

## VALUABLE APPS FOR FAMILY LAW ATTORNEYS

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### NOTE TAKING APPS

**Office2 HD:** One of my favorite apps to **open, view, create, and edit** Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint documents. It is a sophisticated document editor and **only costs \$7.99**. The app allows the user to access saved documents & it even tracks changes and comments as you edit a document.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/office2-hd/id364361728?mt=8>

**Notability:** A very popular app that allows you to type, write notes while at a meeting or CLE and even record the session as you jot down information. App **only costs \$0.99**. It integrates handwriting, PDF annotation, typing and recording. **It also provides:** Advanced word processing tools; it will link your audio recordings to your notes; it can add pictures from your photo library to your memos; and it syncs when you use the cloud.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/notability-take-notes-annotate/id360593530?mt=8>

**Documents to Go:** Documents to Go is available on iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, and Android for **\$9.99**. With this app you can view, edit or create Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files. View Adobe PDF, Apple iWork, and other files as well. You may also sync your files to the Cloud.

[http://www.dataviz.com/DTG\\_iphone.html](http://www.dataviz.com/DTG_iphone.html)

**Note Taker HD** – For **\$4.99** Note Taker HD for the iPad allows you to write, type and organize notes, diagrams, and more. Use annotation tools on PDF files, insert photos, and share editable copies with others. Note Taker HD is another top rated app for note taking.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/note-taker-hd/id366572045?mt=8>

**Notes Plus** – This iPad and Android app currently runs at **\$7.99** and allows for the user to write, type, store documents and PDFs, as well as edit and use annotation tools. Another feature (you would need to purchase separately) enables you to translate your handwriting to text. Layouts are customizable and easy to use. Additionally the app records audio, allows for the user to move and manipulate written text, and gives the user the option to email documents. This app does not work with Drop Box yet, but will be available on the next version.

<http://notesplusapp.com/>

<http://jintus.blogspot.com/2012/01/notes-plus-handwriting-app-for-ipad.html>



**SoundNote** – SoundNote is a note-taking tool for iPad and Android, costing **\$4.99**. When at a lecture or hearing, this app can record audio as the user takes notes. To review something the listener missed, simply click on a word that was written and the app will find that part of the recording and replay. The user has the ability to share your text, audio notes, and drawings via email, Mac or PC. It is a great app but it does take up a lot of space on your iPad and when saved to Drop Box, you can hear the audio but you lose your notes. Audio note, its “sister” app for Apple computers saves the typed notes and audio to Drop Box and may be a better choice if you have the option of using your Apple computer or iPad. Also, while Drop Box allows one to upload Soundnote, your notes do not display in Drop Box. This is a bit cumbersome since it requires uploading & downloading to save space on your iPad.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/soundnote/id364789577?mt=8>

## **PDF VIEWERS/ANNOTATORS**

**Adobe Reader:** Adobe Reader is free for use on the iPad, iPhone, and Android. This app is a PDF viewer complete with annotation features that allow highlighting and freehand drawing. Fill out PDF forms, save and sign electronically.

<http://www.adobe.com/products/reader-mobile.html>

**GoodReader:** GoodReader is a PDF reader allowing users to take notes on a PDF document, good for iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch. At **\$4.99** the app includes useful tools such as a text box, sticky notes, free-hand drawing and other annotations. Sync files or folders through the Cloud. GoodReader can handle large PDFs and a number of file types including video.

<http://www.goodreader.net/goodreader.html>

**iAnnotate PDF:** This app is currently only for iPad and running for **\$9.99** and coming to Android soon. Included are easy to use tools and annotation features such as highlighting and voice recording. Search through text and annotations of any document or the entire library. The app can quickly switch between multiple open documents and saves your position in each one. Sync all documents using Drop Box, Web DAV, or Box.

<http://www.branchfire.com/iannotate/?gclid=CNqtv7LQjbICFQsGnQodCkoAK>  
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**PDFpen:** PDFpen is available on iPad for **\$14.99**. The app allows you to fill out and sign important documents, store documents to the cloud, and email PDFs. A number of annotation tools are included, such as freehand writing, arrows, and proofreading symbols.

