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Get Your Bills and Yourself Paid Faster

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The days of integrating case management software from one company, time-billing software from another company, and accounting software from a third company are rapidly coming to a close. Instead, law firms increasingly prefer integrated solutions from one company. The reason is clear — it just works. Plus if you encounter a problem, you need not worry about vendors playing the blame game.

Last year, Gavel & Gown Software joined this trend with the release of Amicus Accounting, which integrates with its flagship case management software, Amicus Attorney. After listening carefully to early adopters, the company has released Amicus Accounting 2008.

Amicus Accounting 2008's maturity should be immediately apparent as it now features the same easy-to-use interface for which Amicus Attorney is famous. Most importantly, the new Navigator icons illustrate typical workflows, which places all routine tasks at your fingertips.

Another time-saving feature makes it easy to fix a common error — assigning a matter to the wrong client. Normally, the only solution to this problem is to reverse all the entries and then re-apply them to the correct client. With Amicus Accounting 2008, you can reassign a matter from the incorrect client to the correct one. The software assigns a new matter ID number and moves all associated entries to the new matter.

Of course, the primary purpose of accounting software is to make sure you send bills and get them paid. To this end, Amicus Accounting 2008 features significant enhancements to accounts receivable, bills, and reminder statements. You can post compound or simple interest or just show interest as a memo item on bills

and reminder statements, set up a default interest rate for delinquent accounts, show past due balances on bills, and print reminders by lawyer, client, aging, etc. Bills and other statements can bear corporate identity elements such as your logo or be formatted to print on your letterhead.

When clients pay you, you can apply payments across multiple invoices and also apply partial payments. You can set controls to dictate how payments are allocated. A new Reverse Receipts function enables you to quickly correct mistakes or undo payments when a check bounces.

Amicus Accounting 2008 also handles trust requirements. You can print and post trust account checks and print receipts of transfers to accounts receivable for audit trail purposes.

Getting paid faster means you can pay yourself faster. Amicus Accounting 2008 offers an optional payroll add-on that can be customized to your specific needs.

Amicus Accounting 2008 currently integrates with Amicus Attorney 2008 Small Firm Edition. It sells for \$249 or \$149 if purchased with Amicus Attorney 2008 Small Firm Edition. Learn more about Amicus Accounting 2008: www.amicusattorney.com

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