

LawToolBox Extends Deadline Collaboration Across All Major Calendar Platforms

Office 365, Google, iCal, Lotus Notes, Outlook 2003+ and other Legal Case Management Systems

DENVER (January 31, 2015) – Let's face it, our calendars drive everything we do, especially if we are involved in litigation. And if getting deadlines on calendars "inside" your law firm wasn't hard enough, there has never been a simple way to get select deadlines and appearances on your client's, expert's or adjustor's calendars. LawToolBox is excited to announce that law firms can use either its deadline apps for Office 365 (in the cloud) or its Windows app (on the desktop) to easily add deadlines and appearances to Google, iCal, Lotus Notes, Outlook 2003+ and more without requiring any software downloads. When combined with new features - like assigning specific deadlines to a user and sharing select deadlines to anyone across all major calendaring platforms - deadline management and collaboration has been elevated to a new level.

The existing enterprise sync solution for LawToolBox automatically adds, updates or removes deadlines for each law firm member's Outlook calendar based on that user's preference (e.g., on the calendar for one attorney, on the task list for another). But the new calendaring module for LawToolBox and its companion apps give attorneys the ability to add selected deadlines to a client's iCal calendar, an expert's Google calendar, or an adjustor's Lotus Notes calendar without requiring installation of any software. This enhancement to LawToolBox has unique value for large organizations like insurers or banks (and the outside counsel that support them) since many of them use Lotus Notes.

When combined with the ability to assign specific deadlines to a user (for example, assigning "discovery deadlines" to Mark, and "summary judgment" deadlines to Mary), and the ability to create custom milestone reports (for example, one for an "insurance defense" group and another for a "mass tort" group), the new calendaring features elevate accountability in deadline management for both small and large law firms.

LawToolBox provides court-based deadlines for either general calendaring products like Outlook, iCal, Google or Lotus Notes; or for legal industry case management products like LexisNexis Firm Manager®, LexisNexis Time Matters, and others. Regardless of how implemented, LawToolBox:

- tracks history of changes (who edited what deadline and when)
- hides one or many deadlines that don't apply in a single click
- allows users to select the applicable "method of service" so that only relevant deadlines appear
- marks multiple deadlines as "done" when tasks are completed
- allows users to easily edit deadlines to reflect orders
- permits users to overlay rule-based deadlines with their own custom deadline templates

With the roll out of its legal-focused Office 365 initiatives, Microsoft has generated strong momentum in the legal industry. LawToolBox is leveraging these new Microsoft products by adding the calendaring features described above to its existing Court Deadline (video) and Deadlines a La Carte apps for Office 365. "We are excited to see the types of solutions LawToolBox is bringing to the legal market, taking advantage of the Office 365 application development model. We look forward to their continued investments in this space to drive increased productivity for legal professionals", said Nishan DeSilva, senior director within Microsoft's Legal and Corporate Affairs group.