

Mobile Technologies Advancing Litigation Support Services

As communication technology continues to grow at an exponential rate, lawyers, court reporters and other members of the legal field are using their mobile devices more than ever for [litigation support](#) purposes. According to surveys conducted by the American Bar Association and independent agencies, over 80% of attorneys used a smartphone in the past year for business purposes, and almost 25% have downloaded and used at least one legal industry mobile application to help them perform their duties with much greater efficiency. Add in the rapidly growing iPad and tablet market, and attorneys looking for enhanced [litigation services](#) have a wide range of devices and applications they can use to gain a competitive advantage.

Online Accessibility

The most obvious benefit that mobile technology affords an attorney is the ability to access and share files online. Providers of court reporting services who offer online transcript repository services allow an attorney, with just a couple of clicks, to review any transcript regardless of whether they are in the courtroom or sitting in their favorite restaurant.

Realtime Equals Real Advantage

By using realtime court reporting in conjunction with a smartphone or iPad, Court reporters can stream live transcript text to attorneys and other participants in depositions, regardless of whether they are in the room or offsite. Attorneys can also review and highlight portions of testimony and make notes within the realtime [court reporters](#) transcript on their mobile device without interrupting legal proceedings. Mobile technology provides the platform for [depositions](#) streaming, which reduces the need for extensive travel. This saves money and enables the attorney to get a lot more accomplished in significantly less time.

Trial Support Applications

Mobile application technology doesn't stop at just assisting in trial preparation, they can also be used to help attorneys make more compelling presentations during the trial. By utilizing specific legal applications, a lawyer can index and organize documents, advance exhibit preparation and more. Since all of the materials are converted into online files, documents are organized into easily searchable databases that can be used for review or presentation production quickly and efficiently. Attorneys can also download law libraries and legal dictionaries like Black's Law Dictionary and more for reference during depositions and trials.

Logistics and Office Functionality

While some of the more technical and legal-specific applications get most of the attention, the ability to provide the attorney with full office functionality is often the most-used area of mobile litigation support applications. Just a few of the areas that a mobile application can provide daily benefits are:

- Check depositions and trial schedules, as well as the ability to annotate schedules with relevant information
- Access schedules for individual members of the legal staff in order to smooth logistical considerations
- Manage invoices, both paid and outstanding

It just doesn't matter what mobile device the attorney is using, or what area of law is being practiced. If a lawyer wants to maximize their efficiency and effectiveness, regardless of the specific task involved, there's likely a mobile application available for use that was designed for that very purpose.

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