



# Stroock Case Study

Stroock provides strategic transactional, regulatory and litigation advice to advance the business objectives of leading financial institutions, multinational corporations and entrepreneurial businesses in the U.S. With a rich history dating back 140 years, the firm has offices in New York, Los Angeles, Miami and Washington, D.C.

Stroock partners with clients as both legal counsel and as a trusted business advisor. This approach leads the world's largest institutions and most cutting-edge startups to regularly seek their guidance. As Stroock embraces an increasing amount of cloud services across their organization they use Netskope to ensure their confidential client data is protected. Paarin Mehta, Information Security Supervisor at Stroock, and his information security team brought in Netskope to serve as a central control point to enforce security, compliance, and governance across their cloud and web environment.

## SECURING OFFICE 365 WITH NETSKOPE

Stroock's objective when rolling out Office 365 was to boost productivity levels, but not at the expense of security. Although Stroock is utilizing some of Microsoft's built-in security capabilities they found gaps that only Netskope could fill. Netskope provides out-of-band protection of their data in Office 365 (API-based integration) and is also deployed Inline for visibility and control over data going in and out of Office 365.

Using Netskope, Stroock will have the ability to enforce DLP policies on data-at-rest in Office 365, and data-in-motion between employees - therefore protecting confidential client data from exposure, loss, and breach. "With Netskope, we have industry-leading threat protection and DLP to safeguard our assets in the Office 365 cloud." Netskope provides Stroock the granular visibility and control for dozens of apps in the Office 365 Suite. "We now have rich contextual usage details like the user, group, location, content and activity. Our security team can use these details to secure Office 365 usage" explains Paarin.

## DATA LOSS PREVENTION FOR CLOUD AND WEB

Stroock handles a vast collection of confidential client documents containing patent, copyright details, trade secrets, and Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Teams are faced with unwanted complexity and added costs when deploying and managing separate and inconsistent DLP policies to try and protect client data across web, cloud and networks. With Netskope, Stroock now has an integrated proxy for cloud and web along with a unified policy engine that will simplify their security program and streamline both operations and incident management.

## STROOCK

### PROFILE

#### INDUSTRY

Legal Services

#### Legal Services REGION

United States of America

### CHALLENGES

- Wanted to enable cloud services like Microsoft Office 365 while ensuring sensitive data is protected
- Fragmented visibility and control across cloud and web
- Risk of sensitive data loss and non-compliance

### BENEFITS

- Ability to discover and control data everywhere it lives, whether in the cloud or on the network
- Set data loss prevention policies across cloud and web from one console
- Unified security solution by centralizing the management of data security

### SOLUTIONS

- Netskope for Office 365
- Next Gen Secure Web Gateway (SWG)

## UNIFIED CLOUD AND WEB SECURITY WITH NETSKOPE

Stroock's existing web proxy solution was not meeting the evolving requirements of their organization. With employees everywhere, users were going directly to the internet and bypassing their secure perimeter. Users were also accessing cloud services on personal and mobile devices, and, in addition to browsers, using native apps and sync clients. Their legacy web proxy tool was blind to most of this traffic. The Netskope platform covers all the ways Stroock users access the cloud and web, whether users are on premises, or remote, and whether they are using a browser, mobile app, native desktop app, or sync client.

"Reactive Web filtering measures could not keep up and we needed a solution that could offer real-time protection and automatically block web threats and malicious sites as they are identified" says Paarin. Having considered a number of solutions, Stroock found that Next Gen SWG fully met its requirements and provided them with an integrated proxy for cloud and web. "Netskope is not just about security cloud apps, they have expanded into web security and zero-trust private access to become our default security cloud vendor" says Paarin.

## REAL RESULTS

"Before Netskope, when employees accessed cloud services, we had to block them since we didn't have granular control. With Netskope, we can safely enable the cloud and web, while also protecting client data and ensuring compliance" says Paarin. Stroock is able to coach employees to make smart decisions, using messages that guide user actions, educate employees on policy, and validate user intent when interacting with confidential client data in the cloud. In addition to the benefits of an integrated proxy for cloud and web, a unified policy engine to simplify operations, using Netskope Stroock is able to eliminate cost and performance issues of backhauling web traffic, a problem they had with their legacy web security vendor.

## VISION GOING FORWARD

As Stroock evolves to meet its clients' needs using cloud services, they will continue to use Netskope to address cloud and web risk. "We are still early in our cloud journey," says Paarin "As we consume more cloud services, Netskope will help us manage risk across the entire set of cloud services we consume."

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The Netskope security cloud provides unrivaled visibility and real-time data and threat protection when accessing cloud services, websites, and private apps from anywhere, on any device. Only Netskope understands the cloud and takes a data-centric approach that empowers security teams with the right balance of protection and speed they need to secure their digital transformation journey. Visit [www.netskope.com](http://www.netskope.com) to learn more.