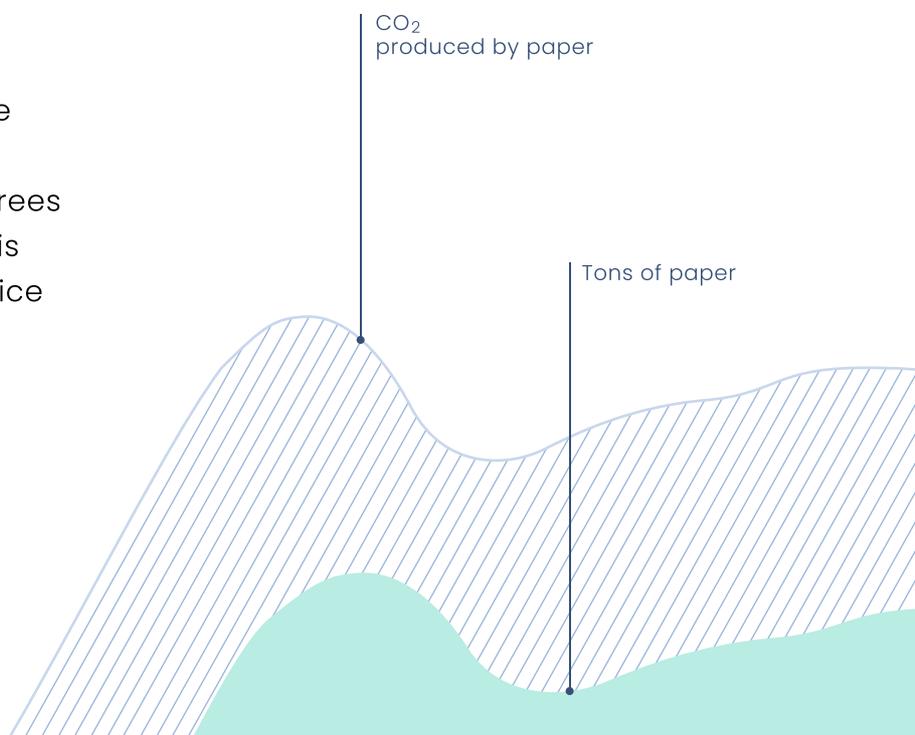
Although there are efforts to recycle paper, most (93%) of the newly produced paper comes from new trees and not from recycled materials. It is worth remembering that it takes twice as much energy to produce paper as it does to produce plastic.

## What is the effect on air quality worldwide?

When paper rots, it emits methane, which is 25 times more toxic than CO<sub>2</sub>. Paper fibres contain carbon, so recycling paper could protect against the release of this carbon into the atmosphere in the very long term.

## The solution is in our hands.

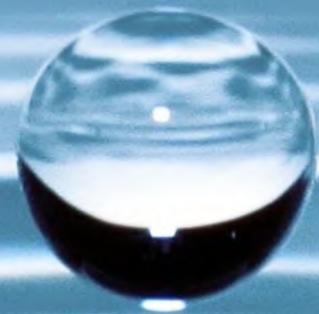
The data about the widespread use of paper in the professional environment are worrying. Fortunately, there are solutions to make the leap to digitalisation and eliminate this excessive consumption of paper that is so harmful to our planet.



*New ways to work,  
new paperless  
green trends*

1. Use document automation to ensure that every time your company creates a document it will be perfect and complies with the legal standards. No more printing to correct documents.
2. Eliminate endless back and forth email chains by using a CLM with real time collaborative links to share information, fill in forms and negotiate contract content.
3. Say goodbye to old fashioned document filing cabinets - hello cloud storage!

Reducing the demand for paper will lead to a reduction in paper production. In a world where we can easily wean ourselves off paper, let's make the switch!



# Document Automation

Did you know that the average U.S. adult has 3 hours of productivity in a 24-hour day?

Thanks to technology, people can access information and multi-task several assignments at once.

