



PayneGroup Releases Redaction Software for Confidential Information in Electronic Documents

Safely Remove Sensitive Information from Microsoft Word and Excel Files While Maintaining Application Functionality

Seattle – January 12th, 2015. PayneGroup announces the official launch of Redact Assistant 2.0. The product is designed to redact electronic versions of Microsoft Word and Excel files while retaining the functionality of the documents.

Redaction, which means removing information from files, is essential when confidential information must be removed from a file prior to sharing or electronically publishing the file. If a file is not redacted properly, sensitive information can be viewed by unauthorized individuals with the consequence of inadvertent disclosure. While competitive products existed prior to this product release from PayneGroup, the primary differentiator is that redacted files sanitized by the PayneGroup Redact Assistant are still functional in their native format. For instance, Excel formulas will still work, and the file does not have to be converted to a graphic or PDF. This functionality was requested by a judge's panel at LegalTech New York in 2014 and PayneGroup responded with the release of this product.

Redact Assistant obfuscates information from both Word and Excel files. The software comes with useful aids that help to mask common terms to be redacted, such as Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, and more. All of which makes the software easier to use. Says Donna Payne, PayneGroup CEO, "This isn't just software for a law firm. Government agencies, pharmaceutical and health care organizations, corporations, and of course legal will find this software not only useful, but necessary."

In the past year, PayneGroup worked on a government security agency task force to help define standards for proper redaction and metadata removal. The company is committed to making products that are effective, easy to use, and affordable. Redact Assistant is the latest in a robust security product line from PayneGroup. Other security products include Metadata Assistant and the Outlook Send Assistant.

About PayneGroup

PayneGroup is a leading provider of secure communication software including Metadata Assistant, the first metadata removal software on the market, Outlook Send Assistant, which prevents Reply to All, bcc and other potential accidental disclosures, and Redact Assistant, which is a redaction tool for Word and Excel files. The Workflow product division includes Forms and Numbering Assistants, which aid in the creation and formatting of documents. PayneGroup also provides extensive professional services, ranging from migration consulting and training services to project management and courseware development. PayneGroup has also authored 13 books on Microsoft Office, including our latest book, *Word 2013 for Law Firms*. For more information about PayneGroup, see www.thepaynegroup.com or follow PayneGroup on twitter at www.twitter.com/paynegroup.

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