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MyCase gets Outlook plus iPhone/iPad apps

The MyCase 'social practice management system' (which we rated as the most exciting new product launch at this year's LegalTech New York) now has a Microsoft Outlook plugin plus native iPhone and iPad apps, so users working in Outlook desktop and mobile environments have access to the same data as people working in the MyCase atmosphere.

- MyCase has also formed an alliance with the legal publisher Nolo that adds MyCase to the Nolo Law Office product suite.

www.mycaseinc.com

Deadlines, Deadlines

The online legal deadlines calculation service Deadlines on Demand (a wholly-owned subsidiary of CompuLaw LLC) has rebranded as Deadlines.com. Along with the name change, the service's navigation, interface and functionality has been enhanced to include SaaS-based calendaring in the cloud, an Outlook syncing dates to multiple users' calendars option, email reminders (even for attorneys not using the Outlook sync) Google-style searching for events and deadlines, and a flat-rate case pricing option as an alternative to pay-per-use.

www.deadlines.com

All change at Aderant

When Aderant's Momentum User Conference kicks off in Orlando next week, there are going to be some new faces on display in the senior management team. Along with the arrival of Chris Giglio as CEO (replacing Mike Kohlsdorf who departed in January), the company now has a new senior vice president of sales in David Flynn.

Flynn joins from a similar post at LexisNexis, where he was responsible for the Martindale-Hubbell, Lawyers.com, Interaction, atVantage and Redwood Analytics product lines. Prior to Lexis he was with Interface Software, the original developers of the Interaction CRM system. Flynn is taking over from Don Howren, the senior vice president of sales and marketing at Aderant, who is leaving the company to explore new opportunities. We wish him well.

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May's wins, deals and rollouts

Bereskin & Parr picks Aderant Canadian law firm Bereskin & Parr LLP has selected Aderant Expert as its new financial and practice management system. The 70 lawyer and trademark agent firm will roll out the system across four offices, in a project that includes a multicurrency application and French language version of the system.

Trio of Recommend deals Recommend has reported three new wins for its software. The Canadian law firm Stikeman Elliot LLP, which already runs the Recommend Decisiv Search (previously MindServer) system, has added the Decisiv Email Management application to its software portfolio. And, two Fortune 500 energy corporations have signed what are described as 'multi-million dollar contracts' for Recommend's Accelerate eDiscovery platform.

Learjet deploys Clearwell Bombardier Learjet has deployed the Clearwell E-Discovery Platform to support the company's inhouse ediscovery operations in response to litigation, regulatory inquiries and internal investigations.

Two more go coach class Two more law firms – Hunton & Williams LLP in Richmond and Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP – have purchased Traveling Coaches' CLASS and CLASSE content for their ongoing technology training programs. Sheppard Mullin will also be using the content to support their Microsoft Office 2010 rollout.

Merrill expands in Australia The Merrill Corporation's Australian subsidiary has won a seven year contract with the South Australian Industrial Relations Commission, which incorporates four statutory bodies. As a result, Merrill has opened an office in the state capital Adelaide for the first time.

News in brief

Epic acquisition Epiq Systems Inc has acquired Phoenix-based Encore Discovery Solutions for \$100 million cash. Encore represents an approximate 50% revenue increase to Epiq's standalone ediscovery business, which last year had an operating revenue of \$81 million.

New strategic alliance Two technology consultancies – iEnvision Technology Inc and Oakland-based W Venture LLC – have formed a strategic alliance that will combine W Venture's records management expertise with iEnvision's DMS skills to provide an end-to-end information lifecycle management solution for customers in the corporate legal, accounting and reinsurance industries. Both companies are Autonomy specialists.

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New product launches

New Outlook Assistant The PayneGroup has just released Outlook Send Assistant, a new email security tool designed to prevent accidental disclosure and sending emails to unintended recipients, including BCCs and Reply-to-All. The system is compatible with Outlook 2007 and 2010 (32-bit) and supports HTML and plain text formats. It can also automatically add marketing, circular 230 disclosure, SEC, spam warnings and security disclaimers to email messages.

