

# Gray Plant Mooty Replaces Traditional Backup with Acronis Disaster Recovery

Leading Law Firm Defends Data and Defeats Unscheduled Downtime in Minutes via the Acronis Cloud



## ACRONIS DISASTER RECOVERY SERVICE RESOURCES

Gray Plant Mooty generates large amounts of legal documents with gigabytes of data being added to the databank every day. Prior to selecting Acronis Disaster Recovery, it became obvious that traditional backup solutions were not able to provide the required Recovery Time Objective (RTO) for the amount of data the firm had to protect. It was estimated that it would take days, or even weeks to recover the infrastructure in the case of a catastrophic data failure.

Following a careful consideration of the available technology, Gray Plant Mooty made the decision to deploy Acronis Disaster Recovery Service and use it not only for disaster recovery, but also for daily backup needs. It allows the firm to fail over entire production servers to ensure business continuity as well as recover individual files whenever the need arises.

Gray Plant Mooty has sufficient failover capacity both on-premises through multiple Acronis Local Cloud Appliances and in the Acronis Cloud.

## DISASTER RECOVERY EXPERIENCE

Gray Plant Mooty had two unscheduled downtime incidents where Acronis Disaster Recovery Service was utilized to ensure business continuity. The first incident involved a Blackberry Enterprise Server, and the second, a Microsoft Windows Server.

## INDUSTRY

Legal services

## BACKGROUND

Gray Plant Mooty is recognized as one of the leading corporate law firms in Minnesota and one of the top franchise firms in the world. Founded in 1866, the full-service firm has nearly 180 attorneys across multiple offices in Minnesota, Washington D.C., and North Dakota. Gray Plant Mooty provides exceptional client service, delivering value and superior legal services to its clients.

## PROTECTED RESOURCES

- More than 400 users
- 10 VMware ESXi hosts
- Microsoft® Windows® servers
- Microsoft Office®
- Microsoft Exchange DAG/CAS running in the cloud
- Protecting more than 60 servers in the cloud
- Over 70TB of data under management

The BlackBerry Enterprise Server was used by most of the company's staff. When the server crashed and failed to reboot because of an unknown error, it became evident that Acronis Disaster Recovery was the only option to bring the system back to life. Building a new server and restoring data from a backup while dozens of users were waiting for connectivity was not feasible at the time.

A decision was made to spin up an Acronis Disaster Recovery instance of the BlackBerry Enterprise Server in the Acronis Cloud. Within 15 minutes, the system was up with connectivity restored. The server continued to run in the cloud for a number of days until the issue with the primary machine was fully resolved.

The second incident involved a file server that failed to boot after installing system updates. The server was used by more than 60 people and contained over 10TB of live data. Gray Plant Mooty decided to fail over the server to an Acronis Local Cloud Appliance. Within 15 minutes, connectivity was restored. The server ran in the Acronis Disaster Recovery environment without any performance degradation or data loss until a new server was provisioned.

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#### ABOUT ACRONIS

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Acronis protects all data in any environment, including physical, virtual, cloud, mobile workloads and applications.

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