

NEW PRODUCTS FOR LAW FIRMS

Speaking the Language

Valora Technologies Delivers Document Encoding Solution



Valora Technologies Inc., an automated document encoding and unitization service

provider for litigation support, recently released the Valora Language Solution, a service that accomplishes true and proper coding of legal documents in 14 languages: American English, British English, Catalan, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian (Cyrillic), Spanish and Swedish.

Valora's proprietary system automatically processes documents at record speeds (up to 10,000 documents per hour on each of 100 processors) and auto-populates document databases with full bibliographic and in-content data. All documents then go through a three-stage manual quality control check, ensuring near-perfect accuracy and consistency. The patent-pending Valora system is at the heart of its auto-encoding service and serves as the platform for other service offerings, including automated logical document determination and electronic document encoding of native files. In contrast, typical manual coding processes produce approximately 30-35 documents per person per hour.

The Valora Language Solution also recognizes varying date pattern formats; for example European date arrangement. The product reads a European document and properly comprehends the date 5/2/04 as the fifth day, second month of the year 2004, or February 5, 2004. This is a crucial feature for any document production involving documents from multiple source locations, such as a multinational corporation. Without such capabilities, all of the coding could be rendered unusable, resulting in a costly mistake.

For more information, visit www.valoratech.com. *

No Retyping Required

Nuance OmniPage Professional Streamlines Document Repurposing

Today's legal professionals struggle to create, edit and share paper and electronic documents. Antiquated document processes are the greatest barrier to increasing a firm's efficiency, no matter how small or large the firm may be. By deploying Nuance OmniPage Professional Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software, firms can help automate each employee's document workflow.

Courts have largely adopted the Portable Document Format (PDF) in an attempt to set a standard, but a PDF is not a

document editing or repurposing tool. OmniPage automatically transforms paper and digital information into more than 30 different usable formats to minimize the cost of repurposing information.

In addition, powerful OCR technology, advanced layout analysis and intuitive editing tools allow you to instantly turn paper files and PDFs into editable electronic documents that look just like the originals – complete with text, tables and graphics. Custom workflows automate the transformation of large volumes of paper with a click of the mouse or the push of a button on your scanner or All-in-One device.

Key OmniPage Professional features include:

- OCR accuracy greater than 99 percent
- Ability to instantly transform paper into usable digital information
- Automation of document conversion tasks
- Expanded legal, financial and medical dictionaries
- Digital-to-digital document format conversion

For more information, visit www.nuance.com. *



Getting a Life

Work Life Balance Calculator Measures Impact of Billable Hours

JD Bliss, a leading provider of resources to attorneys seeking greater quality of life and career satisfaction, recently announced the launch of its "Work Life Balance Calculator," an online tool that helps attorneys measure the impact of billable hours on their personal lives.

The tool is simple to use. A lawyer first plugs in the number of billable hours per year required by his or her law firm (for instance, 2,000 hours/year). The lawyer then accesses a series of menus tied to a normal workweek, into which he or she can enter values such as the average time he or she arrives at and leaves the office each day, and the hours per day devoted to non-billable work. After the attorney hits "Calculate," the calculator reveals whether the attorney will meet his or her billable hour target given the scheduling values previously entered.

The Work Life Balance Calculator can help lawyers in several key ways.

Attorneys can schedule fixed blocks of time for personal interests and activities such as exercise, all while still meeting their billable hour targets.

They can illustrate for a spouse or significant other how billable hour requirements impact the time available for personal interests and activities.

They can measure the impact of increasing or decreasing billable hour targets on personal time.

The Calculator can be found at www.envoyglobal.net/jdbliss/test/calculator2.htm. For a 15-minute tutorial on using the calculator to achieve greater work life balance, contact JD Bliss at (866) 833-6245. For more information, visit www.jdbliss.com. *



Improved Imaging

Kodak i40 Scanners Offer New Attachment, Upgrades

Kodak

Eastman Kodak Company recently announced an industry-first feeder attachment for the KODAK i40 Scanner that is designed to scan and capture information on documents, thick cards, identification cards, insurance cards, credit cards, driver's licenses and many similar documents. The special document feeder increases the number of ways that organizations can image-enable their business processes.

The KODAK i40 Scanner delivers clear images in bitonal, grayscale and color. It supports simplex and duplex scanning with an optical resolution of 600 dpi and features a plug and play USB 2.0 interface.

Kodak also announced firmware upgrades for the i30 and i40 desktop scanners the company launched a year ago to help small and medium-sized organizations better capture, manage, archive and deliver business information.

For more information, visit www.kodak.com/go/docimaging. *



In Touch

ClearOne Conference Phones Offer Daisy-Chain Capabilities

ClearOne Communications Inc., the developer of MAXAttach™ wired and wireless conference phones, introduced the latest addition to its tabletop conferencing product line, the new MAXAttach IP™ and MAX IP™ VoIP tabletop conference phones.

With the introduction of MAXAttach IP and MAX IP, customers with Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)-based VoIP systems can now enjoy the outstanding audio clarity and superior room coverage that ClearOne's analog MAX wired and wireless products have provided for several years.

A key feature of ClearOne MAXAttach IP and MAX IP is the ability to daisy-chain multiple phones together. This unique capability provides multiple speakers, microphones and dial pads distributed throughout a room. Customers can now easily cover conferencing spaces ranging from small conference rooms up to large rooms with long or U-shaped table configurations.



In addition to advanced audio processing technologies that deliver crystal-clear sound, the new VoIP products offer a suite of SIP features, such as:

- **3-way calling** – allowing for ad-hoc conferences without a need for a conference bridge
- **VLAN tagging** – allowing users to manage bandwidth usage on the network
- **TLS & SRTP encryption-ready** (with future release of firmware upgrade) – securing voice communications over the network
- **Field upgrade ability** – allowing users to easily download firmware upgrades from ClearOne Web site and load directly into the conference phone

For more information, visit www.clearone.com. ✱

Easy Shipping

Neopost Product Automates Everyday Law Firm Mailings

Neopost – a worldwide provider of mailing, addressing, document handling and mail management systems – recently announced automated folding and inserting for everyday law office mailings. Neopost's SI 30 allows organizations with low mail volumes to benefit from the same advanced technology that provides the precision and reliability associated with large volume mailing systems.



The Neopost SI 30's simple and intuitive user interface enables all personnel to operate the system without being trained, and there is no need for a dedicated operator. This automated system fits perfectly on a desk and makes sure you do not have to waste time and money to hand fold and insert your day-to-day outgoing mail, enabling on-demand inserting. The SI 30 has a simple hand-feeding option, which allows you to put the paper in its feeder every time a set of documents is ready to be sent. The SI 30 will increase your productivity and improve the image of your outgoing mail.

Neopost's unique Secure 'N Feed technology incorporated into the SI 30 provides the highest level of double document mailing security and virtually eliminates the risk of information being sent to the wrong addressee. In addition, the system can operate with almost any print density and a variety of paper colors and thickness.

For more information, visit www.neopostinc.com. ✱