



CaseWare Supports Growth Of Frazier & Deeter, LLC

CUSTOMER

Frazier & Deeter, LLC

HEADQUARTERS

Atlanta, Georgia

Number of Locations

Two

Number of Employees

170

As one of the largest certified public accounting and advisory firms in the Southeast, Frazier & Deeter, LLC serves private companies and public corporations. Frazier & Deeter has always invested in its technology infrastructure, an investment that has proven to be a wise one for the company. The company has enjoyed explosive growth over the past several years, and CaseWare® Working Papers has supported and contributed to that growth.

“After the Enron scandal, the Big Four accounting firms began dumping their audit clients and firms of our size benefited,” explains Ronni Scibetta, audit supervisor at Frazier & Deeter. “We seized that opportunity, but could not have capitalized on it without the efficiencies that CaseWare Working Papers brings to the firm.”

Templates Increase Productivity

Custom templates dramatically reduce the time spent on the file set-up procedure for first year engagements. Frazier & Deeter has configured more than 20 templates in all, tailored to different industries and public versus private companies.



“Before Working Papers, a first year staff member might spend a full day assembling a new client’s file, assembling papers, cutting and pasting documents, setting up tabs. We used to joke that you could tell a first year by the Band-Aids on their fingers from all the paper cuts,” Scibetta says.

With Working Paper templates, it takes only a few minutes to set up a new engagement file.

Working Papers offers a wide range of options to automate customized roll-forwards of financial statement data. This feature alone has cut in half the time it takes staff to produce financial statements. “The profitability of financial statements went up as a result,” Scibetta says.

CHALLENGE

The market climate generated opportunities for the firm, but it needed efficient tools in place in order to capitalize on those opportunities.

SOLUTION

CaseWare Working Papers and the CaseView report writer are powerful solution that enables the firm to be successful in a competitive marketplace.

RESULTS

Financial statement creation time has been cut in half, boosting firm profitability. Paperless system frees valuable space. System efficiencies allow for growth without the need to increase staff.

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Audit Supervisor

About CaseWare International Inc.

Accountants and auditors in practices large and small, in corporations, and government recognize CaseWare International as the premier creator of assurance, reporting and analysis tools. CaseWare’s family of products and services helps professionals in over 60 countries perform their engagements more easily and efficiently.

Powerful Report Writer

Scibetta praises the CaseView report writing tool. “It’s very powerful, yet it is still easy to use for anyone familiar with Microsoft Word or Excel,” she says. “We used to use Word and Excel, but with CaseView all the formatting, rounding, diagnostics, account amounts, text, account balances, and even notes are automated based on the preferences we set up. We all prefer working with CaseView.”

Eliminate The File Room

By moving to an entirely paperless system, Frazier & Deeter has actually eliminated the need for a file room and freed up valuable office space.

“We have no paper files, just scanners and laptops,” Scibetta says.

All documents related to an engagement whether they are Working Papers, Word, Excel, PDF or scanned documents, are centrally stored and securely accessible.

“We scan all incoming documents, save them as a PDF and attach them to the clients’ file. When clients send us an attachment to an e-mail, we can drag and drop it to their file,” Scibetta adds.

User-Friendly Tool

Scibetta is such a fan of Working Papers that she has become a certified instructor, teaching other firms how to implement the solution. “It’s a great product,” she says. “Our staff loves it. Some people were concerned that it might be difficult to learn and use, but it isn’t. The navigation is very similar to Microsoft Office, which makes it

very easy to use. We don’t do any of our case work in Word any longer.”

Scibetta continues, “And CaseWare is a very responsive company. They take the input from users like us and frequently incorporate changes and add new features to the software.”

Supports And Promotes Growth

“Working Papers has eliminated many of the administrative tasks and overhead, and as a result we are able to take on more clients without increasing our staff,” says Scibetta.

Those efficiencies are also benefitting staff morale, “During the busy season, a typical work week was 80 hours. Now it’s closer to 45-50,” she adds.

The firm’s strong commitment to technology also serves to attract the best and the brightest college recruits.

“CaseWare Working Papers allows us to be more competitive, in a very competitive marketplace,” Scibetta concludes. “We’re able to better compete because we have less overhead and administrative time. We can also promise clients that they’ll have a draft the first day of the engagement—that’s impressive. Finally, having a paperless solution like Working Papers keeps us on the leading edge of technology, and that’s important to our clients.”

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