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Case Analysis Never Looked So Good

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LexisNexis CaseMap, a litigation case analysis program, is a rare breed in that its user base consists of virtually everyone from solos to large firms to government agencies. What these litigation teams have in common is a need for a central location to enter facts, issues, and evidence, and then generate reports.

In the latest version, LexisNexis CaseMap 7.5, LexisNexis has lavished lots of attention on the reports — the program's public face. Reports and ReportBooks look a lot snappier now that you can add graphics to the title page, including your logo.

Also, a new Reports menu enables you to access all reports with one click. From this new menu, you can also configure Page Setup and Print options, insert a TimeMap timeline, insert a NoteMap outline, send a spreadsheet report to Word, WordPerfect, or a Web browser, export to Excel, and launch the Summary Judgment Report Wizard.

As for the all-important content within your reports, you can now include "By-Issue" reports in ReportBooks. These reports display records linked to an issue (e.g., all facts and documents associated with the breach of contract issue). You can use the default By-Issue reports that ship with CaseMap and also build your own custom reports.

LexisNexis has also beefed up CaseMap's "Link Summary" technology. As a result, you can now generate reports that show the number of documents a party, witness, or other key participant has authored (LS: Docs Authored) as well as the number of email messages sent (LS: Emails Authored) and received (LS: Emails Received). These reports should make deposition preparation much simpler. Just click the count to access all the documents or email messages. As for getting these records into CaseMap in the first place, it's easier than ever thanks to an overhauled "Send-To-CaseMap" tool.

Other enhancements include live spell checking, the ability to add Facts (people, places, documents, etc.) on the fly, tighter integration with NoteMap, and case auto-logout, which enables you to side-step the login dialog when you're the only person working on a CaseMap case. Learn more about LexisNexis CaseMap 7.5:

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