

App4Legal v9.8.0.0 Release Notes

Important highlights from this release

- Introducing LEDES to our billing module, streamlining legal invoicing through a standardized and efficient format for seamless exchange of billing information. [See detailed guide.](#)
- New E-Signature Workflows "**EmSigner**" and "**Sayen**" are now available within App4Legal. [See detailed guide.](#)
- New customizable Email Templates added for emails sent through invoices, matters, and contracts. [See detailed guide.](#)
- New and improved "Collection" form for processing invoice payments. [See detailed guide.](#)
- Introducing a new UI/UX for the Hearing Grids. [See detailed guide.](#)
- Introducing additional enhancements to the "Lump Sum" features, including the invoice tab in matters.
- A default contract template has been added to simplify the creation of contracts from templates when getting started.
- Users can now create duplicates, or clones, of transactions like invoices, bills, and journals.
- Administrators can now customize the Matters' View Page by adding new sections, or pages, with custom fields. [See detailed guide.](#)
- Administrators can now personalize email templates for both Core and Contra Notifications. [See detailed guide.](#)
- Minor Bugs & Minor Improvements.

Issue Type	Issue Key	Summary	Description
New Feature	A4L-8684	LEDES	Introducing LEDES support in our billing module, streamlining legal invoicing by providing a standardized and efficient format for the electronic exchange of billing information between law firms and clients.
New Feature	A4L-10733	Sayen Signature integration	A new digital signature service has been introduced to be integrated with App4Legal. This new integration is with the Sayen digital signature service.
New Feature	A4L-10727	emSigner Signature integration	A new digital signature " emSigner " has been introduced to be integrated with App4Legal.
New Feature	A4L-10636	New Features in Lump Sum	1-Invoices related to the matter can now be visible on the matters page, along with the details of the amount billed on that particular matter. 2-The Fixed Fee of the matter has been added to the Work in progress report.
New Feature	A4L-10595	Custom Matter Pages	The corporate matter and litigation cases pages can now be customized using the custom field; so that you are able to make pages and incorporate custom fields into them
New Feature	A4L-10574	Lock Add/Update Time Entries according to a workflow	A new rule "Lock Add/Update Time Entries " is added to prevent users from recording time entries for specified Matters based on workflow status(es). for example, Lock Add/Update Time Entries for a Closed matter
New Feature	A4L-10515	New field for Intellectual Properties	A new "City" field is now available in intellectual properties.
New Feature	A4L-10452	Customize contract /core notification emails	You can now customize email templates for both contract and core notifications.
New Feature	A4L-10350	VAT Audit report	A new VAT audit report tailored for E-invoicing entities has been added, designed to meet Zatca requirements.
New Feature	A4L-9661	Clone Billing Transactions	A new feature has been introduced, allowing users to create duplicates (clones) of transactions like invoices, bills, and journals.
New Feature	A4L-8445	New UI/UX for Hearing Grid	A completely new design for the Hearing Grid, providing a more intuitive and visually improved interface.
New Feature	A4L-8006	Customize Email Template	Customize your Email templates. Tailor the templates for sending emails from invoices, matters, and contracts; create multiple variations, and personalize the subject, and message, add custom fields, and the recipient information to suit your preferences.
New Feature	A4L-6908	Invoice Payments Revamp	Introducing a revamped invoice payment form, now called "Collection," featuring a redesigned UI/UX that enables comprehensive tracking of the total amount, payments made, credit notes, and trust funds.
Improve ment	A4L-10882	Default Contract Templates	A default contract template can now be used to create contracts when no templates have been added yet.
Improve ment	A4L-11446	Duration Unit Custom Field Upon Contract Creation	Now, users have the ability to define and personalize the time measurement units related to contracts using the new "Duration Unit" custom field. You can configure this custom field within the system settings, and it can then be populated within the chosen form when uploading a contract/document.
Improve ment	A4L-11216	Include Core User as a selectable Role option	The "Manage Roles" options now allow you to include Core users, providing greater flexibility in user role management.
Improve ment	A4L-10977	Clone Contract Templates	Users can now have the option to clone an existing contract template.
Improve ment	A4L-11202	Assign the "awaiting approval" status to contracts upon deactivation of the link status.	Contracts will now be automatically updated to return to the "awaiting approval" status If the link status is deactivated while the approval/signature centers have not yet started.

