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### DPS take over of Access Legal Systems

DPS Software would like to announce that the company has agreed to take over the development and maintenance, support services, sales and ongoing training duties of Access Legal Systems.

Access Legal Systems have built an enviable reputation in the legal software market with a stable and loyal user base. Their client base enjoys using the superior functionality offered by Access legal accounts and practice management software.

George Fowler, Managing Director of Access Legal Systems, has developed the company and its product range for many years, and is due his well-earned retirement.

Mr Fowler commented, "We have an experienced and dedicated team of staff who have built a great relationship with our clients and our software is stable and functionally rich. I am happy in the knowledge that DPS will build on our reputation and add their product portfolio to our existing portfolio, giving our clients a wide range of options that were not previously available to them."

He added, "DPS are a company of 25 years standing in the legal market and have great plans for developing the software and services that are offered to Access clients. DPS products, such as Outlook Office which provides case management and accounts from inside MS Outlook™, will be made optionally available."

Access staff will join the DPS team with effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009, and will continue to provide Access clients with the same level of service they have previously enjoyed. Access clients will enjoy the added benefit of a team of Account Managers and additional resources to call upon if required.

Osman Ismail, Managing Director of DPS Software commented, "This is great news for both Access and DPS clients. DPS have acquired a terrific product, which is supported by an excellent team of staff. We are committed to supporting the development of the product and staff alike. The client overlap is negligible and increases our client base, adding over 100 quality clients who are predominantly accounts users."

Scott Ridley, Technical Director at DPS said, "I applaud George for building a company that is technically strong with excellent programming foundations. Unlike many other mergers or acquisitions, this one makes absolute sense and holds benefits for both sets of clients."



Scott continued to say, "We have a strong development plan and software platform, which means that we can support Access clients and their software, providing them with a host of valuable benefits. Access clients now have access to products which allow them to use their existing software inside MS Outlook™."

He finished by saying, "DPS have already published their intentions for the development of the Access accounts product range and the integration of these products with the Outlook Office suite of software. We have already converted Outlook Office so that any Access user that wants to view ledger cards from inside MS Outlook™ can do so. Access fee earners will also have the option to issue cheque and billing requests from inside MS Outlook™ and the main databases for these products have been integrated early on in this process. This is very comforting for all users as they now have a continued and strong development path."

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