

PRINTER RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERALLY

If you have the budget for it, you're better off buying a printer to print and a scanner to scan. However, if you need to save money, then a multifunction machine is a very economical option.

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INKJETS ARE EXPENSIVE

For example, the HP OfficeJet Pro 8600 printer offers a high-yield (less expensive per page) cartridge which holds 53 ml of black ink and costs \$37. Therefore, you're paying 69.8 cents per milliliter (excluding taxes). Since there are 3,785.41 milliliters in a gallon, that black ink costs \$2,642.22 per gallon. If you're trying to save money, then spending \$2,642 for a gallon of printer ink probably isn't a good use of your money. In case you're wondering, the color ink is \$6,235 per gallon. No, I'm not kidding.

ON A TIGHT BUDGET, CONSIDER A MULTI-FUNCTION MACHINE

If you're on a tight budget, then it's hard to beat a multifunction or "all-in-one" machine. These machines will typically copy, print, scan and fax. The main drawback is that they tend to break down if you put a high volume through them. Whatever you do, avoid HP multi-functions based upon our experiences and those of our clients. Brother and Canon make good options.

PRINTING CONSIDERATIONS

- Keep in mind that your lowest cost per page is always going to be network printers designed for higher volume (or copiers which are also network printers). The highest cost per page is always going to be personal printers (small, slower printers connected directly to a user's computer).
- Unless you have a fleet of exactly the same type of printers, personal printers usually require you to keep several different toner cartridges in stock. This is annoying and expensive.

RECOMMENDED PERSONAL PRINTER

Regardless of the cost, many lawyers want their own printers for convenience. If you're in that camp, then it's hard to beat the new Brother HL-L2370DW monochrome laser printer. For only \$130, you get 32 ppm performance, the ability to print front-and-back simultaneously, Windows 10 compatibility, a built-in network adapter (wired and wireless).

RECOMMENDED NETWORK PRINTER

You've got some choices here depending upon what speed you want and how much you're willing to pay. Staying within the Hewlett Packard line, consider:

- Brother HL-L2370DW: See above.
- HP Color LaserJet Pro M255dw: Prints 22 ppm, network adapter & duplex printing - \$300 from HP
- HP Color LaserJet Enterprise M555x: Prints 40 ppm - \$1,200 from HP
- HP Color LaserJet 550-sheet Media Tray for M555X - \$300 from HP
- HP TAA Version Secure Hard Disk Drive: An internal encrypted hard drive for storing documents - \$500 from HP