**The iPad for Lawyers**

*A General Introduction, with Resources for Litigators*

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The emergence of tablet computers – especially Apple’s iPad – is one of the biggest innovations in legal technology in the past two years. Tablets have integrated themselves into the workflow of attorneys irrespective of firm size or practice area, and nowhere has that been more true than at trial. From note taking, to exhibit marking and handling, to deposition transcript management, these little computers can supercharge your litigation practice. Our presentation will discuss how to use tablet computers to enhance your day in court; these materials will give more of a general overview on using the iPad in your practice.

**Getting started with the iPad**

This article is intended for those who are just planning to get an iPad for their practice, or who already have one and want to learn more about getting started. We’ll cover some of the basics – choosing the best device, the right gear, and some great apps to get started – and then we’ll follow with a discussion of how lawyers can use the iPad in the courtroom.

**What Kind of iPad Do I Need?**

The answer to this has less to do with your law practice than it does the way you prefer your technology. The iPad comes in several different versions:

* Wi-Fi only or Wi-Fi+3G
* 16GB, 32GB, and 64GB

So if you walk into Best Buy or Wal-Mart looking for an iPad, you’ll have six choices – two (Wi-Fi only or Wi-Fi+3G) for each size. Which one should you choose?

Let’s start with your connection, first. If you will only be using your iPad where a wireless connection already exists – your office, hotels, the courtroom – you may simply need the Wi-Fi only version. If you want to be able to use the device anywhere, anytime, you may need to purchase the 3G option. You’ll pay a monthly data fee of $20-$30 for this access. If you’re already paying for a wireless card (like the Verizon or Spring MiFi), or your phone supports wireless tethering, then you should probably forego the 3G version and stick with Wi-Fi only – that will be one less monthly data fee you’ll have to pay.

As for the size of your iPad’s hard drive, that again depends on how you will use it. If you plan to load a lot of music or videos – movies, deposition testimony, and the like – you will probably want to go with the larger 64GB, or perhaps even 32GB. Those files tend to take up the most space on any device. On the other hand, if you do intend to load large files onto the device, and simply use it to show documents in PDF, Word, Pages, or other formats, then the smaller 16GB model will do.

**Do I Need Any Accessories?**

In a word, yes. Although there are many types of accessories for the iPad, the items you need fall into four categories: 1) covers; 2) input devices; 3) stands; and 4) adapters.

We won’t discuss covers in this article – there are simply too many, and are usually chosen based upon the personal preference of the user - rubber vs. harder case, one that covers the screen, etc. Tom does love his Apple Smart Cover ($39-$69, <http://www.apple.com/ipad/smart-cover/>) – it magically attaches to the side of the device, and automatically wakes up your iPad the minute you open it. Unfortunately, it does nothing to protect the back of the iPad, so he bought a Switcheasy Coverbuddy ($24.99, <http://bit.ly/zTy37K>), which works great on the back of the tablet. We recommend you visit iLounge ([www.ilounge.com](http://www.ilounge.com)) to check out reviews of some of the great covers.

If you are planning on entering information into your iPad, you will definitely need some type of input device. Which type depends on the type of data entry you prefer: writing, or typing? If you enjoy the idea of using your iPad like a 21st Century legal pad, then a stylus is for you. You can’t use just any old pen or pencil for a stylus, however; in order to write on your iPad, you need a stylus that has a tip similar to the tip of your finger.

Jeff Richardson of iPhone JD ([www.iphonejd.com](http://www.iphonejd.com)) recently suggested that lawyers would do well to buy the more expensive stylus such as Virtuoso ($19.95) or the BoxWave Styra ($32.95 list but $22.95 now at Amazon.com.) See his review of these two styluses with links to other previous reviews at <http://tinyurl.com/48lxl9t>. Tom has tried the standard Boxwave Capacitive stylus ($15.00) and the Pogo Sketch ($14.95), and prefers a stylus that with a rubber tip rather than a sponge-like tip. However, both products work well.

More recently, Tom used the Wacom Bamboo Stylus ($28.75), and really liked it – it has the smallest rubber tip of full-size stylus right now. But his absolute favorite is now Adonit’s Jot Pro ($29.99); it has a ballpoint pen tip, and a unique disc that gives incredible accuracy when you’re writing on the tablet.

