

# FAMTECH APP REVIEW

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From organizing your office to creating pleadings or calendar entries, there's an app for just about anything a family law attorney can imagine. Created entirely on an iPad, this guide offers our opinions and advice regarding apps for the iPad based only on our personal experience.

## Document Creation & Annotation



### **Word—The Gold Standard in Document Creation**

Just as on your computer, unless you're still a die-hard WordPerfect aficionado, Word is the way to go. The app integrates with OneNote via OneDrive and you can sync documents between your desktop, iPad, iPhone, or other device. The Word programs for the Mac desktop and mobile devices manufactured by Apple Inc., including the iPad and iPhone, don't have the same robust functionality as the old-school standard of Word for Windows, but they're the best we've found for preparing pleadings on pleading paper, for redlining that can be transmitted seamlessly to clients and opposing counsel, and for inserting photos, tables, and hyperlinks into a unified document.



### **Google Docs—Misery Loves Company**

When you just can't go it alone, Google Docs allows for real-time collaboration via the Internet with anyone you invite (e.g., co-counsel, associate, office staff, or outside consulting expert), enabling multiple authors to simultaneously work in a document while viewing edits from each collaborator in real time. It has proven to be quite handy while sitting at counsel table communicating with an associate back at the office who is clipping case law and code sections into your document right before your very eyes. An integral part of the Google Suite, we consider Google Docs the best option for real-time collaboration. Google Docs, however, does have some inherent limitations: unlike Word, Google Docs is not a fan of some out-of-platform formatting (e.g., pleading paper) which can create some challenges.



### **The Game Changer—PDF Expert**

This one clinched it for us in confirming the functionality of the iPad as our favorite device. Whether you're sitting in a seminar working in the materials you've uploaded on the spot or reviewing a draft document sent by your associate, the ability to use both your keyboard *and* your Apple Pencil to revise, insert electronic post-it notes, or even add your electronic signature to PDFs on the iPad, provides the improved efficiency that more than justifies the investment in advancing your practice by purchasing the iPad and all of its gear.



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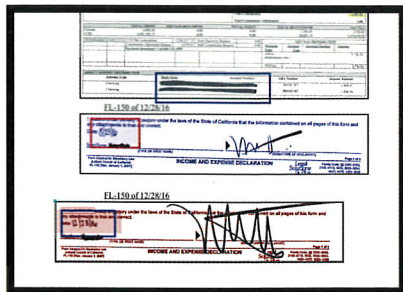
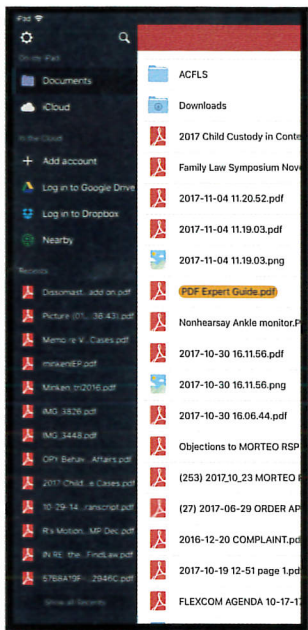


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1 c. The 12% Smith/Ostler child support factor was arrived at by attorneys and  
 2 a judge who made a mistake in their math (see also attorney's, We had to  
 3 a. Foundation; 9. Mediation Privilege; have either divided the child support amount by monthly support income  
 4 or yearly child support by yearly income to arrive at the correct number.  
 5 This was not what happened. The DissoMaster program does not  
 6 calculate at these high numbers and require math to arrive at a  
 7 13. Foundation; 14. Mediation Privilege; percentage. A mistake was made that needed to be corrected. The real  
 8 rate should be 14.7%. Spousal support was never addressed during the  
 9 times since the Mediator had to leave to go to the desert for the Labor Day  
 10 Weekend vacation.