Improve ment	A4L-10643	Separate signature center and approval center in Link Status	When linking the workflow status, you can now separate the approval center from the signature center so that you can link statuses only on the approval center and manually move status on the signature center.
Improve ment	A4L-11142	Configure the "to be approved" and "to be signed" appearance in CP requests	When uploading a contract for review, users may now choose whether the "to be approved" and "to be signed" values should be displayed to the requester from the client portal.
Improve ment	A4L-8948	Automatically display attachments on the client portal	Once the contract is shared with the Client Portal, the system will prompt the user to confirm whether the associated documents, if available, should also be visible on the client portal. Furthermore, an option has been introduced in the settings to enable attachments to be automatically visible on the client portal if the corresponding contract is made visible. This ensures that any new attachments uploaded will be automatically visible on the client portal if the contract itself is set to be visible.
Improve ment	A4L-9796	Show the Requester Company on Matters /Contracts	A new field has been incorporated into the matters/contracts grid, enabling users to track client portal requests along with their associated department or company names, not limited to just the requester's name. This will enable users to generate a report or apply a filter to client portal requests, displaying the originating departments or companies.
Improve ment	A4L-10641	Privacy per assigned team	A new privacy layer has been added to the contract by using a new variable in settings called "Privacy per Assigned team." The admin can specify whether the contract's assigned team has exclusive access to see/manage the contract by turning this option ON/OFF.
Improve ment	A4L-11390	Make approval with signature link as optional	The "Approve with Signature" option, when approving a contract, is now customizable, allowing users to enable or disable it based on their preferences.
Improve ment	A4L-10032	Notifications for watchers and requesters	Additional notifications will now be sent to requesters upon any contract trigger through the Client portal. Additionally, watchers will receive notifications when a new contract is requested from the CP, upon approval and signature of the contract, when a new comment is added, when negotiation is started, or when attachments are uploaded.
Improve ment	A4L-11469	Invoice Description in the Account Statement	The invoice description has been added to the Account Statement Report
Improve ment	A4L-11444	Exchange rate digit limit	You now have the capability to input up to 16 digits for the exchange rate, an enhancement from the previous limit of 10 digits.
Improve ment	A4L-11194	Client Name in the non-billable time entries reports	Users can now include Client Name in the non-billable time entries reports
Improve ment	A4L-11158	Outsourced company name in the report builder	The report builder has been updated to distinctly show the name of the outsourced company and separate it from the external advisor's name.
Improve ment	A4L-10961	Notifications for Matter Container	Notifications will now be sent to the related users when adding or editing matter containers
Improve ment	A4L-11143	Single or Multiple options for Lists on Custom fields	The "List" custom field type is now configurable as either single or multiple, granting users the flexibility to choose either one value or multiple values within the field.
Improve ment	A4L-11140	The "referred by" field was added to the matter report builder.	Users can now use the "referred by" field within the Matter Report Builder.
Improve ment	A4L-11126	New options for adjustments at the level of the services and time logs	You now have additional options to enable adjustments on invoices for Services and Timelogs After Tax or Before Tax, ensuring that adjustments are only applied to services and Timelogs, excluding expenses.
Improve ment	A4L-11086	New columns "taxable /non-taxable" in invoices grid	We've introduced two new columns: taxable and non-taxable, presented in the currency of the entity. In the invoices grid, these columns will display the total amount for both taxable and non-taxable items in the main entity currency.
Improve ment	A4L-11030	Make approvers /signees as contributors configurable	Now, you can specify whether you want any approver or signee to be immediately recorded as a contributor after being chosen. This can now be enabled and configured by users from contract settings.
Improve ment	A4L-11008	Related Person is added to the Client Portal grid.	The "Related Person" is now included in the client portal user grid, and you can use it to conduct an advanced search.
Improve ment	A4L-10984	Enhancements to the Invoice Template	Users are now able to change the font color and size of the table headers independently of the font settings used on the invoice tables.
Improve ment	A4L-10980	Create Accounts of type "Other Assets" in different currencies	Users are now able to create an account under the "Other Asset" in any currency other than the entity one.
Improve ment	A4L-10813	Enhancements on CP Signup	The administrator now has the flexibility to enable or disable the sign-up feature for Client Portal users through system preferences, and to specify the type of access granted to users signing up. During the sign-up process, the system will automatically verify the license number available, and if the user is unable to create a new account, they will be notified and prompted to contact the administrator for further assistance.

