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Favorite apps of ABA TECHSHOW

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Panelists and tech-savvy attorneys shared their must-have apps at the 2016 ABA TECHSHOW. Here's a list of some of them. (Note: See our earlier post for more coverage of the conference.)

Law Practice Management

Clio

Price: Free (requires subscription to the Clio practice management platform)

Available on: iOS / Android

Access all the information for your cases, contacts, appointments, and even add time or expenses to your cases.

MyCase

Price: Free (requires subscription to MyCase practice management platform)

Available on: iOS / Android

Enter time from the mobile app, send secure messages, view your schedule, and get real-time updates.

Court/Court Records

PacerMonitor

Price: Free

Available on: Android / iOS

See docket sheets, view and download case filings, and save cases for later viewing. Currently district court and bankruptcy cases are available.

Depositions/Trial/Trial-Related

TrialPad

Price: \$129.99

Available on: iOS

Organize your documents into case files; organize your exhibits and media; highlight, annotate, and call-out key pieces of information; and display it all clearly to the jury.

Picture It Settled

Price: Free

Available on: iOS / Android

Enter the results of each round in a mediation (including the time that's passed), keep a history, and project at what amount (and at what time) your case will settle based on that history.

Task/Calendar Management

ToDoist

Price: Free (w/in-app purchases)

Available on: iOS / Android

Create and update your to-do lists using this ultra-popular task management system.

Note-Taking Apps

GoodNotes

Price: \$7.99

Available on: iOS

Take handwritten notes (using almost any of the popular styluses, including the Apple Pencil or the iPad Pro) erase, draw shapes, insert text, and create graphics.

Evernote

Price: Free

Available on: iOS / Android (Apple Watch/Android Wear)

Create a note, set up a reminder, dictate a voice message, record a short video, clip an interesting article from the Internet, and (thanks to Evernote's integration with LinkedIn) collect business cards.

Document Creation/Scanning

Office Lens

Price: Free

Available on: iOS / Android

Scan a document, photo, business card, or whiteboard and then crop and save the scan.

Genius Scan

Price: Free

Available on: iOS / Android

Share or save your scans to different locations, including Dropbox, Box, and Google Drive.

PDF Reader/Creation/Annotation Apps

GoodReader

Price: \$4.99

Available on: iOS

Set up folders to sync with Dropbox, Box, or other cloud tools so your files are always up to date.

LiquidText

Price: Free

Available on: iOS

Highlight text and drag the snippet to your workspace—where you can comment on it or share it with others—and pinch anywhere in the PDF to compress the document, which is useful if you want to compare portions of a document that are separated by a number of pages.

Presentation

Timeline 3D

Price: \$9.99

Available on: iOS

Create a simple timeline with just dates or a detailed, interactive timeline that includes PDFs, photos, and videos.

Automation

IFTTT

Price: Free

Available on: iOS / Android (Apple Watch, Android Wear)

Trigger certain actions to occur based on a set of criteria—receive a text message with the weather report every morning or get an email with a favorite sports score from ESPN—using this app whose name is an acronym for “If This Then That.”

VPN/Secure Internet

Express VPN

Price: \$12.95/month

Available on: iOS / Android

Protect your clients and firm by using this app that encrypts and routes all your Internet traffic with your IP address masked.

Cloak

Price: \$2.99/month – \$9.99/month

Available on: iOS

Browse safely on WiFi networks you don’t trust.

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