

## 7 Apps that Attorneys Absolutely Should Not Live Without!

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Here is something to think about: It has only been a little over six years since Apple first launched its App Store in 2008. At that time, the most notable titles were applications like *Super Monkey Ball*, *Crash Bandicoot Nitro 3D*, and *Rolando*. Who would have thought that just a short time later, there would be over one million apps to choose from for iOS, Android, tablets, laptops, desktops and virtually any mobile device? And who could have imagined that the millions of apps now available would be so integrated in improving our daily lives at home, school or the office?

One downside of this explosion is that the number of apps to choose from has become overwhelming. This can make it very difficult to find the ideal applications that meet our individual needs. Most attorneys simply do not have hours of free time to search Google Play or Apple's App Store. Therefore, we have done some of the legwork by compiling a list of seven applications that are particularly helpful for lawyers. And while some of these apps are not specifically designed for the legal profession, they can nevertheless be of great assistance.

### 1. **1Password 5** (Free upgrade for iOS v.4 owners) [Android](#), [iPhone](#)

The recent theft of over 1 billion passwords by Russian hackers has highlighted the need for improved internet security, and this is certainly true for lawyers. Counselors who carelessly access the web not only put their own confidential information at risk, but that of their clients as well. It is therefore vital that attorneys stop using their birthdates, addresses or pet's names as passwords, and instead use long, complex codes that are difficult to guess. It is also important to use a different password for every website.

With 1Password 5, users can generate extremely secure passwords for every service with a click. Then, users only need to remember the master password for 1Password itself. V.5 is a free upgrade for V.4 owners, and it includes Touch ID, direct Safari integration, and many more new features.

### 2. **Quip** (free) [Android](#), [iPhone](#)

Quip allows the user to easily share a to-do list, a document or a project with others. A team of attorneys can now work together on a draft at the same time without creating chaos. Quip shows the entire history of edits through a single chat-like thread of updates called "diffs." And because messages show up in real time, a group can communicate directly through the update thread instead of having to separately send emails.

The Quip home screen has an inbox that allows users to see documents that have been shared, as well as any new edits or additions. These features also work offline – such as during a flight – and any edits will sync automatically and seamlessly when users re-connect to the internet.

### 3. **Feedly** (free) [Android](#), [iPhone](#)

Anyone who wants timely, and regularly delivered, content on any subject should use Feedly. This app is a type of RSS feed that provides a method for websites to publish information once and syndicate it automatically among millions of subscribers. An aggregator captures and organizes feeds to simplify the consumption of news. By downloading this app, users can have their favorite news delivered directly to their mobile phone. It is therefore no longer necessary to revisit the same site several times a day, looking for what's new.

With Feedly, news feeds from a variety of online sources are compiled into a single, customized view, users can more easily access and share content. This feature can be very useful for attorneys practicing intellectual property law, as IP attorneys will be better able to stay on top of headlines and developments in the tech and entertainment industries.

4. **Hootsuite** (Free for up to 3 social profiles) [Android](#), [iPhone](#)

With Hootsuite, attorneys will be able to better market their services using social media. This app allows users to view and respond to up to three social media sites on a single dashboard for free, including Facebook, Twitter, Google+, FourSquare and Instagram. Through such social network integration, users can easily and efficiently track mentions of their personal name or even a law firm's name in tweets, messages or conversations. Further, attorneys will be less likely to miss an important inquiry from a potential new client.

By using Hootsuite's Social Media Analytics tool, users can also track which marketing efforts are producing results – and which are not.. Hootsuite, which recently reached a valuation of \$1 billion, has announced that it will also soon allow users to schedule and manage paid media marketing across their channels.

5. **Evernote** (free) [Android](#), [iPhone](#)

Most attorneys have heard of Evernote by now, but very few law practitioners appreciate the full potential of this app to assist an attorney's practice. Though the name suggests it is primarily used for taking notes from scratch, it can actually be used to store and organize virtually *any* digital media, including photos, voice notes, online research, etc. For example, instead of using a bookmark, users can capture a whole webpage (or part of a webpage), write notes directly on the page, store it, and retrieve it later.

Evernote's versatility has made it a sort of hub to which many other services connect. LinkedIn members, for example, can scan a business card using Evernote, enter comments on it, and send it directly to their network. Most importantly, stored information is not buried and difficult to find. Evernote makes accessing and retrieving files easy with its highly efficient search function.

6. **Fastcase** (free for mobile devices) [Android](#), [iPhone](#)

While the full version of Fastcase requires a subscription, the mobile application is free. This powerful legal research tool essentially allows users to carry the entire American law library in the palm of one's hand. Users can search by citation, keyword (in Boolean or natural language), or browse entire statute collections. By using intelligent algorithms, the best results are moved to the top and include a citation analysis so that users can see which cases are most cited.

The downside of using Fastcase, however, is that it does not Shepardize, and so cannot indicate whether a case is still good law. Nevertheless, this free app is a must-have for attorneys on the go. 21 state bar associations and dozens of other organizations agree and have purchased full-version Fastcase subscriptions for their members.

7. **Triplt** (free, \$49/year for Triplt Pro): [Android](#), [iPhone](#)

For many lawyers, traveling is a necessary part of the job. With Triplt, attorneys can easily organize their travel plans into an itinerary that has all of their trip details in one place. Users simply forward all the confirmation emails for flights, hotels, restaurants and events to [plans@tripit.com](mailto:plans@tripit.com), and Triplt automatically creates an itinerary.

A Tripit itinerary includes maps of destinations and airport terminals, and it can be accessed anytime from one's mobile device. The Pro version includes such additional features as alerts for flight delays or cancellations, notification for refund eligibility, auto-sharing, and information for the best alternative flights.

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