



## **Only Secure U.S. Legal Transcriptions Provider - LegaLock - Ready to Help Government Agencies Comply with Federal IT Security Standards**

*LegaLock's one-of-a-kind, secure legal transcription solution is now available to combat non-compliant practices and protect sensitive federal legal data. LegaLock Secure Transcriptions, the nation's only provider of a secure transcription solution that aligns with federal IT security standards, today warned government agencies about the risks of leaving sensitive but unclassified (SBU) federal interviews and testimonies unprotected while being transcribed.*

Washington ([PRWEB](#)) July 1, 2009 -- LegaLock Secure Transcriptions ([LegaLock](#)), the nation's only provider of a secure transcription solution that aligns with [federal IT security standards](#), today warned government agencies about the risks of leaving sensitive but unclassified (SBU) federal interviews and testimonies unprotected while being transcribed.

LegaLock launched its [secure transcriptions service](#) in response to federal mandates that require encryption of all SBU data on mobile devices and prohibit transmission of this data to non-secure commercial IT systems. Prior to LegaLock's availability, no other transcription service offered this level of secure service and many federal CIOs waived the IT security protections to avoid backlogs, longer transcription processing times and increased expenses. The LegaLock solution offers a way to deliver both expedient and secure transcriptions.

"As a majority of all federal law enforcement and legal interviews and testimonies containing SBU are currently being sent over the open Internet and processed on unprotected home computers and commercial networks, government agencies are likely putting witnesses, undercover agents--and ultimately, the nation's security--at risk," said Earl Hicks Jr., LegaLock's founder and CEO and a former 17-year senior Department of Justice security official. "We urge all government officials to choose compliance over convenience, as there is now a way to protect their on-the-record federal agents and constituents from unnecessary exposure."

LegaLock's solution utilizes server-based, FISMA-compliant and government-audited IT systems, a patented secure web portal, a federally approved IT facility, and a virtual private network for remote connections. In addition, all transcribers perform work on LegaLock-owned laptops that access and edit information but cannot download or store data.

LegaLock is the first commercial transcription service authorized to process, store and transmit SBU government data in full compliance with all related standards, specifically the President's Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Memorandum 06-16, known as the "remote data encryption mandate" (OMB 06-16), FISMA and NIST 800-series standards. These policies require government agencies and all parties engaged in federal litigation to encrypt all sensitive data on mobile devices and prohibit the electronic transmission of sensitive data over the open Internet and to unsecured commercial networks and home computers.

### About LegaLock Secure Transcriptions

LegaLock ([www.legalocksolutions.com](http://www.legalocksolutions.com)), established in 2009 as LegaLock Secure Transcriptions, LLC, by former federal security official Earl Hicks Jr., provides the first secure legal transcription solution that complies with tightened federal IT policies requiring encryption of sensitive data on mobile devices and processing on federally compliant IT systems. Headquartered in Glenwood, Md., near Washington, DC, LegaLock utilizes



government-audited and approved IT systems, a patented secure web portal, a federally approved IT facility and a virtual private network for remote access. LegaLock's accurate and timely legal transcriptions meet the most rigorous security standards and serve a security gap in the federal law enforcement and litigation marketplaces.

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