

Shepard's Case Study: Personal Injury Law Firm

“Shepard's is a necessary part of my practice. Whether I cite case law in a letter to opposing counsel or in a motion for a Judge, I cannot sign either of these documents without first Shepardizing all the applicable case law that supports my position to ensure it is good law. It is also the first step I take when attacking opposing counsel's arguments based on the case law they cite.”

“An example is when Shepard's helped with my motion for summary judgment on liability in a personal injury case – we won and Shepard's helped us support our position with the best cases.”

Challenges

- Solves the following challenges with Shepard's:
 - Knowing that authorities are still good law
 - Finding additional authority to bolster arguments

Use Case

- Is a law firm with 6 to 10 attorneys.
- Uses Shepard's in the following ways:
 - To ensure that cases & authorities are still good law
 - To find more sources to clarify the law & support cases
- Leverages Shepard's in the following ways:
 - Build support for cases
 - Find positive and negative analysis

Results

- Shepard's is differentiated from other citators in the following ways:
 - Total history & treatment analysis including both positive and negative treatments
 - Speed and performance in finding authorities relevant to research
- Extremely dependent on Shepard's to validate and research cases

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