- There is a good review of the new system here <http://digitalsamurai.senseient.com> – see 27 April

Zone Webtop unveiled Prosperoware LLC has launched Zone Webtop, a new solution for law firms to help lawyers navigate email and client-matter content repositories in a single browser window view even when the content resides on multiple systems and workspaces, including iManage Worksite, file shares and Microsoft SharePoint and Exchange. Zone Webtop has also been optimised to run on multiple devices including Windows and Mac desktops and PCs, as well as iPad and Android tablets. Schiff Hardin LLP is one of the first firms to have adopted Zone Webtop.

www.prosperoware.com

Enhanced tax reporting Bridgeway Software has released Suite v8.4 of its eCounsel/Secretariat/Smart Invoice and Corridor legal enterprise management solution. New features include: international tax tracking, processing and recovery, with support for the LEDES 1998BI eBilling format; streamlined workflows to automatically sort SOP (service of process) alerts; and auto-create ownership to create organization charts for subsidiary companies.

www.bridgeway.com

Worldox toolbox World Software has launched the Worldox Productivity Suite adding a range of utilities to the Worldox DMS environment. These ➔

➔ include: instant messaging, an event notifier, a task reminder, workflow to automate reviews and approvals, and PDF and document comparison utilities via Worldox partner DocsCorp.

www.worldox.com/productivitysuite

A data solution TyMetrix has launched a new Data Solutions product line that utilizes a legal reference database (comprising nearly \$8 billion in legal spend data and one million matter and performance records) to provide legal departments and claims organizations with access to industry-wide trends and benchmarks of performance and profitability. The first product is an Intelligence-on-Demand dashboard application that consolidates data.

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Chrome River sponsors survey Expense reporting and invoice automation specialist Chrome River Technologies sponsored the recent Paystream Advisors survey on travel and expense management which found that 39% of professional service organizations still process expenses manually.

- Thirty of the *AmLaw Top 100* law firms now use Chrome River SaaS services.

www.chromeriver.com

Apple of RealPractice's eye RealPractice Inc has released its free My RealPractice app for the iPhone and iPad. The app allows users real-time mobile access to marketing leads, billing and contact management. The app can be downloaded from the App Store on Apple iTunes or this link

<http://info.realpractice.com/mobile>

- RealPractice and the Avvo online ratings directory for doctors and lawyers have announced an alliance that will allow attorneys to improve their Avvo profiles and build their client bases through Avvo premium listings. The Avvo service is compatible with the new My RealPractice iPhone app.

On the road again

The spring has sprung and legal IT vendors are on the move again with their roadshows and user conferences. First to go is **Workshare**, which has its holding user group meetings in Washington DC (May 9), New York City (May 11), Toronto (May 13), Chicago (May 17) and Los Angeles (May 19).

www.workshare.com/company/events

Next up, **Visionary Legal Technologies** is ⇨

⇨ holding its Expo 2011 event in Dallas (TX) on May 21, where the company will be demonstrating the use of voice recognition in court reporting work.

www.visionarylegal.com/expo2011

Finally, **DocsCorp**, in conjunction with the Desktop & Application Services & User Support Services Peer Group of **ILTA**, is visiting six cities (Austin, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Cleveland) to talk about PDF technology in the legal environment, including PDF/A file formats and CM/ECF court filing.

- In a related development, DocsCorp has joined the PDF/A Competence Center, which is dedicated to the development of the ISO 19005 standard for PDF/A documents.

www.docscorp.com

New hires, people & places

Iris Data Services has hired **Marilyn Caldwell** as its new vice president of client services, with responsibility for the company's project management organization, including the day-to-day management of all discovery services. Caldwell has over 20 years experience in the ediscovery and litigation support industry, working for both vendors and law firms. She is a past president of the East Coast Association of Litigation Support Managers. **iCONNECT** has recruited **Arun Amin**, **Shanda Combs** and **Gary Schaye** to its national sales team. **Chris Del Rosario** has joined **Document Technologies Inc** as managing partner of DTI's Washington DC regional technology centre. After over 20 years at its old address, **World Software Corporation**, the company behind the Worldox DMS software, has moved from Ridgewood, NJ to new offices at 266 Harristown Road in Glen Rock, NJ.

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ProLaw TV gets Friends star

The ProLaw division of Thomson Reuters is currently experimenting with a series of YouTube videos in the lead-up to the launch of its ProLaw XII product. There are currently three episodes in the can: *Carl in IT*, the *Office Fairy* and our favorite *The Guru*. Incidentally, the monkey in *The Guru* is Marcel from the TV show *Friends* (the monkey seems to be having a longer career than some of the human actors from that series). She (Marcel is female) travels with a stunt double and two handlers. Our contact at TR said they found it amusing that a monkey should have an entourage and added "You learn a lot about risk management when you try to bring two monkeys into a Thomson Reuters facility." <http://youtu.be/oPWdkWkdnb4>

Real-time Twitter capture

The latest (April 2011) release of Nextpoint Inc's Cloud Preservation web and social media archiving service now offers immediate real-time capture and archiving of data posted on Twitter. In what we ↪

↪ believe to be an industry first, the new version forensically preserves all posted data, including externally linked pages within Tweets, regardless of future deletion or loss. Cloud Preservation's Smart Crawl technology can also be configured to archive and index individual Twitter account pages instantaneously. Cloud Preservation can already archive Flash, Javascript, streaming multimedia including YouTube and social media API feeds.

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