

A 20-person wealth firm cuts client-process lead time by 60.4%: Operations

FINANCIAL SERVICES

SMALL

OPERATIONS

-60.4%

CLIENT-PROCESS LEAD TIME [1]

72%

PROCESS EFFICIENCY [1]

-290

MOVEMENTS PER CYCLE [1]

PROBLEM

The annual client-valuation process took more than two hours and contained five non-value-added steps. Excess movement and paper handling increased effort without improving the client output.

SOLUTION

Researchers mapped the 16-step process, removed five steps, and redesigned the remaining work around customer value. The future-state flow reduced handoffs, movement, and documents while preserving the required valuation work.

RESULT

Lead time fell from 2:03:11 to 0:48:46. Process efficiency reached 72%, with 290 movements and nine paper sheets removed per cycle.

BUSINESS LENS

Porter: faster service and lower overhead support differentiation in a trust-based market with strong buyer choice.

ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITS

One pilot process, no control group, and possible observation effects. The source's 186-person-day estimate is excluded because its repetition basis is ambiguous.

DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

OPERATIONS

Simpler handoffs reduced elapsed time.

Application analysis based on the cited source. It is not a separate measured result.

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SOURCE [1]

Douglas et al., 2012. Applying Lean Principles to a Professional Service Firm: Findings from a Pilot Study.
<https://www.researchgate.net/publication/275958504>

Academically reviewed conference case | Size basis: 20 employees, including 5 administrators.