DISSOMASTER REPORT		2017, Monthly		LD #0916	
Input Data	Matthew Shirley	Guideline (2017)	Cash Flow Analysis	Matthew	Shirley
Number of children	0	1	Guideline		
% time with NCP	15%	0%	Matthew	202,861	Payment (cost)/benefit (68,161) 74,772
Filing status	Single	H/M/L/A	Hargrove		Net spendable income 87,022 75,826
% Federal exemptions	1*	2*	Shirley	(30,113)	% combined spendable 53.7% 46.3%
Wages + salary	0	0	Hargrove		Total taxes 106,021 40,167
401(k) emp. contribution	0	0	Total	163,748	# withholding allowances 0 0
Self-employment income	307,207	0	Support	Matthew	Net wage paychecks/ins 0 0
Other taxable income	1,962	1,054	CS Payer	0	Proposed 0 0
TANF plus CS received	0	0	Presumed	19,123	Payment (cost)/benefit (68,161) 74,772
Required union dues	1,139	0	Basic CS	19,063	Net spendable income 87,022 75,826
New-spouse income	0	0	Add-ons	61	% of combined spendable 53.7% 46.3%
Wages + salary	0	0	Pay Kid	61	% of spending over gdl 0% 0%
Self-employment income	0	0	Child 1	19,123	% of combined spendable 53.7% 46.3%
SS paid other marriage	0	0	Santa	95,816	% of spending over gdl 0% 0%
Retirement contrib if ATI	0	0	Clara SS		Total tax 106,021 40,167
Required union dues	0	0	Carvana		# withholding allowances 0 0
Net job-related exp.	0	0	Total	114,939	Net wage paychecks/ins 0 0
Adj. to income (ATI)	0	0	Proposed, tactic 9		1 Setting Child and
SS paid other marriage	0	0	CS Payer	Matthew	Child Support \$19,063
CS paid other relationship	0	0	Presumed	19,123	Spousal Support \$95,816
Health insurance	1,426	0	Basic CS	19,063	Ostler/Smith for income exceeding \$307,207 self-employment income; \$1,962 other taxable; and \$1,139 non-taxable income
Itemized deductions	3,910	2,896	Add-ons	61	
Other medical expenses	0	0	Pay Kid	61	
Property tax expenses	1,095	1,087	Child 1	19,123	
Det. interest expense	2,815	1,809	Santa	95,816	
Charitable contribution	0	0	Clara SS		
Miscellaneous itemized	0	0	SS Payer	Matthew	
Required union dues	0	0	Total	114,939	
Mandatory retirement	0	0	Combined	0	
Hardship deduction	0*	0*	AMT info (RS Form 6251)	0	
Other gdl. deductions	0	0	Child support add-ons	0	100 No releases



provisions of section 3044, and in particular, the mandatory presumption, and in making recommendations to the court, should, at a minimum, acknowledge that the court may be required to consider whether the presumption has been triggered in cases involving allegations of domestic violence.

iii. Judge Grech's comments regarding the implication of the issuance of a restraining order appear to reflect a misunderstanding of the requirements of section 3044. We reiterate, the presumption of section 3044 is triggered not by the issuance of a restraining order, but rather, by a finding that a parent has engaged in an act of domestic violence against the other parent, the child, or the child's sibling. If a domestic violence restraining order has been issued, then it is clear that there has been a finding of domestic violence sufficient to trigger the presumption of section 3044. However, the failure to issue a domestic violence restraining order does not necessarily mean that the court did not find that a party committed domestic violence sufficient to trigger the presumption as well, as this case demonstrates.

iv. Because the trial court failed to apply the presumption, it moves that the court award joint legal custody could not have been based on Romey's having rebutted the presumption.

AARON, J.

WE CONCUR: MCCONNELL, P.J. O'ROURKE, J.

