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New version of Easy Convey's e-conveyancing software set to tempt legal experts into the electronic age

CASA 5 will offer increased efficiency and streamlined web integration for solicitors and licensed conveyancers who want to stay ahead of the competition

Easy Convey Ltd (www.easyconvey.com), a leading developer of electronic conveyancing products and services, has today announced a new version of its Conveyancing Administration Software Application (CASA). This new version – version 5 – is at the centre of the Easy Convey electronic conveyancing solution, and has been specifically designed to be both intuitive and 'user friendly' for law firms, with one of the main unique features being its enhanced integration with other applications and third party eConveyancing services.

Guarantees, warranties and many other documents required for Home Information Packs (HIP) exist in paper, card, booklets or in other hard copy format. These will need to be converted into electronic documents such as PDF files. CASA 5 facilitates this with the scanning function to enable hard copy documents to be included within the matter history and the HIP.

"This new version of CASA will make it easy for any firm to make the switch from a paper-based system to an e-conveyancing environment," says Dominic Cullis, Managing Director, Easy Convey Ltd. **"The next two years are going to present every conveyancing practice with a series of extremely tough challenges. We believe that only practitioners who can truly demonstrate a mastery of electronic service delivery will prosper in this new age of conveyancing."**

Another major enhancement to CASA 5 is the integration of SDLT eSubmission. CASA 5 allows solicitors to file Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) returns online, quickly and securely, and without any of the problems previously associated with scanned returns. All relevant information relating to the return is pre-populated from data stored within CASA. Easy Convey is one of only two companies that have been recognised by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) to provide this service, and one of Easy Convey's clients, Layard Horsfall of Godalming, was the first firm to submit an SDLT return electronically to HM Revenue & Customs via the Government Gateway by using a pre-release beta version of CASA 5. The Law Society has long campaigned for improvements to the stamp duty returns, this is a real and significant step forward by automating the process and eliminating rejections.

Seamless integration with Microsoft Outlook® means that users can now send e-mails with attachments direct to any of the parties involved within a transaction. This automatically saves to the matter history. E-mails received into the practice can also be stored in CASA as a complete e-mail or alternatively any attachments can be extracted and saved in the transaction.

CASA is now being used within larger practices with multiple offices. The practice's organisational structure can now be represented by the Fee Earner tree to enable workers to filter their matters by partner/fee earner and the staff who work within their teams.

Another extremely important aspect of the whole conveyancing process is Risk Management. To assist with this, CASA 5 enables the conveyancer to record client identification information with the ability to scan passports and documents such as utility bills used for proof of address. Workflow items can be limited so only specific members of the team can carry out a stage based upon their job function. A matter can be prevented from moving beyond a step until required predecessors have been completed. Finally, if a matter is locked because it is believed the client may have fallen foul of the Proceeds of Crime Act, then control is passed solely to the Money Laundering Officer with warnings being clearly displayed for all other members of staff not to "tip off" the client.

CASA 5 can assist with all areas of conveyancing administration. It generates letters and completes forms and other documents via automated workflows with the added convenience that information only needs to be entered into the system once. The software is ready to use immediately. As with previous versions, CASA is supplied with 11 workflows, with all associated letters and documents already installed. All workflows can be easily modified and new workflows can be added at any time. The software provides an automated fee estimate – complete with bill and financial statement creation – to provide even greater speed and accuracy.

Unlike most legal software developers, Easy Convey concentrates solely on conveyancing. Consequently, CASA has more features – and is typically better priced – than other competitive products. Its easy-to-use, intuitive user interface results in lower training costs, less staff resistance, and rapid system implementation.

SOME FIRSTS IN CASA BY EASY CONVEY

- 1st - electronic conveyancing application to provide automated case tracking.
- 1st - case management application to enable practices to send SMS text messages.
- 1st - to integrate with all three NLIS Channels
- 1st - and only case management tool to include Stamp Duty Exempt Areas
- 1st - to integrate all local authority search fee information which is updated monthly
- 1st - case management software application to register an SDLT submission

Easy Convey will continue to evolve CASA and the related services as it works towards an entirely digital world that will be Electronic Conveyancing.

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About Easy Convey Ltd

Easy Convey was established in April 2000 to market a range of electronic conveyancing products and services, all of which were developed in-house. By using this technology, conveyance lawyers can enjoy 50 percent more completions, without increasing staff levels.

Easy Convey's unique Conveyancing Administration Software Application (CASA) is at the heart of the easyconvey.com electronic conveyancing software, and can significantly reduce conveyancing time for experts working within the property market. For more information please visit www.easyconvey.com

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