

PayneGroup Founder and CEO Donna Payne Recognized as “Fastcase 50” Legal Innovator



SEATTLE— (13 July 2016) – PayneGroup, a software development and professional services company is pleased to announce that Donna Payne has been named to the “Fastcase 50,” an annual list recognizing 50 innovators, visionaries and leaders in law. Composed by legal publisher Fastcase, the ranking highlights individuals for innovation and excellence.

Donna Payne, CEO of PayneGroup, created the company more than 20 years ago. Since that time, PayneGroup has authored 13 books, created groundbreaking software such as Metadata Assistant, the first electronic metadata removal software, along with a host of other essential tools used in legal, government and corporate business practice. PayneGroup has clients in 53 countries and has a long-standing reputation for being a trusted leader in the industry.

Payne is a frequent speaker and columnist, and often speaks on technology, leadership, privacy and data security. She has delivered keynotes at LegalTech New York and to security agencies. She has also spoken to Congress on the subject of metadata and privacy in addition to speeches and presentations delivered internationally.

Starting 20 years ago, Payne lobbied hard to convince publishers that there was a mainstream and viable market for technology books written for the legal profession. Upon convincing a publisher, the first book entitled *Word 97 for Law Firms* was published and became a bestseller for computer books. This was the first of many books and editions to ultimately be published. Between the Metadata Assistant and the series of technical books, Payne has truly earned her place as an innovator in the legal technology arena.

In addition to leading PayneGroup, Payne is an inaugural member of a STEM Leadership award committee that recognizes efforts for the promotion of women in STEM fields. The award is named for legendary publisher, lawyer and advocate, Monica Bay. Payne is a member of the Women Presidents’ Organization and serves on several non-profit boards. One of her mottos is that if someone doesn’t give you a seat at the table, you need to build your own, which she has demonstrated by her accomplishments with PayneGroup. Payne has also won the ILTA Thought Leader of the Year award, the inaugural Law Technology News Consultant of the Year, and the Lex Proficio award for Lifetime Service presented in conjunction with ABA TechShow.

About Fastcase

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About PayneGroup

PayneGroup is a software and professional services company specializing in solving client problems with workflow processes and security. Their software tools, built on top of the Microsoft platform, help people create and work with documents, collaborate and share files securely, and professional services that are designed to transfer knowledge to customers and assist with software migrations.