

**THE TRIAL LAWYERS TOOLBOX:
TECHNOLOGY TOOLS FOR LITIGATION**

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Best Trial Apps, Early 2016 Edition

If you want, you could actually use an iPad for the life of a lawsuit, from case intake through trial. There are apps to handle *most* of the phases of the average lawsuit, although you will want to keep a laptop or other computer around for heavier work on documents. Most of the apps we describe here have been around for some time, while several are brand new. All of them get good reviews from litigators.

Case Intake

When a new case walks in the door, lawyers are often engaged in the same activity: collecting information. This might be a matter of taking notes, creating documents, or just doing some straight data entry. The iPad has you covered in all three areas.

Note-Taking. If you are a legal pad type of lawyer, you'll want to get a good stylus (more on that later) and find a note-taking app that allows handwriting. One of our favorite apps for pure note-taking is **Noteshelf**. It provides a simple but powerful notebook, with lots of options for pen size and color.

When it comes to both text and handwritten notes, nothing can beat Microsoft's **OneNote** app. You can set up a notebook for each trial, with tabs in the notebook for Client

Information, Discovery, Deposition Notes, Trial Testimony, and more. You can record audio or embed video, and you can easily tag your notes with issues you want to track. The best part about OneNote is that it synchronizes to all other copies of the app – so



