

Top 5 iPad Apps Every Lawyer Should Have

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Every lawyer needs an iPad and every lawyer needs these five iPad Apps. No,

iPads are not toys and no, you are not 5 years old. If you want to learn about gaming and tablets, you're in the wrong place. My kids don't get to play on my work iPads at night and I don't leave my iPads at home. Ever. They travel with me everywhere I go. If used correctly, an iPad is a productivity tool that makes your life easier. So, in this post, we will talk about how I use the top five iPad apps every lawyer should have.

I have two iPads and I use them for very different things. The first is my iPad Air that I've had for about 2 years. I used this primarily for paperless law office purposes and viewing my files. Occasionally, I'll enter time on the MyCase App or shoot an email from this iPad if my other iPad isn't near, but for the most part, this iPad is my paper.

The second iPad is my iPad Pro 12.9 inch that I just got earlier this year. I use it for taking notes, recording time in MyCase, reading and sending emails, working on business ideas, scheduling social media posts, and presenting at trial.

Combined, these two devices make my life and the practice of law exponentially easier. So, omitting the standard and free Apple Apps, here is a list of Apps that I use every single day between both tablets:

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1. Goodreader

Number one on my list of iPad apps every lawyer should have is [Goodreader](#). It replaces all of my paper files. Period. I store all of my electronic information including every single piece of paper that is in my paper files on an office server that is protected by a firewall. That server is backed up daily onsite and offsite. And every time I connect with that server, my [Goodreader](#) account syncs the data on my server so it is up to date at all times.

The only downside to this use of [Goodreader](#) is that it takes up significant storage on your iPad requiring you to purchase the larger and more expensive versions that Apple offers. There are other alternatives to accessing that data without copying every single page onto your iPad, I've just gotten used to doing it this way.

I like the way [Goodreader](#) organizes the pages the same way finder does on my Mac. If I want to send something over to my MacBook Pro, I'll just airdrop it.

2. MyCase

I use the [MyCase app](#) daily. I record time, add notes to cases, add tasks/projects to my list, comment on ongoing projects/tasks, send messages to staff or clients, reviewing my calendar, etc. There is a huge number of things that I can do in this app that I rely on daily. Without this [case management program](#), I'd be lost.

3. Buffer

I used this iPad app every lawyer should have for marketing and social media engagement. I sit down once a week or so and fill up my [buffer](#) with preloaded posts to all of my different social media sites. Each outlet has its own schedule and I will load 40-50 tweets or posts at a time so I don't have to think about posting links to my websites.

I also post other websites and add them to my buffer as I am viewing the other website. There is a feature in the safari app or in the Google chrome app that allows you to "buffer" the link to your social media accounts.

I check the individual accounts several times a day to converse with followers and friends on the issues, but I use the buffer account to start the conversations.

4. Evernote

[Evernote](#) is a very close second to MyCase when I think of the term digital brain. Technically, [Evernote](#) is not my digital brain but it is where I store all of my non-case related tasks, my personal and professional goals, receipts, important emails, any reference material I think I might need in the future, etc. It kinda is my digital brain in that sense, just not with my law tasks or case related documents.

5. TrialPad & TranscriptPad

[TranscriptPad](#) is AMAZING! It allows you to take your e-transcript in the app and review depositions with highlighting, tagging, and coding the issues so every time you have an issue come up, you can jump to other places in the deposition where that issue came up. You can print certain issues codes so all of the content is right there without the extraneous information that is not relevant to that issue. I love this app for reviewing deposition, if you couldn't tell. In fact, just this past week I used the issue codes to print out all portions of a deposition that I filed a motion *in limine* to exclude. Identify the issue code and then point it to every page and line on the transcript that it applies to. Then, run a full report and it will create a beautiful PDF for you to save, print, and make an exhibit to your motion *in limine*. It makes it easier for the judge to review and it makes it easier for you to present. It is somewhat pricey for an app at \$89, but well worth the money in my opinion.

[TrialPad](#) is just as AWESOME! If you do any trial work in front of juries or significant bench trials, then you have to have this app. It helps you organize your exhibits, it labels exhibits, it allows you to mark exhibits admitted and helps you present these exhibits via an external display. The display feature allows you to show a blank screen, freeze the screen while you search for the next item to display, or it will mirror everything you do. You can highlight, annotate, call out, zoom in, rotate, laser point, and redact. You can even put two exhibits side by side and do all of the above in each one. Again, it is a little pricey at \$129 for an app, but it is truly worth it.

When thinking about the most used iPad apps and, specifically, the top five iPad apps every lawyer should have, these two by [LIT SOFTWARE](#) were no brainers.

Conclusion

Ok, so this is technically 6 iPad apps every lawyer should have. You caught me. I just couldn't resist the last two. These are the most used apps on my iPads and, in my opinion, if you are buying an iPad and you want to get started in to your [On Demand Law Office journey](#), this is a great place to start. There are a ton of apps out there for you to spend countless hours trying out. These will get you into the basic tools you need to have to get running.

What do you think? Share some of your favorite apps and we will try them out and, maybe, we'll write a review.