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## Know your Client Ignorance is no longer BLISS!

With legislation (Money Laundering Regulations Act, Proceeds of Crime ACT) in place and the Joint Money Laundering Steering Group (JMLSG) having issued several directives on the subject there are still several grey areas and pitfalls that could trap the unwary and innocent solicitor.

Getting it wrong is no longer an option as several solicitors have found out recently. As ever ignorance of the Regulations is no excuse - as at least two members so the profession have found out to their cost (and liberty).

The Money Laundering Regulations 2007 stipulate:- A solicitor must maintain identification procedures which -

- Require that as soon as is reasonably practicable after contact is first made between solicitor and client
- The client must produce satisfactory evidence of his identity; or
- Such measures specified in the procedures must be taken in order to produce satisfactory evidence of client identity;

### *How do you do this?*

#### **Traditional Manual Method**

The photocopying of relevant client documentation, usually a passport and utility bill. Whilst this 'bare bones' approach is simple to implement and administer it is labour intensive and does have limitations. It is not particularly convenient for clients (how many of us carry our passports and utility bills with us) and some clients (e.g. those without passports, people working overseas or in the services, clients living or working some distance away) are not well served by this method.

*To assist their customers through this potential minefield Linetime has launched a solution based on the integration of leading credit reference agency CallCredits **CalIML** service within its **Liberate** suite of legal software.*

*The **Liberate** user can now access CallCredits massive array of data sources directly from their desktop and request verification of the identity of one or more clients. The **Liberate/CalIML** interface feeds client details directly into the search system which uses data from 16 different datasets to confirm (or question) the client's identity.*

#### **Online Identity Verification**

Online systems search a wide range of databases using base data obtained during the initial client meeting (title, forename, surname, house number and postcode, date of birth, driving licence number, NI number, and passport number).

The system checks this data against a wide range of (positive and negative) data sources, including Full Electoral Roll, Royal Mail Postcode Address File, UK Investors, Adverse Public Data and Share financial records.

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