

### HOT PICKS

Gavel & Gown Software Inc. has upgraded its flagship practice management software. Amicus Attorney 7 offers expanded integration with Office and Outlook, and more mobility options. It also has a redesigned interface.

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iConect Development says iConectnxt can now review more than 350 native file types. Users create an image of the file in iView, where they can annotate, redact and print it without having the native program installed.

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## Thomson Elite Introduces 3E



**Chris Poole**

PRESIDENT AND CEO, THOMSON ELITE

Los Angeles-based Thomson Elite (www.thomsonelite.com) says **Elite 3E** is web-based software that helps firms manage their financials and statutory accounting.

Built on Microsoft Corp.'s .Net technology, it helps firms automate workflow, and supports collaboration by allowing users to share information. The system can be customized, yet is designed to integrate with third-party systems, including Microsoft BizTalk Server technology, without the creation of customized code.

It includes a "metrics engine" that helps users compare multiple metrics side-by-side in near real time. For global firms, 3E can support multiple currencies and languages, taxes, and local accounting requirements.

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### DISASTER RECOVERY

# Katrina's Wake

*By Monica Bay*  
Everybody says the same thing after visiting post-Katrina New Orleans: You simply can't understand the devastation unless you walk the soil. No matter how strong the words, how rich the photographs, it is only standing in the still-soggy Lower Ninth Ward that you begin to understand the profound wounds.

It occurred to me that it took New York City more than a year to clear away two fallen skyscrapers. How will they ever clean up miles and miles of debris?

It's been six months now, and these and so many other questions still remain unanswered. But while other journalists focus on the big issues that confront Louisiana and the region, we decided to take a look at our own legal technology community, to see how our colleagues have been faring in the effort to rebuild their



lives and their work.

So LTN's photo editor, Russ Curtis, and I traveled to the Crescent City last month.

We inadvertently scheduled the trip for Mardi Gras, but that proved fortuitous. It allowed us to see both the work and social side of our community, and hear stories of both pain and hope.

We thank the many legal professionals who took time from busy schedules to share their stories and help us understand their challenges.

It would take a book to tell all their

stories, but we hope this first-ever single topic edition of LTN is a good start. It also includes related articles, including Robert J. Ambrogio's review of Katrina-related web resources, and an update on the courts, in "Technology on Trial."

We hope it encourages you to reach out, in your own way, to help our peers.

### RESOURCES

#### Office Gear



The **OQO model 01+** weighs only 14 ounces and has a five-inch W-VGA screen. It runs Microsoft Windows XP Tablet PC Edition 2005, with a 30 GB hard drive.

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The **Fujitsu ScanSnap S500** helps legal professionals convert paper documents directly into Word, Excel, or searchable PDF files. After conversion, users can edit documents electronically.



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