*Can't have finding of DV even if no DVRO issues*

PDF Expert has become our "go-to" app for preparing evidentiary objections; redacting invoices for attorney fee declarations; incorporating photographs; and even

annotating case law. "Flattened" documents (yes, that's a real thing) can be emailed, texted, or printed straight from the iPad itself saving hours of staff time.

Litigation Apps

LIT SOFTWARE develops innovative and easy to use apps for litigation that increase efficiency and reduce costs

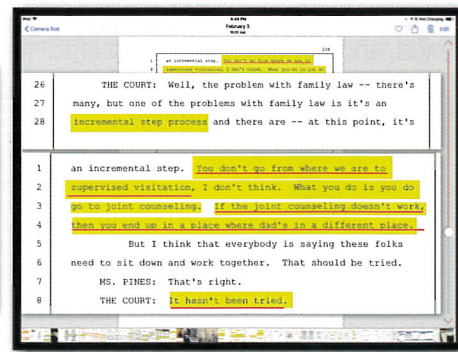
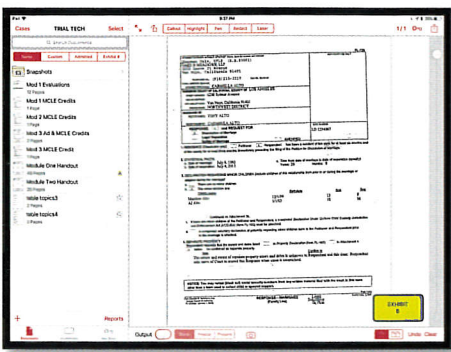
TRIALPAD ORGANIZE, ANNOTATE, AND PRESENT EVIDENCE

TRANSCRIPTPAD REVIEW, SEARCH, AND ISSUE CODE TRANSCRIPTS

DOCREVIEWPAD REVIEW, ASSIGN BATES NUMBERS, AND PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

Goodbye, Dolly—TrialPad, DocReviewPad & Transcript Pad

With just the swipe of a finger, make all those banker's boxes and dollies obsolete. Save time, money and vertebrae every time you use TrialPad with your storage software app to download exhibits, pleadings and other materials (whether documents, photos or multi media). TrialPad lets you organize into case folders and files; redact, highlight, and annotate on the iPad while you're on the go or even in the courtroom.





In addition to replacing the binders that clutter counsel table, TrialPad offers an Evidence Report that replaces your Exhibit List and enables you to label exhibits and mark them “admitted” on the fly. Displaying evidence in a courtroom has never been easier and the zoom effect of TrialPad’s “callouts” is reason enough to make the leap.

The other two apps in the Lit Software bundle are also invaluable. DocReviewPad is the perfect app for reviewing discovery. The ability to issue code, Bates number and annotate an entire document production, and highlight and tag documents makes searching for the needle in a haystack far more rewarding. TranscriptPad makes issue-coding—in color—transcripts of depositions and hearings even more productive.



TranscriptPad is an easy-to-use iPad app to review, search, issue code, and summarize transcripts



TrialPad is an easy-to-use iPad app to organize, annotate, and present evidence



DocReviewPad is an easy-to-use iPad app to review documents, assign Bates numbers, generate reports, and create production sets

## Google v. Office

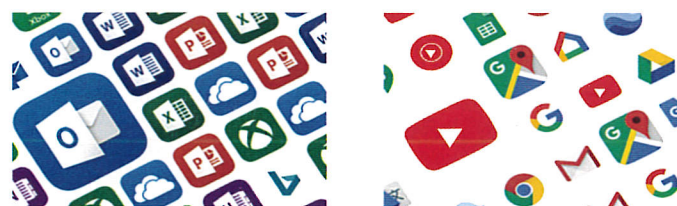
Like all good rivalries, the competition between Google and Microsoft just keeps improving both products for the end-user. Each offering its own version of the three basic apps (documents, spreadsheets and slideshows), Google and Microsoft capitalize on the use of cloud storage. Pulling up a PowerPoint slideshow over lunch or an Excel spreadsheet in the middle of a meeting on your iPhone has never been more impressive. Even your nearsighted colleagues will be dazzled to see the world’s tiniest spreadsheets on your iPhone in the courthouse cafeteria. There’s no shortage of comparison articles on the internet to determine which system best meets your needs—just “Google it.”

