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View Your Cases in High Definition

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The most accepted maxim of legal technology is that no one tool will help a lawyer's practice more than case/matter management software. These programs help you manage your practice, increase productivity, and reduce risk. Some malpractice carriers even offer better rates to lawyers who use these programs.

Synaptec Software's LawBase HD is the latest version of one of the venerable mainstays of the case and matter management world. The company has refined and improved its Law-Base software for more than twenty-five years. Synaptec can also boast that its first customer is still a customer. This history has helped LawBase become easy-to-use, full-featured, and lawyer-focused with a straight-forward approach that many lawyers like.

LawBase HD is an adaptable system that you can set up and configure to work like you work. You can use your own vocabulary, organizational system, and presentation styles.

The new HD version features an improved connection with Microsoft Outlook to help you work seamlessly with your email. While in Outlook, you can simply click on a "Send to LawBase note" button and associate the email with the appropriate matter. LawBase helpfully offers you a window with choices of matters that you select and gives you an autofill feature to reduce the number of keystrokes. You can also share information between your LawBase and Outlook calendars and keep them automatically synchronized.

LawBase HD provides a useful feature it refers to as "360 degree search," which enables you to see the full circle of relationships between your contacts and your matters. For example, with one click you can find and review all of your cases with the same judge or all contacts with the same vendor. You can improve communications, share knowledge, and see patterns in relationships.

LawBase's well-regarded Smart Folders have also received some enhancements, including an automatic refresh that displays new matters and assignments without the user required to take any action.

LawBase became known for being the first legal software to work with mashups, a "Web 2.0" approach to incorporating third party Internet applications. With LawBase HD, you can use Google Maps or Yahoo Maps to create handy maps to display data associated with your matters. By simply plotting geographic data and placing it onto a map, you might see patterns, track locations of incidents, and otherwise visualize data to help you and others understand the facts and relationships in your cases. Learn more about LawBase HD: www.lawbase.com

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