If you are better at typing, or if you see yourself using the iPad to do some heavy-duty typing, then a wireless keyboard is in order. The standard Apple Wireless Keyboard ($69) is a good bet – it’s compact, very light, and easy to use. Cases are also available with built-in keyboards – there are a number to review at iLounge.

You’ll also want to consider a stand. If you purchase an Apple Smart Cover, or another case that has a stand built in, then you may not need a separate stand. If not, you might want to purchase a stand so that you can place your iPad somewhere when you want to use a keyboard or just don’t want to hold it for so long. Tom’s favorite stand is the Twelve South Compass stand ($39.99). It’s called the Compass because looks a little bit like a compass (the tool, not the direction device). When it folds out, it looks a bit like an easel – but it can also fold into a compact package for easy storage. A word of warning, however; at airport security, your folded-up Compass may appear to be a sharp object. Make sure you take the stand out and put it in the bin so you don’t get stopped for a search (like Tom has, on multiple occasions).

Other great examples of stands can be found at the iLounge site.

Finally, you’ll need some adapters, especially if you plan to use your iPad for presentation in court, or simply for connecting to your television at home. You should get Apple’s VGA adapter ($29.95), so you can connect the iPad to a projector for using the tablet in court for hearings or trials; if you want to hook your iPad up to a high-definition television, you’ll also want to get the HDMI Adapter ($29.95).

**How Do I Set Up My iPad?**

Unfortunately, we’re not going to help you out with that in this article. Tom’s book *iPad in One Hour for Lawyers*, published by the ABA Law Practice Management Section and available in the ABA Book Store (<http://bit.ly/dThdqn>) is a great guide for lawyers who are just getting started with an iPad. Check it out!

**Productivity Apps for the iPad**

One criticism of the iPad is that it is primarily a content consumption device, and is not good at creating content. While it’s true that the iPad is a fantastic device for consuming, it is also a pretty good device for being productive. The truth is, however, that the iPad cannot replace your laptop or desktop – at least right now. But there are some great ways to get legal work done on the device, and we’ll cover that briefly here.

The iPad is not the best device for creating legal documents, but it’s a great tool for taking notes and working informally on legal documents. Tools like Microsoft Word or Apple’s Pages are fantastic for *formatting* documents, providing them with the proper legal look and feel. The iPad, by comparison, should be thought of as a *writing* device – a tool for you to get your ideas and arguments down on (digital) paper. This is what lawyers do, right? Crafting arguments and using the written word to persuade. When you look at it this way, and the iPad as a “21st Century Legal Pad,” then it becomes easier to understand where such a device may fit into your workflow.

Note-Taking and Documents. As we mentioned above, there are two flavors of note-taking on the iPad: handwritten or typed. For those of you who want to use a stylus to take written notes, check out apps like **NoteShelf, Note Taker HD**, **Penultimate**, **Notes Plus** and **WritePad** (which can turn your handwritten notes into printed text). You can use a stylus or your finger to write in a notebook or legal pad-type page, then save those pages to PDF or to an online location like **Dropbox**, **Box**, or **SpiderOak**. There are literally dozens of note-taking apps, ranging from free to $9.99; visit the App Store and try a few of them before settling on one you like.

If you need to work with Microsoft Word or iWork documents, take a look at **DocsToGo**, **QuickOffice Connect** or **Office2 HD**. With each of these apps– you can create or edit Word, Excel, or PowerPoint files, and you can also view changes made by other people to Word documents. **DocsToGo** also integrates with Dropbox or MobileMe, so you can save documents directly to an appropriate folder. Apple’s iWork suite (including **Pages**, **Numbers**, and **Keynote**) is also a good investment for document and presentation creation; however, if your primary productivity suite is Microsoft Office, be careful when using the iWork suite on the iPad – although it can read Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files, it also removes some of the formatting from them, forcing you to go back and reformat your document once you’re done on the iPad.

Reading Documents. Although the apps listed above are great for working with documents, they just don’t do the job when it comes to reading and marking up case law, briefs, contracts or other documents. My picks for apps that make iPad reading a joy include **GoodReader, iAnnotate PDF**, and **PDF Expert**. Again, there are many other apps for reading PDF documents and other types of files; look through the App Store and find one that meets your needs.