<http://smilesoftware.com/PDFpen/iOS/features.html>



## DICTATION/VOICE RECOGNITION

**Dragon Dictation:** This free app is for iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, and Android. This is a multilingual voice recognition application that will transcribe emails, update statuses for Social Networking, and send texts, emails, notes, and reminders to your self. You will see your text instantly. Your dictated text will automatically be saved in Dragon Dictation Notes where you can review or edit any note at any time.

[http://www.dragonmobileapps.com/apple/dictation\\_overview.html](http://www.dragonmobileapps.com/apple/dictation_overview.html)

**SpeakWrite:** This iPhone and Android app is free, unless a transcription is needed at which time there is a per word rate. Record any length of audio and store it on your phone or send it as an email. (The cost is fairly affordable and the turn-around time is quite fast---usually about three hours depending upon the length of the document.)

<http://www.speak-write.com/WEB/iphone/welcome.aspx>

**Voice Brief** – For **\$1.99**, this iPhone and Android app reads content from your phone aloud. Content includes email, calendar, weather, news, blog posts, status updates, and more.

<http://www.macworld.com/appguide/app.html?id=1116813&expand=false>

## MIND MAPPING/FLOW CHARTS

**Draw Flow Chart** – This iPad app costs **\$4.99** and creates complex flow charts. It is easy to use, and you can work on multiple worksheets simultaneously. It also offers customizable features such as color, background, and grid size.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/draw-flow-chart-for-ipad/id428461778?mt=8>

**iMindMap** – This free app is a workspace for brainstorming ideas. The app allows you to take notes, organize tasks, plan events, and create and deliver presentations. Sync iMindMaps to all your devices. However, it is not nearly as sophisticated as the MindMap software for PC's and Mac computers.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/imindmap/id503812755?mt=8>

**MindJet** – MindJet is a free app for iPad and Android. It allows the user to enter ideas, tasks, and notes into maps while also allowing the user to organize concepts and prioritize action items. The app is integrated with Drop Box and the user is able to export documents to PDF via email.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mindjet-for-ipad/id440272860?mt=8>

## LEGAL RESEARCH



**FastCase** – FastCase is a free app for iPad, iPhone, and Android that contains cases and statutes from all 50 states and the federal government. Search by citations or keywords and the most relevant results will be presented first. The user may also save their favorite documents.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fastcase/id352470511?mt=8>

**WestlawNext** – This is a free app for your iPad or Android if you have a paid Westlaw account. It allows for the user to access a number of WestlawNext features, including WestSearch, KeyCite, folders, and history. Not only can the user save documents for offline reading and annotating, but they can organize and share folders; browse and search within content pages; and email documents.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/westlawnext/id380675076?mt=8>

## **LEGAL RESOURCES**

**Evidence** – For **\$4.99**, Evidence for iPad allows attorneys to load images and documents to their iPad and present them through Apple's iPad VGA Adapter in any venue. There are a number of annotation features to use before you publish your document to a projector or monitor.

<http://www.rosentlc.com/app.html>

**Federal Rules of Evidence** – This app is free for iPhone, iPad and Android users. The app provides a complete text of the Federal Rules of Evidence from the appendix of USC 28. Not only can the user complete offline access, but they can also email sections.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/federal-rules-evidence-frevidence/id336493628?mt=8>

**Wolfram Lawyer's Professional Assistant** - It is an incredibly valued app that **only costs \$4.99**. It is a handy legal reference tool that provides a dictionary of legal terms, statutes of limitations for each state, calendar; financial computations, and provides city-specific demographics. It is also useful for obtaining investigative information, fact checking and quick look-ups.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wolfram-lawyers-professional/id481783097?mt=8>

## **DEPOSITION APPS**

**The Deponent** – For **\$9.99**, iPad users can access a library of deposition questions, organized into categories such as Admonitions or Expert Qualifications. The user can even organize the order of questions and customize questions to their witnesses.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/the-deponent-app/id431110815?mt=8>



**TranscriptPad** – TranscriptPad for iPad is a transcript review app for **\$49.99**. The user can import transcripts via email, Drop Box or iTunes into case folders. Key features include: hands-free reading, flag or email critical sections or generate reports, listen to transcripts while reading along, and annotate the transcripts by using issue codes. Transcripts can be emailed or linked to Drop Box.

