

AlphaLaw acquire Cashier 2000 business

AlphaLaw has acquired the customer base of IT Accounting, the Somerset-based accounts, time recording and legal aid software supplier whose current core product is the Cashier 2000 system. The sale follows the decision by IT Accounting's owner, Richard White, to retire. IT Accounting has about 50 law firm sites, 15 have already converted to AlphaLaw systems and most of the remainder are due for conversion during the next few months.

- During the first part of this year, 11 firms have signed up for AlphaLaw's next generation case management system Uno. These include John Morley & Co, Douglas Silas Solicitors, RJ Hawksley, Ogun@Law, Langley Wellington, David Burnett & Co and Connect Conveyancing.

www.alphalaw.com

TFB commit to support Carter

TFB says its Partner for Windows development team is not only committed to supporting the huge changes to criminal legal aid work administration, required by the Carter Review between now and 2012, but will do so as part of its standard support contracts. This is unlike some other vendors who are reported to be either treating it as a chargeable extra or pulling out of legal aid altogether.

Blandy & Blandy pick Pilgrim

Reading-based Blandy & Blandy has selected Pilgrim Systems' LawSoft software to replace its Axxia PMS and provide its new practice, case, document and CRM management facilities. Nick Burrows, the partner heading the selection, said "like many firms today, we require more than the basic bookkeeping and client management facilities from our practice management software. We want improvements in efficiency, tools to monitor business performance and facilities to further enhance the quality of the service we provide to our clients."

- The Insider has also heard that Colin Kennedy, who used to head Visualfiles Scotland and set to become chief operating officer for LexisNexis Visualfiles, is now on six month's gardening leave and expected to join the board of Pilgrim in the autumn to head its new case management systems division. Pilgrim is currently recruiting for applications support, training/implementation and support consultants. For more details email jobs@pilgrimsystems.com

News in brief

Crill Canavan selects Aderant

Jersey law firm Crill Canavan has selected the Aderant Expert system for its new practice management platform. The firm said a key requirement was for a proven system built on Microsoft standards for business process management, database design and user interface.

ISYS picked for litigation support

Simpson & Marwick has selected ISYS Search Software to provide the search functionality for its litigation support system. The firm scans all documents and converts them into searchable PDF files which are then indexed by ISYS and can be searched either within ISYS or through its CaseMap case analysis application.

www.isys-search.com

RSinteract goes into Browne Jacobson

Nottingham-based Browne Jacobson has awarded ICS (0161 886 8500) a contract to design and implement a data warehouse based on SQL Server 2005 and to deploy an RSinteract reporting system. This was developed by ICS and is built upon Microsoft's BI business intelligence toolset. Browne Jacobson IT director Peter Birley said by going the Microsoft BI route the firm would be able to 'push' data towards end users and give them a self-service capability.

www.rsinteract.com

Forensic idol from Autonomy

Autonomy has launched Idol Echo, a new module for its search engine technology that will allow global businesses to forensically track and trace the lifecycle of every piece of data (including phone calls, emails, voicemails, instant messages and documents) within an organisation.

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