**GoodReader** is, in my opinion, the best of the best; it will read just about any file type you throw at it, including Word, PDF, Excel, image files – you name it, GoodReader can probably read it. The app will also organize documents into folders. You are also able to annotate the documents by adding comments, highlights, or other markups. If you are just working with PDF files, you might want to try **iAnnotate PDF**. It’s primarily a PDF annotation app, but it does that one task very well. Like GoodReader, it allows you to mark up a court opinion, brief, or contract draft. My only criticism of iAnnotate is that it does not accept documents from any of the online services but its own, whereas GoodReader can access just about any online service you might use (including my favorite, Dropbox).

Online Meetings. If lawyers aren’t drafting or reading documents, they’re likely to be in meetings somewhere. If you use **GoToMeeting** or **WebEx**, you’ll find that those services also have apps that allow you to attend meetings online. Another good option for online meetings is **Fuze Meeting**; it allows you to mark up documents as you show them to your meeting attendees, and with the press of a button you can access an Internet phone line to join the conference call. At the present time, none of these apps are terribly full-featured, but they are expected to make some significant improvements over the coming months.

**Security Issues**

Many mid-sized to large firms have been hesitant to deploy iPads because it has not always been viewed as having the greatest security features. With the release of its iOS 4.0 operating system, the iPhone and iPad just got a lot more secure in the enterprise. Although its security features are nowhere near as sophisticated as that of Blackberry, which has an amazing number of security settings, this operating system takes care of most of the major security concerns. Nevertheless, there are number of security considerations to take into account, whether you are using an iPad in a big or small firm (denoted as **Everyone**, below) or you’re in an enterprise environment (**Enterprise**):

1. (Everyone) Require secure passcodes. And not just the 4-digit simple passcodes, require users to set a strong passcode with 10 digits or more. iPads come out of the box with the Passcode in the “off” position; they should be configured to require a lengthy passcode, which can be either numbers, letters, or symbols.
2. (Everyone) Auto-lock devices after periods of inactivity. The iPad will automatically lock after a certain period of inactivity. Set a default period – one that will keep the end user from having to constantly enter the passcode, but one that is short enough to prevent unwanted access by non-users.
3. (Everyone) Autowipe the device after failed unlock attempts. The iPad can be programmed to automatically wipe after an incorrect passcode has been entered ten times. As with other mobile devices, this setting should be a no-brainer.
4. (Enterprise) Wipe devices that are lost or stolen. The mobile administration tools mentioned above are all capable of remote wiping of tablet devices, so this is just one more reason why implementing a solid management tool is so important.
5. (Enterprise) Encrypt all sensitive communications in and out of the device. This includes setting up email session encryption, but also for application use as well. Consider configuring Virtual Private Network (VPN) access for each device. Firm email should, of course, be routed through firm mail servers.
6. (Enterprise) Consider whether client data will be stored on the device. Although the iPad hardware is encrypted, a person with prolonged control to the device can likely bypass that encryption. This can be avoided by providing access only to company-controlled apps, or to Virtual Desktops running on company servers. Another alternative is to utilize a trusted cloud service provider, as described below.
7. (Enterprise) Use the strongest possible authentication mechanisms. While the iPad currently doesn’t support top secret applications that require biometric authentication, there are apps that can ask for one-time passwords generated by RSA or VeriSign key fobs, and the iPad’s VPN can be configured to support two-factor authentication.
8. (Everyone) Opt for Cloud delivery of content if available – and make it secure, too. As indicated above, cloud service providers can be used to store content, instead of storing them on the device itself. As with all cloud services, satisfy yourself that the company meets all of the qualifications necessary to hold company data. Most important, make sure that the cloud provider uses encryption too, to protect the data as it is transferred between the service and the device.
9. (Enterprise) Centralize management of tablet devices. This is the first, and most critical, aspect of rolling tablets out to firm users. Fortunately, iOS 4.0 supports centralized management, and dozens of vendors are now offering mobile management platforms. These include the well-known (if not always well-regarded) Microsoft ActiveSync, Good ([www.good.com](http://www.good.com)), Afaria ([www.sybase.com](http://www.sybase.com)), Trust Digital ([www.mcafee.com](http://www.mcafee.com)), and MobileIron ([www.mobileiron.com](http://www.mobileiron.com)).
10. (Enterprise) Isolate Personal from Company Data. One challenge with the iPad is that your users will want to install their own apps on it. Unless you implement a policy prohibiting non-approved apps, and especially if the users own their devices, consider finding a way to logically isolate the iPad’s corporate environment from the personal environment. When employees leave the company, only the corporate environment would be deleted.
11. (Enterprise) Consult Apple. All right, maybe Apple has not been very enterprise-friendly when it comes to their products. However, the folks in Cupertino are open to providing resources for IT departments looking to learn more about deploying iPads in law firms and other businesses. Take a look at the “Deployment Resources” page ([www.apple.com/ipad/business/resources](http://www.apple.com/ipad/business/resources)) for Technology Overviews, Deployment Guides, configuration utilities, development resources, and more.