Improve ment	A4L-10737	Added Columns to Chart of Account	Reference number and Comments columns have been added to the Chart of Accounts transactions.
Improve ment	A4L-10109	Add account on the fly in Journal/Money Transfer Form	Users are now able to add the account on the fly without going out of the journal page/Money Transfer.
Improve ment	A4L-10647	Enhancements in Account Creation	Allow the creation of accounts with numeric values beginning with 0
Improve ment	A4L-10593	Email Notifications for Approvers upon initiating the approval process	While using the "Link Statuses" option, approvers will now receive email notifications prompting them to approve contracts that are awaiting their approval.
Improve ment	A4L-10122	Export Journals to excel	Users can now export Journals to Excel.
Improve ment	A4L-10734	Trial Balance PDF report	Trial Balance report can now be exported to PDF format.
Improve ment	A4L-8003	"Next Hearing" field in the litigation grid.	A new field "Next Hearing" is now added to the litigation cases grid.
Bug	A4L-11453	More than 0 appears after the decimal point in the credit note	
Bug	A4L-11439	Convert Word to PDF is not working on Linux	
Bug	A4L-11433	Memory Limit exceeds when reporting the report builder	
Bug	A4L-11361	Error when adding % in contract name	
Bug	A4L-11338	Error in deleting task & matter boards	
Bug	A4L-11325	Wrong count on expired contracts	
Bug	A4L-11296	Export to Excel in bank reconciliation not working	
Bug	A4L-11294	Fix Items Translation	
Bug	A4L-11269	The filter is not working when the date is Hijri and error in the advanced search	
Bug	A4L-11263	Error in amendment and addendum	
Bug	A4L-11229	Negotiation comment is not being displayed	
Bug	A4L-11225	Visual bug in Reports screens	
Bug	A4L-11223	Translation issue in Report screen	
Bug	A4L-11193	Undefined array key "AllowFeatureAdvisor"	
Bug	A4L-11189	Prevent using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	
Bug	A4L-11187	Broken Object Level Access Control	
Bug	A4L-11185	Adding new quotes does not work	
Bug	A4L-11182	Can't add a client in Arabic from the Client portal	
Bug	A4L-11093	Performance issue in Person Grid	
Bug	A4L-11068	Performance issue on Server	

Bug	A4L-11038	Can't copy time entry	
Bug	A4L-10996	Rename of custom Email function	
Bug	A4L-10994	Send attachment in contra email	
Bug	A4L-10973	Resolve Errors in the Signature Center for MSSQL	
Bug	A4L-10953	The invoice with credit note allows reverting time logs/expenses only once	
Bug	A4L-10896	No alert in custom fields in the contract	
Bug	A4L-10852	The name type in the Turkish language cannot be modified.	
Bug	A4L-10744	label change in French	
Bug	A4L-10730	Revamp approval center	
Bug	A4L-10704	Add email for the addendum	
Bug	A4L-10675	Wrong matter for clients in quote	
Bug	A4L-10585	change password appearing on users imported from AD in the client portal	
Bug	A4L-10486	The nonbillable time entry is not copied	
Bug	A4L-10460	The copy time entry entity does not change	
Bug	A4L-10459	Copy time entry User rate and rate do not appear	
Bug	A4L-9988	Pasting a number in a quote	
Bug	A4L-11244	Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) in API v2	
Bug	A4L-11549	spelling mistakes in hearing types	
Bug	A4L-11372	Fix db scripts	