4 Essential iPad Deposition Apps

Handy apps offer sophisticated viewing, editing and management features.

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While iOS devices have inspired the development of dozens of trial-related apps, the fact remains that many cases are essentially won and lost in deposition. Although deposition-oriented apps remain far scarcer than trial offerings, mobile attorneys toting iPads can turn to several useful apps to help them handle various deposition-related tasks easily and flexibly from almost anywhere. Here's a look at four powerful deposition tools optimized to take advantage of the iPad's relatively spacious display and keyboard space.

DepoView for iPad 1.6: A simple, easy to use deposition review and management tool, DepoView for iPad allows attorneys to view complete depositions or instantly navigate to key discussions with a word index. A highlighting feature allows users to create single segment or multi-segment clips and then share them with the click of a button. Users can a;sp create a case folder and add transcripts or synchronized video depositions through Microsoft OneDrive, Box, Dropbox or iTunes for review or clip creation. Video clips can be edited and shared with others via email.

Publisher: inData Corp.; Gilbert, Ariz.

Compatibility: Requires iOS 6.0 or later. Compatible with iPad.

Price: Free

LiveDeposition 5.5.29: Designed for use with the LiveDeposition streaming platform, the LiveDeposition app allows iPad users to participate in depositions either locally or remotely. The app lets users follow along with the realtime transcription feed, watch the live video feed of a witness' testimony, listen to the deposition through a headset or earbuds, participate in a private group chat, send video and audio to other attendees, search and highlight keywords and download and view exhibits.

Publisher: Live Cloud Depositions LLC; Encino, Calif.

Compatibility: Requires iOS 5.1.1 or later. Compatible with iPad.

Price: Free (requires purchase of the LiveDeposition local or web streaming platform)

Mobile Transcript for iPad 1.9: An app that gives mobile attorneys the ability to conveniently review deposition transcripts, Mobile Transcript for iPad offers a wide range of interactive features. Users can highlight key testimony with the tap of a finger and quickly e-mail selected points (in Excel format or PDF with yellow highlights) to associates or expert witnesses. Users can also email highlights to a paralegal to create a deposition summary. The app can also log its user's billable time.

Publisher: Mobile Transcript LLC; Seattle

Compatibility: Requires iOS 4.3 or later. Compatible with iPad

Price: Free (plus a monthly fee of zero to $99 for cloud storage and other services).

TranscriptPad 2.2.0: Designed for reviewing depositions, TranscriptPad lets users highlight, underline, flag, add notes, create issue codes and then produce a shareable report. TranscriptPad automatically imports folders and organizes transcripts according to deponent name and date. Users can also create their own custom folders and organize them by issue or witness.
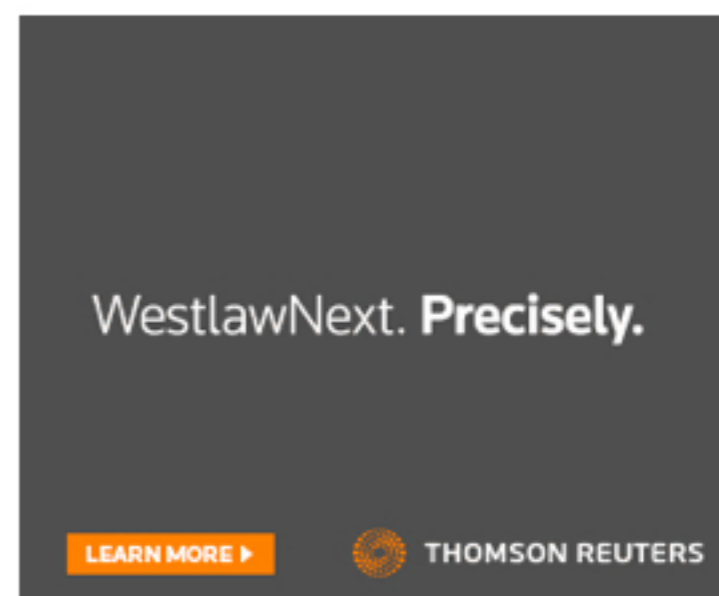
Publisher: Lit Software LLC; Miami

Compatibility: Requires iOS 7.1 or later. Compatible with iPad.

Price: $89.99

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