**iPads and Tablet PCs in the Courtroom**

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**Why Use an iPad in the Courtroom?**

Certainly most attendees at this CLE presentation have seen an iPad at this point. The iPad has some drawbacks, but essentially it is so good for the courtroom because it is so light and easy to hold and operate. It is very easy to understand, with little training required. (In fact there is virtually no training for those who use an iPhone.)

Among the often cited negatives of the iPad is the fact that it has no USB port for plugging the device into other devices and the battery is not removable and replaceable. The first iPad did not have a camera and the iPad 2’s camera is certainly less than the state-of-the-art. However the fact that it can use Apple's FaceTime application for video chatting with other iPad and iPhone users makes the iPad 2 a significant improvement all by itself.

The iPad has a 10.1 inch display, while most of its competitors have 7 inch displays. Because lawyers are so involved with the documents, it seems to me that the 10 inch display is far preferable.

The iPad is primarily designed to be a content consumption device rather than a content creation device. You can store all of your music, electronic books, documents and other items in it. In addition you can browse the web, check your e-mail and download apps to do all sorts of important things (including playing Angry Birds.)

One of the reasons why the lack of a USB port is not troubling is that the iPad comes with Bluetooth capability so that keyboards, printers and other devices can be wirelessly connected to the iPad.

In our opinion, the reason why iPads are rapidly catching on with trial lawyers is that a laptop, netbook or even the “traditional” convertible tablet PCs are useful at counsel table, but cannot be carried in the courtroom easily when the lawyer is standing at the podium or addressing the jury. Essentially, the iPad is just a little heavier than a paper legal pad in a holder and not nearly as heavy as the lightest netbook or laptop.

One simply cannot question those in a jury pool while keyboarding their responses into a traditional computer. There's probably no surer way to get jurors to clam up and to give them the impression that the lawyer is transcribing their personal information. (This is true even though the court reporter may be quietly transcribing it in many cases.)

Let's take a look at some of the ways a litigator would benefit by using an iPad, from initial receipt of a lawsuit all the way through jury verdict.

**iPad Apps for Litigators**

Deadline Calculators

**Court Days Pro**

**Lawyers Professional Assistant**

Document Review and Depositions, and Document Management

**iDoc Review**

**The Deponent**

**PDF Expert**

**iAnnotate PDF**

Note-Taking and Document Annotation

**Noteshelf**

**Simplenote**

Jury Selection/Tracking

**iJuror -** iJuror is an app that assists with jury selection. It costs $9.99 in the iTunes App Store and gives a graphical interface that lets you tap to add characteristics of the various members of the jury pool. <http://tinyurl.com/26zavjn>

**Jury Star**

**Jury Tracker**

Evidence Presentation

**TrialPad** - TrialPad is used to present evidence using PDF files, images, video, or other types of documents. TrialPad allows you to annotate exhibits, call out specific areas of documents, redact sensitive information, and make clips of depositions or other videos. See review on the Tablet Legal blog at <http://tinyurl.com/4g94l6x>. It’s a little pricey at $89.95, but well worth it when compared to the cost of traditional trial presentation software

**Exhibit A** is a more budget priced trial presentation app at $9.99. This allows you to work with image files as well as PDF files. It organizes all of the documents into projects. It synchronizes with Dropbox as well as iTunes.

