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METADATA ASSISTANT TOPS THE LIST OF METADATA REMOVAL TOOLS IN RECENT ILTA SURVEY

Seattle—In the most recent survey published by the International Legal Technology Association (ILTA), Payne Consulting Group's Metadata Assistant was determined to be the most widely used metadata removal tool.

Listed were six metadata removal products whose market share ranged from 2% to 21% while Metadata Assistant was the product of choice by at least 38% of all respondents.

Metadata Assistant was the first metadata removal tool available. Payne developed the software in 1998 after receiving an external document that contained residual information—also known as metadata. The product is now used by more than 1.5 million people worldwide and across all industries.

Metadata Assistant integrates with document management systems, e-mail software such as Outlook, GroupWise and Lotus Notes, and includes PDF creation functionality to provide additional security. The software is fully customizable to fit within any organization.

For more information on Metadata Assistant, contact Payne at MA@payneconsulting.com

About Payne Consulting Group

Payne Consulting Group is a software training and development company headquartered in Seattle, WA. Payne has authored twelve books on Microsoft products including: *Word 2003*, *Word 2002*, *Word 2000*, and *Word 97 for Law Firms*, and *Excel for Law Firms*. The company specializes in developing "Assistants" software including Metadata Assistant, Numbering, Style, Forms and Pleading Assistants. Payne also offers high-end and end-user training, courseware, project management, and custom development. Payne is an original member of the Microsoft Legal Advisory Council, the American Bar Association, and the American Society of Journalists and Authors.

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