<http://www.jdsupra.com/post/documentViewer.aspx?fid=52781373-0ea2-4b8d-b639-95d9244abf45>

## **TRIAL APPS**

**Trial Evidence** – This app is for iOS devices and is **\$1.99** at the iTunes app store. Trial Evidence is a reference tool for reviewing common courtroom evidentiary foundations used to admit items into evidence.

<http://libguides.law.ucla.edu/content.php?pid=112286&sid=845584>

**TRIAL PAD** – Trial Pad for iPad is **\$89.99** is useful for organizing case presentations for the courtroom. This easy to use app allows the user to import documents via iTunes, email or Drop Box, and also organize documents into folders. There are a number of annotation tools available to enhance presentations such as highlighting, use of a pen, and redacting. Additional features include a whiteboard, a laser pointer, Key Docs area for important documents, and “Callout” which allows for the user to pull out and magnify certain sections of a document for easier viewing. This app can be projected by using HDMI or VGA connections, or by using AppleTV wirelessly.

[http://www.hearsay.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1316&Itemid=203](http://www.hearsay.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1316&Itemid=203)

## **PRINT/SCAN/PHOTO MANAGEMENT**

**DocScanner** – For **\$2.99**, iPhone, iPad, and Android users can turn any document into a PDF with excellent picture quality by taking a picture.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/docscanner/id312391317?mt=8>

**iPhoto** – iPhoto for iPad and iPhone is **\$4.99** at the app store. The app allows the user to browse, edit and share photos with ease.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/iphoto/id497786065?mt=8>

**PhotoSync** – For **\$1.99**, this iPhone, iPad, and Android app will quickly and wirelessly transfer photos and videos. With a Wi-Fi connection the user will have access to their photos. It is a great way to transfer your photos to Drop Box especially if you have many photos that are taking up valuable space on your



iDevices. If you need to free up space on your devices, you can delete photos from your photo app (like iPhoto), and they will remain in Drop Box.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/photosync-wirelessly-transfers/id415850124?mt=8>

**PrintCentral Pro** – PrintCentral Pro is **\$9.99** for iPad and Android. The app not only allows the user to print to most wireless printers without software, but it also allows the user to view, store, print, and email large documents, PDFs, files, attachments, and photos.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/printcentral-pro/id426362921?mt=8>

**ScannerPro** – At **\$6.99**, ScannerPro for iPhone and iPad can scan images as PDFs with password protection at excellent quality. After scanning the user can email or upload the document to Drop Box, Google Docs, or Evernote.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/scanner-pro-by-readdle/id333710667?mt=8>

**ABBY Business Card Reader** - This is a useful and effortless contact management app for **\$4.99** for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad, & **\$9.99** for Android. **Just take a picture of someone's business card and the app does the rest!** The app reads the text; and identifies the best field to apply it to. If the app is unsure of something it has downloaded, it highlights the problem area in the contact for you to review and edit if necessary. You can then save the contact in the app, or on your wireless device.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.abby.mobile.bcr&hl=en>

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/abby-business-card-reader/id347345474?mt=8>

## **CLOUD RESOURCES FOR STORING/SHARING DOCUMENTS**

**Drop Box** – Drop Box is a free document storage app for iPad, iPhone, and Android. The files in Drop Box are accessible from all your computers, iPhone, iPad, and the Drop Box website. Drop Box is capable of storing photos, documents, videos and more. Mark files as favorites for fast offline viewing.

<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/dropbox/id327630330?mt=8>

## **MISC. UTILITIES**

**FaceTime** – FaceTime is a built in app on iPad2 (or later), iPhone 4 (or later), 4<sup>th</sup> generation iPod (or later), and Mac with Mac OS X v10.6.6 (or later). It can be used over **Wi-Fi** as well as **cellular networks**. Use this video chat wherever you are and between any Apple device. Call a phone number or an email address. The iPad and iPhone have the capability to switch cameras during a call, from the front of the screen to the back, allowing the caller to see what you see.

<http://www.apple.com/ios/facetime/>



**AirDisplay** – AirDisplay is a wireless computer display to extend or mirror your computer screen for iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, and Android. At **\$9.99**, the app gives the user the ability to draw directly on the screen and connect using both Mac and Windows.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/air-display/id368158927?mt=8>

**GateGuru** – This free iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad, and Android app provides real-time flight status, and flight itinerary viewing. See security wait times or a list of airport food, shops, and services.

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gateguru-airport-info-flight/id326862399?mt=8>

