

## **3M and Accutrac Software Integrate RFID File Tracking and Records Management for Major Law Firm; Fulbright & Jaworski Adopts the New System Nationwide After Success at Dallas Trial Site**

3M and Accutrac Software Inc. today unveiled a software interface that seamlessly integrates 3M's RFID Tracking System with the Accutrac Records Management Software program. The two companies said Fulbright & Jaworski LLP, one of the world's largest law firms, is rolling out the integrated system nationwide, following nearly two years of successful experience with it in its Dallas home office.

The announcement was made at the 50th Annual ARMA International Conference and Expo, Navy Pier Festival Hall, Chicago. ARMA is the world's largest association of records management professionals.

"This is a landmark event in the emergence of RFID technology in the office setting," says Joal Storm, marketing development manager, 3M Security Systems Division. "It makes RFID an even more user-friendly and cost-effective complement to records management. We are very pleased to be working with Accutrac in this important strategic initiative."

"Accutrac recognizes the important impact that RFID technology has had in the records management industry," says Kurt Thies, CEO, Accutrac Software. "Aligning with 3M to integrate RFID tracking features with Accutrac's records management software functionality will further expedite record center procedures and reinforce security measures for our mutual users. The integrated offering further supports Accutrac's commitment to helping companies effectively manage physical and electronic records in a central repository."

Fulbright & Jaworski, an 85-year-old, full-service law firm, with more than 900 attorneys, has been employing 3M RFID file tracking with Accutrac records management software in Dallas as a trial site. The large Intellectual Property and Technology Practice Group that participated in the trial maintains several thousand active legal files and in Dallas alone, adds an average of some 1,000 new files each year.

"RFID is more efficient than bar coding alone," observes Lisa Simpkins, project manager, Fulbright & Jaworski. "Integrating it with records management software has made it easier than ever to inventory files and locate them quickly. The integrated solution significantly increases accuracy and saves time and money."

Based on the firm's experience in Dallas with the Intellectual Property and Technology Practice Group, Simpkins says an internal committee recommended that Fulbright & Jaworski introduce the integrated system in its other offices, a process that is now taking place. In addition, the firm has said it will extend the use of the integrated system to additional practice areas.

In addition to intellectual property and technology, Fulbright & Jaworski has more than 50 other integrated practice groups. It is an international law firm with offices in Houston; New York; Washington, DC; Austin; Dallas; Los Angeles; Minneapolis; San Antonio; Hong Kong; London; and Munich.

3M offers a suite of products based on technology that uses radio frequency identification to locate, track and inventory files. A tiny microchip and antenna are embedded in a tag affixed to each file which allows the files to be easily tracked through the entire workflow. As a file moves between the various offices and checkpoints, a complete file history is tracked and can be easily viewed on any network computer. Unlike bar codes, RFID tags require no line of sight between the tag and the tracker because the information is transmitted via radio waves.

3M, headquartered in St. Paul, was a pioneer in the application of radio frequency identification technology for tracking and retrieving files. Its systems are used by law firms and are now starting to be adopted in other industries, including health care and education.

Irvine, Calif.-based Accutrac Software Inc. is a leading provider of records management and conflict avoidance software for law firms throughout the United States and Canada. Accutrac software products track, index and manage physical and electronic records from creation through disposition in a central repository.

#### About Accutrac

Accutrac Software Inc. is a leading provider of records management software and services to Fortune 500 companies, legal and other professional services firms and government agencies. Accutrac's DOD 5015.5 certified, Accutrac, Accutrac Web and Accutrac XE programs allow organizations to classify, index, search and retrieve all records (physical, electronic and e-mail) through a single application. By automating the manual tasks of records management, the Accutrac records repository helps companies save time and money, reduce the occurrence of missing records, and comply with regulatory requirements. More information can be found at [www.accutrac.com](http://www.accutrac.com).

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