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More new iPhone apps for lawyers

In July 2009 I wrote a column about iPhone apps for lawyers.

A number of interesting, new apps have been released since then, so I figured it is time for an update.

My previous column — published in the July 13, 2009 edition of *The Daily Record* — included information on the vast assortment of apps for databases of federal and state laws, thus allowing lawyers to carry relevant laws and rules in their pockets in an easily accessible format. Today there is a huge assortment of apps of that nature, since many different versions of those types of apps have been released in the interim. I'll leave it up to you to peruse the app store for the laws specific to your jurisdiction and areas of practice.

One free app of this type to consider, however, is "Law Stack," which includes full text versions of the U.S. Constitution, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 5) the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

If you are a LexisNexis subscriber, you definitely should download their new, free app, which allows you to quickly obtain and Shepardize cases, anywhere, anytime.

Dragon Dictation is another free app that is cutting edge and a huge money saver over the traditional software program with which you already may be familiar. The app allows users to dictate a message, which it then transcribes instantly. Users then have the option to edit it and send it via e-mail or text. The message also can be copied to a clipboard and pasted wherever you'd like using the iPhone interface. The transcription is amazingly accurate, making the app a must-have for busy lawyers on the go.



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To stay on top of the latest legal news, you can download the ABA Journal's free legal news app. JD Supra's Legal Edge app, also free, is another great option for staying on top of the latest news and legal filings in your areas of practice.

One of my favorite apps that I use constantly is Zosh, a true bargain at \$2.99. Zosh allows users to upload forms — PDF, Word, Excel, PPT, jpg and many other formats — that have been e-mailed, fill them in, sign them and send them right from your iPhone. There's no need to print the forms, scan them, fax them or mail them. The app is a tremendous time saver and removes the hassle from that entire process. It's a life saver and I absolutely love it!

Finally, for lawyers who travel frequently, TripIt is a really useful iPhone app that coordinates with TripIt's corresponding Web site. After setting up an account, simply forward itinerary confirmation e-mails from airlines or travel sites to your TripIt account, which allows users to have all travel plans in one place, easily accessible via an iPhone. A social networking aspect to the service also is available, allowing users to share their travel plans with family and friends in his or TripIt network.

There are plenty of other great apps for lawyers as well, and more are being released each day. Explore new apps as they're released and give them a test drive. It's worth the time and effort, it's fun and it saves time and money in the long run.

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