Shepard's Case Study: State Court

"I constantly use Shepard's to research the law, Shepardize cases, check accuracy of motion paper's citation to cases – in essence to teach me what the law is and what law is applicable to the facts before me."

"I use Shepard's to check what I have written and what the litigators have written. For a specific example, most recently it was helpful in explicating the "zone of danger" exception when assessing the validity of a claim for intentional infliction of emotional distress."

Challenges

- Solves the following challenges with Shepard's:
    - Knowing that authorities are still good law
    - Improving productivity by streamlining & expediting research
    - Finding additional authority to bolster arguments
    - Avoiding costly mistakes

Use Case

- Uses Shepard's in the following ways:
    - To ensure that cases & authorities are still good law
    - To help formulate stronger arguments
    - To identify any splits in authority and the impact cases
    - To find more sources to clarify the law & support cases
    - Build support for cases
    - Find positive and negative analysis

Results

- Shepard's is differentiated from other citators in the following ways:
    - Ability to identify a split in authority
    - Total history & treatment analysis including both positive and negative treatments
    - Speed and performance in finding authorities relevant to research
    - Trust and reliability
    - Ease of use
    - Accuracy
- Feels that the value of Shepard's to their research provides extremely high ROI.
- Extremely dependent on Shepard's to validate and research cases.

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