**ExhibitView**

Legal Research

**Fastcase**

**WestlawNext**

**LexisAdvance HD**

**LawBox**

**CFR Live Lite**

**FedCtRecords**

**Proview**

**My Legal Projects**

Miscellaneous

**BT Chat HD**

**Other Considerations for the iPad in Trial**

At trial you need to deal with the various exhibits, notes and other documents you’ll be using in support of your client’s case. One of the drawbacks of the iPad is that it is not easy to get documents onto the device. Most iPad users who want to deal with documents will use the Dropbox application which allows you to synchronize a folder on your computer, your mobile phone and your iPad. Document synchronization is quite useful.

As Jim noted in a blog post last November:

I have been finding many interesting uses for Dropbox and have encouraged others to sign up. Dropbox offers 2 GB of online storage for free. (Although with a few referral credits from blog readers, my free Dropbox account is up to 8 GB.) Recently Box.net increased its free online storage from 1 GB to 5 GB and business accounts now start at 500 GB. Just this week SugarSync increased its free storage from 2 GB to 5 GB. Drop.io used to offer the ability to create many free document drops. But I say "used to" because Facebook just bought Drop.io and is shutting it down. So look for the future announcement that Facebook will be offering a document repository in addition to its photo albums.

I've also had many lawyers asking me recently what "the cloud" really means. I think the possibilities are starting to become interesting to many. Let's set aside lawyers and client files and confidentiality for a minute and talk about something simple--like pizza.

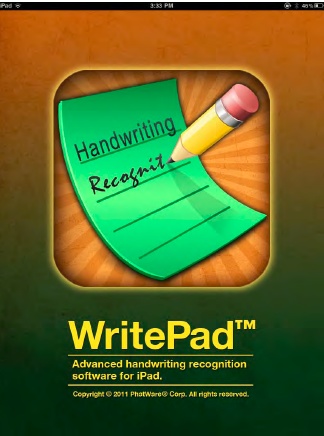
I've told many people that the above services are so neat because they synchronize your documents so you know a synchronized document is the current version of the document. It also saves you the trouble of e-mailing a document home to work on it or keeping it on a flash drive. But let's say you only work on one computer ever and you've made a decision never to ever store any business or client document in the cloud…

All of these documents don't even fill up your phone. Unless you specify otherwise they are just links and the document loads in a few seconds when you click on the link.

Pizza and Online Document Repositories <http://jimcalloway.typepad.com/lawpracticetips/2010/11/online-document-repositories.html> (November 14, 2010)

Another way to synchronize files, documents and a directory structure between computers and the iPad is to use Microsoft OneNote on the computer and synchronize it to the iPad with with the **OneNote** app (Free, <http://bit.ly/xKNoQF>). OneNote has long been regarded as an excellent freeform notebook where various sections and subsections can be organized to save almost any kind of information from documents to web pages.

Another program that mimics OneNote but it is free for certain functions and much less expensive for the full version is **Evernote** (Free, <http://bit.ly/xwiSWB>). This is a widely used and very popular program and one can find many postings online with Evernote tips, tools and techniques.

The application Wayne Allison suggests for note taking is called **WritePad** ($3.99, http://bit.ly/zioEQb). This converts handwriting to text and notes can then be either sent by e-mail or synchronized with Dropbox. The handwriting recognition feature is very good.

Another tool that he believes is critical is **Note Taker HD** ($4.99, <http://bit.ly/xNbFdz>). This allows you to take pages of handwritten notes without converting them to text as well as shapes diagrams and other drawings.

The combination of the two apps above allow you to use the iPad as you would use a legal pad in the courtroom with the addition of handwriting text recognition.

Almost everyone who has written about the use of the iPad in the courtroom identifies **AJI iAnnotate** ($9.99, <http://bit.ly/yGfhXL>) as a necessary and powerful tool. This tool allows you to make hand written annotations on PDF files as well as highlighting. Essentially this means that you can make and save hand written notes on documents. Trials tend to move very quickly and the ability to write on a document with your stylus and save all of your notes is invaluable to the trial lawyer.

There are also applications that allow you to do full-blown presentations in court from your iPad. To do this you will need a VGA projector and screen, an iPad Dock Connector to VGA adapter, which the Apple Store sells for $29, and the VGA cable to connect between the adapter and the projector.