Riding the wave of fame and brand recognition for its search engine, Google Chrome, what was formerly called “Google Drive,” is now affectionately known as “G-Suite.” G-Suite offers a variety of apps that offer real-time collaboration capabilities for data stored in the cloud. Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Slides are just the tip of the Google iceberg, with other apps like Google Photos, Screen-castify, Google Wallet, and Google Translator offering more particularized functionality. Google Calendar makes scheduling the appointments for 150 Daily Settlement Officers and sending reminders simple and manageable without the need for a single postage stamp or telephone call (if you’re into that kind of thing).

Office 365 offers the state of the art email app, Outlook, a position that Google’s Gmail cannot seem to conquer. Word, Excel, and PowerPoint are most efficient on a PC but now

integrate more effectively with your iPhone and iPad through the OneNote and OneDrive apps which are designed to allow files to sync in both directions.

Comparing platforms comes down to your personal and professional priorities. If collaboration is your goal, we contend Google wins hands down. Being able to work remotely with screen sharing that allows multiple users simultaneous control is truly unmatched. If efficiency is your selling point, our choice is Word and OneNote where a single document can incorporate handwritten notes via Apple Pencil, photo images inserts, and old-school keyboarding. While sitting in a seminar, the ability to use the camera to capture photos or videos of the presentation and take notes both by hand and by keyboard which can be emailed to the office is the height of efficiency. Nevertheless, collaborating to draft this very article in OneDrive created clumsy editing challenges with intermittent and random loss of real-time capabilities; yet Google would have robbed us of the ability to preserve Word’s redline and formatting advantages. We recommend that you practice in each platform to determine what best meets your needs.



**Web applications in Office 365 and G Suite**

Office 365 and G Suite both offer a set of web applications which have equivalents in both product suites, namely:

- Word > Google Docs
- Excel > Google Sheets
- Powerpoint > Google Slides
- Outlook Online > Gmail
- One Note Online > Google Keep
- Sharepoint > Google Sites
- Skype for Web > Google Hangouts
- Microsoft Teams > Google Keep (sort of)

## Document Storage & Sharing



### DropBox, ShareFile, and Box

These document storage apps allow users to maintain documents in the cloud and provide access to anyone or



everyone as a project dictates. ShareFile has enabled us to store and share documents created in Word or converted to PDF that can be accessed across all of our platforms, whether Mac or PC, for use on a tablet, phone or desktop computer. Clients can be given access to secured documents with password-protection, and the apps allow for encrypted email transmission of documents to or from your office. By creating a designated folder, evidence can be shared with counsel and the court via hyperlink specific to the designated material.



### GoodReader

Once thought to be the only app that would allow an iPad to have multiple attachments to a single email, this app is a great way to organize and send related attachments quickly and efficiently. Also a valuable annotation tool, it's the best way we've found to send a court reporter straight from your iPad a group of exhibits to attach to a transcript or to send opposing counsel a group of related pleadings in a single email once you secure that stipulation to serve via email.

### Other Cool Tricks



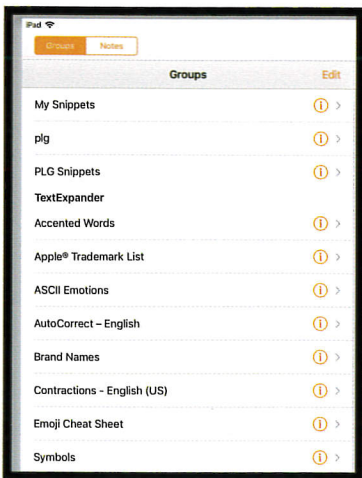
### Finding Nebo

The antidote to illegible handwriting, Nebo provides the nearly perfect translation from handwritten script to text allowing you to finally retire that legal-sized yellow pad.



