

IPad at Trial a Review of TrialPad



The old saying that “a picture is worth 1000 words” certainly applies at trial. For that reason, demonstrative evidence presentation as well as effective use of trial exhibits and video is critical to the success of the trial attorney.

There are many options available for the practitioner to present evidence in a powerful way to their jury. Unfortunately, there is a learning curve for each program for trial presentation.

This is a review of Lit Software’s TrialPad for iPad. If you own an iPad and most likely you do, consider TrialPad as an option for your next trial. The learning curve is slight and the software well developed and easy to use.



Getting documents or images into your iPad is extremely easy, particularly if you are already a Dropbox or Box.com user. With the touch of a button, you can add to and move documents around TrialPad effortlessly.

Probably the most attractive part of the program is its simplicity. One of the easiest to use and very effective methods of focusing on specific parts of an exhibit in the program is the “call out” feature that allows you to instantly blow up a specific part of a document for viewing by the jury using only your fingers.

Highlighting is also a very simple method to call attention to specific language or part of an exhibit. There are many other features that are incredibly easy to learn and use such as redacting or annotating.

Another function that is extremely attractive is a button that allows you to “cue up” your next image without the jury seeing what you are looking at on your iPad.

One feature of TrialPad I love is the “hot document” component that lets you save your key documents with the push of a button in a special location and have the documents prepared through highlighting or annotation in advance of your presentation.

Cases are organized by file folders and the design is extremely user-friendly and backup should you so desire is simple.

Certainly, once you spend an hour with this program you will no longer be interested in paying for “foam board” exhibits for use at trial.

Most people do not make the technology leap because of fear of the unknown; with this program it’s just a small hop.

Not only is the program easy to use, I have found that the program actually aids in the trial preparation and organization. Once you have used TrialPad, you soon forget about calling a service to do your technology presentation.

Another benefit of using an iPad at trial and this wonderful easy to use software is that your case is literally on your iPad and carting your paper files to court no longer seems necessary.

TrialPad is now on version 4 and continues to evolve and improve with each version. If you will dedicate 30 minutes to view the [online videos of how to get started](#) with the program first and dedicate another hour to hands-on fooling around with the program, you will be hooked.

I highly recommend TrialPad for many reasons and think that the \$90 you spend on the program will be the best money you have spent in quite a while.

For those who feel technologically challenged, this is the program for you to get your feet wet.

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