Other annotation tools that have received good reviews include Penultimate by Cocoa Box Design LLC ($1.99, <http://tinyurl.com/y34kjyf>) and UPAD by PocketSoft ($4.99, <http://tinyurl.com/63n9w6y>).

If you have the projector available, then you may want to experiment with whiteboard display functions where you can display notes live to a courtroom could also often be useful. Two of the many tools that do this include Shareboard ($7.99, <http://tinyurl.com/4p82apu>) and Air Sketch by Qrayon, LLC ($7.99, <http://tinyurl.com/4gjjrnc>).

Although it is not a courtroom tool, Browsing Pad by Ebisu Soft ($.99, <http://tinyurl.com/46ttu9h>) looks extremely interesting. This app divides your iPad screen into two sides, with one side used for web browsing and the other used for note taking. It has an easy export function to send the notes to Evernote for permanent storage.

One of the truly great apps for the iPhone and iPad that converts speech to text is **Dragon Dictation** (Free, http://bit.ly/zvTcQL). While this is not useful for lengthy dictation, it is a great tool to use to dictate several sentences and convert them to text for sending out in an e-mail or text message.

Jim frequently uses this application to dictate short notes to himself or to his assistant. These can then be e-mailed. In fact, with his assistant, Jim frequently does not even proof the notes; he just adds "this was dictated" at the end of the message. If the text recognition is not perfect, his assistant then knows to sound out the sentence phonetically rather than looking for typos. However, the application does come with a keyboard correction tool so you can fix any speech recognition errors before sending.

Of course one of the great benefits of having an iPad in the courtroom is the fact that it provides Internet access.

This brings up an interesting question. Should you purchase the “Wi-Fi only” iPad or the more expensive 3G iPad? Largely this is a personal preference. The 3G service access plan will cost approximately $30 a month from AT&T and is not unlimited. However, as long as you don't stream a lot of videos or movies over the connection, it is probable that you will not exceed the standard amount and overcharges are billed to you in $10 units in any event. The convenience of having an “instant on” device that is always connected to the Internet (wherever you can get an AT&T signal) cannot be understated. However, many iPad users elect not to pay for the service plan. Instead they purchase a MiFi device which typically costs a bit more per month but allows Internet access wirelessly for up to five devices. So this would provide Internet access for your laptop as well as your iPad. If other family members are also using wireless devices, this may be the way to go.

It is suggested that the **Atomic Web browser** ($.99, <http://bit.ly/z5NGV2>) can be used as an alternative browser. The Atomic Web browser will allow you to increase the size of the page and fonts on the screen. It will then remember the size that you prefer and will automatically zoom to that setting every time you return to that site. This means that legal research sites become very useful tools, accessible by the iPad.

**Appendix A: iPad Resources**

There are a good number of resources for attorneys using an iPad. They include:

* iPad 4 Lawyers by Tom Mighell (<http://ipad4lawyers.squarespace.com>)
* iPhone JD by Jeff Richardson ([www.iphonejd.com](http://www.iphonejd.com))
* TabletLegal by Josh Barrett ([www.tabletlegal.com](http://www.tabletlegal.com))
* TechnoEsq by Finis Price ([www.technoesq.com](http://www.technoesq.com))
* iPad4Legal by Patrick DiDomenico ([www.ipad4legal.com](http://www.ipad4legal.com))
* iPad Notebook by Justin Kahn (<http://ipadnotebook.wordpress.com>
* Legal iPad by Niki Black (<http://legal-ipad.com>)
* Walking Office by Rob Dean ([www.walkingoffice.com](http://www.walkingoffice.com))
* MacsinLaw ([www.macsinlaw.com](http://www.macsinlaw.com))
* The Mac Lawyer ([www.themaclawyer.com](http://www.themaclawyer.com))
* iPadmania (<http://almipad.wordpress.com>)

Another fantastic app to use for app recommendations and information is **App Advice**. It provides access to hundreds of articles and reviews of new iPad apps.