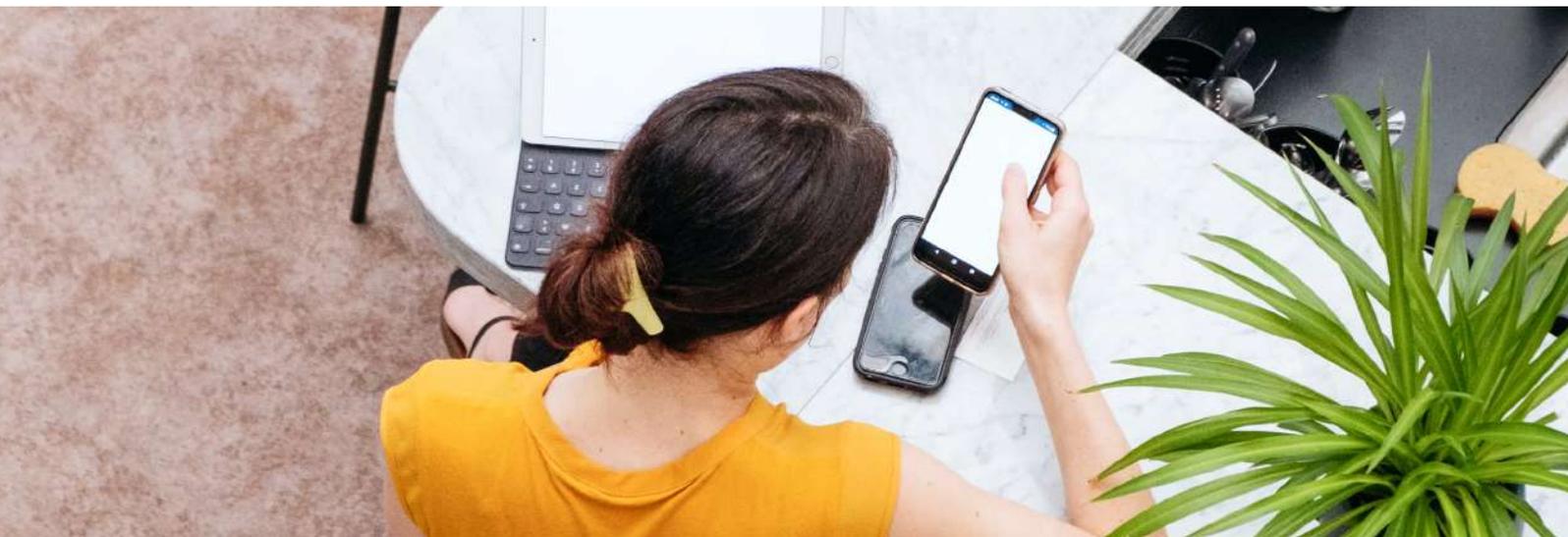
A worker can be on a phone call with a client while sending an email or signing an important document, all at the same time. Tasks that used to take minutes and hours now take seconds.

Technology continues to flourish toward more effective communication methods every day, and we don't want you to be left behind on the next big breakthrough!

Bigle Legal is helping you to focus your time on value-added tasks instead of drafting documents.

Our innovative document automation software allows you to create a document, review, sign and send it in minutes. Easily accessible and stored on secure cloud servers, you and your team can focus on the tasks that really matter.

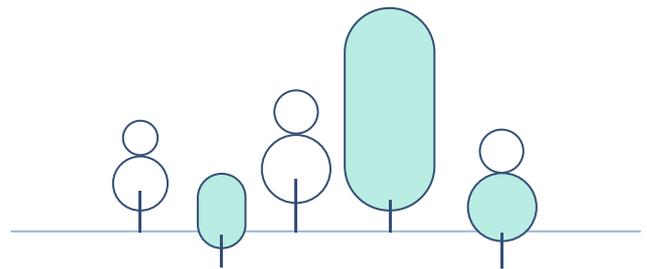
If you find yourself drowning in paperwork, our solution will get your passions back on track!



# Our Solutions

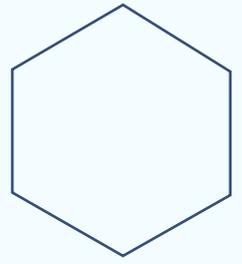
Bigle legal helps contribute to your success and bring out you best performance. We offer solutions that free up time and ensure the accuracy of your documents at all times.

Whether you are looking for document standardisation or a solution that allows you to be more productive, our platform can make it happen!



## With Bigle Legal solution, you can:

- **Collect signatures electronically**, eliminating the need for stamps and the need for paper, ink and envelopes. All while creating a fast and seamless experience for you, your customers and your team.
- **Store documents** in a secure cloud and access them from anywhere. Free up space in your office and reduce clutter - never race for paper again! Access from your phone or tablet with our cloud services.
- **Document creation** has never been easier. The software not only helps you create documents 20 times faster, but also ensures they are error-free and ready to send.
- **Free your time** from the constant need to monitor contracts and make sure they are signed. With our collaboration techniques, you'll receive a notification when the task is finished. Send it, work on something else, get the alert and keep working.



## *Integration with other platforms*

Already have a system in place to reduce paper usage and increase productivity?

You can integrate Bigle Legal's solution with other platforms, if you don't replace them all. Our mission is to provide you with efficient and cost-saving options.

Rather than going through several websites and applications, we combine your document-related needs all in one thanks to our API that integrates with a large number of third-party applications.



# Helping the environment and being rewarded for it

Contributing to the well being of the environment is also a business responsibility, but current events influence decision-making and it can be difficult to focus on change.

However, the benefits of digitalisation will not only help to reduce the impact of businesses on the environment, but will also bring them benefits.

Since going digital, many companies have found that they have reduced overhead costs. Digitisation also helped them to **discover that they increased labour productivity**.

Creating a margin between the operating financial costs and the revenue you bring in can also help the environment.

The waiting time for faxes and documents is gone. There is no longer any need to stop the workflow if you have the right technology.



## About Bigle Legal

Bigle Legal is an all-in-one document automation platform, provides an AI-powered, cloud-based solution that automates the legal operations of a company while improving safety and minimizing the risk of legal contingencies.

A pioneer tech company and leader in the field of document automation from Spain, with a presence in the UK, Austria, Netherlands or Portugal, and a reseller network across Latin America. Its clients include real estate companies, corporations, and large law firms.

The platform is precise, flexible, and intuitive, providing full control over the entire document lifecycle.

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