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## **Industry Body in Landmark Celebration**

The Legal IT Innovators Group (LITIG) has been changing the face of the legal industry for ten years. Not content with focussing on internal issues, LITIG has led the way on E-billing and emerging data standards as well as the reduction of excessive email disclaimers.

LITIG has helped to demystify the legal issues around paperless files and has undertaken detailed comparisons of both Finance and Case Management systems. In addition to this, the Group has helped raise the bar on a number of security and data protection issues in the marketplace, including advisory briefings from MI5.

The group has over 70 member organisations representing both leading law firms and the in-house legal teams of major businesses and of late the alternative business structures in the industry. A key feature that sets LITIG apart from other bodies is its complete independence from any supplier influence.

The Group has grown out of the recognition that collaboration on non-competitive areas will be of benefit not only to members, but to the industry as a whole. Over the years LITIG members have used their joint voice, representing over 22,000 legal staff and legal industry turnover of more than £7.5 billion, to campaign for improvements in widely used systems, whilst taking steps to ensure its members comply with competition and regulatory requirements. It has also given them the opportunity for dialogue with key operations such as The Law Society, Microsoft, Google and Gartner.

With a constant eye on the 'hot topics' for the industry, LITIG's member projects reflect the breath-taking rate of change in information technology. Derek Southall, partner at Wragge & Co, who has chaired LITIG throughout most of its ten years, says, "We need to assist members in understanding the opportunities and risks of emerging technologies as well as the effects of market developments. By working together on non-competitive issues we help the industry move faster and, most importantly, assist the key players within it to take the right decisions. It is vital that our industry has an independent and credible voice. When we look at issues, people know that we have no vested interests. We simply want to make the right decisions to support the Legal IT industry."

Thankfully the list of market issues at inception has been addressed. However, ten years on there are as many new key issues as there were at the outset and the need for a united approach is as true now as it was a decade ago. LITIG members are enthusiastic about the challenge this represents and as they raise their glasses at celebratory drinks, they will look forward to the success of the next ten years.

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