**Appendix B: Tom and Jim’s Favorite iPad (and iPhone) Apps**

The following is a non-exclusive listing of some of Tom and Jim’s favorite apps, as our recommendations of apps to check out for your own iPad. This list also includes the apps mentioned at ABA TECHSHOW’s “60 Apps in 60 Minutes” session, where **Jeff Richardson, Josh Barrett** and **Reid Trautz** offered their favorite apps. **Note: some of these apps are designed for the iPhone only; they will work on an iPad, but because they are not iPad-optimized they will only be visible in a reduced mode)**

App Recommendations

* AppAdvice
* Appolicious

Browsers– alternatives to the iPad’s Safari Browser

* Atomic Web
* Mercury
* Skyfire – allows you to access Flash-based sites

Entertainment

* IMDB
* Flixster – great app for buying movie tickets
* Hulu+ - for watching television shows
* HBO Go – subscribers can watch all HBO content for free
* Netflix

File Management

* Berokyo
* Dropbox – probably the best-known cloud-based file management tool
* GoodReader

Finance

* Bank of America
* Chase Mobile

Food

* Food Truck Fiesta
* OpenTable – make reservations online

Games

* Angry Birds
* Crosswords
* Infinity Blade
* Plants vs. Zombies
* Scrabble
* Words With Friends

Legal-Specific

* Black’s Law Dictionary
* Book of Jargon - example
* CFR Live Lite – access to all CFR regulations
* CourtDaysPro – deadline calculator
* Deponent – conduct an entire deposition from your iPad
* Evidence
* Fastcase
* iJuror
* Jury Tracker
* TrialPad

Meetings and Calendars

* Calvetica Calendar
* GoToMeeting
* WebEx
* Fuze Meeting

News

* CNN
* AP News
* News 360
* NPR
* USA Today

Photos

* Photogene – photo editor
* PhotoSync – transfer photos from iPhone to iPad
* Pro HDR – improved HDR photography

Productivity

* Documents To Go (document creation/editing)
* DocuSign – sign documents on the iPad
* Dragon Dictation – fantastic voice recognition/transcription tool
* Elements (note-taking)
* Evernote – a fantastic repository for all of your notes
* iThoughts HD – mind-mapping app
* iType2Go Pro – text editor and camera viewer
* JotNot Scanner Pro – document scanner
* Keynote – the best presentation app for the iPad
* MindMeister – mind mapping
* Note Taker HD (note-taking)
* Noted - notes
* Notes Plus (note-taking)
* Office2 HD (document creation/editing)
* Outliner – organize your thoughts
* Pages (document creation/editing)
* PDF Expert – document editor
* Penultimate (note-taking)
* PlainText – text editor
* Prezi – great alternative app for conducting presentations
* Prizmo – scan and OCR
* QuickOffice (document creation/editing)
* SignMyPad – have clients sign documents on your iPad
* SmartNote (note-taking)
* WritePad (note-taking)
* UPAD (note-taking)

Reading

* iAnnotate PDF
* Instapaper – save articles to Instapaper to read them later
* GoodReader – best file reader, period
* Flipboard – creates magazine-style layout of Facebook/Twitter feeds
* Kindle for iPad
* Mr. Reader – fantastic app that syncs with your Google Reader account
* The Onion – the great news satire site in iPad-friendly format
* Reeder – great app for reading your Google Reader items
* Text ‘n Drive Pro – read text messages and emails
* WordPerfect Viewer – view .wpd files
* Zinio – read magazines on your iPad
* Zite – creates magazine-style layout of latest news on many topics

Social Networking and Communications

* IM+ - multi-platform instant messaging client – Skype, Google Talk, etc.
* Friendly – a Facebook app
* HootSuite for Twitter – social media aggregator
* Skype – VOIP calls and video
* Trickle for Twitter – Twitter display
* Twitter
* Tweetdeck – a Twitter client
* TextNow – send texts for free from your iPad

Travel

* FlightBoard
* FlightTrack
* GateGuru – airport information
* Kayak – fantastic travel search engine
* TripAdvisor
* TripIt

Utilities

* Air Display – create a second monitor with your iPad
* Citrix Receiver – remote access
* Digits Calculator
* Eye Glass – magnifying glass
* Google Translate – voice translation
* Google Voice – phone service
* GoToMyPC – remote access
* Jibbigo – voice translation
* LogMeIn Ignition – remote access
* Satchel – client for Backpack service
* Siri – your personal assistant
* Text Expander – macro utility
* Word Lens - translation