

Trending Now: #VirtualOffices

Virtual Offices are everywhere. Attorneys, marketing companies, dentists, accountants, consulting firms, even therapists, are all moving from the office space into the virtual space.

This doesn't necessarily mean that they have abandoned their physical locations altogether – I mean, a dentist with no office? – but rather that more and more they are relying less on the physical office aspects of old.

A Receptionist Without A Desk

Take for example [George O. West III](#), an auto fraud attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada. West recently realized that having a traditional office space was detrimental to his business. Between client meetings and court appearances, he spent the majority of his day out of the office. So why keep it? Of course, West still needed a way to track incoming phone calls, even if he wasn't going to have an office with a receptionist or an answering machine sitting on a desk.

The solution for West? [TelAssistant](#), one of the fastest growing trends in the virtual office world. TelAssistant provides businesses with a customizable approach to handle specific business models and different types of businesses. Putting the phone in someone else's hands is one of the simplest and most popular ways that businesses are starting to move into the virtual space.

Have Room, Will Work

But phone calls and reception aren't the only areas where employees or employers working in the virtual space can make changes.

The [Network Collective](#) is an independent telecommunications procurement consultancy. One afternoon, there was a need for a room for a meeting with some clients. Enter [Regus](#), one of the premiere executive office, conference room, and day office suppliers available. Their entire focus is on providing employers and employees with meeting and workspaces when needed.

Imagine the perks of your own office or your own conference room when you need it without having to worry about managing a building or office space. That is precisely what Regus does, and another way in which the virtual office business model is making things easier and more affordable for independent companies, as well as large corporations.

An Assistant for Every Need

Another way businesses are moving into the virtual work world is through the employment of virtual assistants.

Remember when you'd see the young 20-something, hopelessly overwhelmed, trailing behind the CEO, business mogul, or movie star, trying to take notes and keep up? Well those images are no longer as common as they once were. Virtual Assistants are on the rise, as organizations like [International Virtual Assistants Association](#) (IVAA) make the knowledge and appropriate approach to the industry readily available to all.

Now, instead of that struggling youngster trailing behind the ad exec reminding them of appointments and appearances, that person can sit at a desk, often a home office, and provide all of the same assistance, from scheduling meetings to ordering goods to filtering communication. Updates can be sent via phone and e-mail, and a virtual assistant is more affordable than having to provide a work space in an office for an assistant.

The Trend Continues

These are just three of the most common trends in the virtual office industry. It's companies and stories like those above and their success that are contributing to the growing number of virtual offices and companies. More and more, it would be safe to assume that companies will take advantage of these opportunities to help increase efficiency and maintain lower overhead for business.