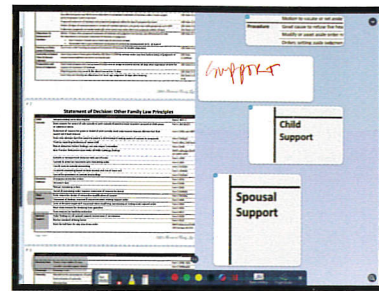
### Autocorrect to the Rescue—TextExpander

Sick of digging around to find and copy the last email you sent with your conference call dial-up instructions? Tired of typing out that same billing reminder to clients? TextExpander works like AutoText in Word and QuickWords in WordPerfect. Create your own "snippets" or upload the presets that TextExpander offers and you'll never have to worry about misspelling the name of an Apple product or an accented word again.



### Points and Authorities Made Simple—LiquidText

Upload entire documents, transcripts, pleadings and use the double workspace to snip and organize excerpts to formulate arguments and structure links to connect ideas to the source documents or research. Replace your associate at counsel table with LiquidText's ability to refer you back to the place in a large exhibit or document where you found important pieces you've highlighted for emphasis.

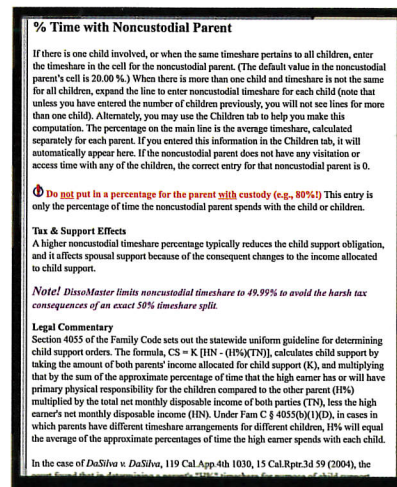
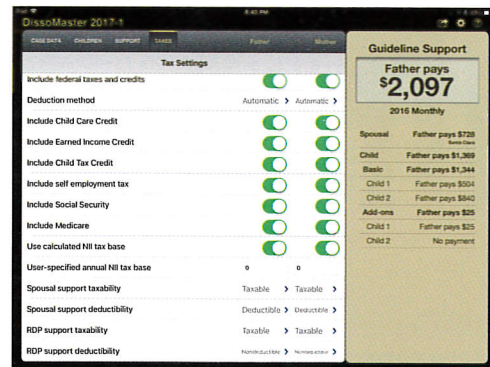


### Family Law Specific Apps



### App Support for Support—DissoMaster

What would be more convenient than being able to run a guideline child support calculation on the same device that you can get a text message? The DissoMaster app allows you to carry in your purse or pocket one of a

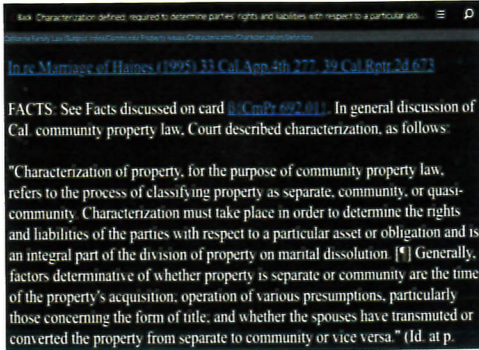


family law attorney's essential tools. The app provides calculation tips along with statutory and case authority.



### ***Attorney Briefcase & WestLaw***

Legal research has never been more portable. The best excuse yet to convince the bailiff that you really do need your iPhone or iPad at counsel table.



### ***Our Family Wizard***

Just as clients are encouraged or often ordered to do, download the OFW app to keep up in real-time on all the electronic evidence that can make or break your custody cases.