Unleashing Mobile Productivity: TimeSolv's Solution for On-the-Go Time Tracking

There's a great deal of conversation around working from home versus inoffice work, but there's one remote work scenario that doesn't get nearly as much attention as the others: working on the go.

The reality is that lawyers have been working on the go for decades. Whether having a working lunch with a client, hustling to the courthouse for trial, or visiting the opposing counsel's office for a deposition, lawyers work from many locations.

Before the pandemic, there weren't as many tools available to support this mobility. Time-tracking, in particular, has been a challenging task to handle when away from the desk. However, mobile-friendly, cloud-based time-tracking software like TimeSolv is an increasingly helpful (and available) resource for attorneys.

Why is time tracking important in the first place?

The old adage "time is money" might overused, but in the legal profession, where logging billable hours can mean the difference between success and failure, it's an inescapable fact. For attorneys, every minute accounted for translates directly to revenue, making meticulous time tracking essential for maintaining profitability.

Aside from dollars and cents, precise time tracking plays a critical role in managing client satisfaction. Carefully tracked time allows for transparent billing, which fosters trust and helps to avoid disputes over invoices.

Tracked time also provides valuable insight into how law firms should allocate resources, scale services, and compensate attorneys and staff.

Manual AND mobile time tracking: what are the risks?

Despite the importance of accurately tracking time, many law firms continue to rely on outdated, manual time-tracking methods. While you can log your hours by hand at the end of the day or week, it's an imperfect method.

Manual time tracking presents several challenges for attorneys on the go:

- **Incomplete time records:** The process of manually tracking time generally requires lawyers to reconstruct their day or week when logging hours, relying on memory. This approach can cause significant problems because it's easy to forget or accurately estimate time spent on specific tasks, leading to lost or inaccurate billable hours.
- **Wasted time:** Sitting down to manually record your time is time-consuming. This means legal professionals spend valuable time that could be better spent on client work just trying to keep track of what they've already done.
- **Inefficiency and errors:** Manual time tracking is prone to errors. From simple typos to double entries or even omitting recorded time altogether, these errors can lead to disputes over billing and damage client relationships or your firm's reputation.

These risks are exacerbated when attorneys work on the go. Working on the go creates more opportunities for notes to get lost or for tasks to be forgotten.



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There's an app for that: mobile time-tracking tools for lawyers

With multiple industries embracing remote and hybrid working setups, plenty of time-tracking apps have popped up to deal with the challenges of

logging time on the go. These solutions include industry-agnostic and legalspecific options.

Legal professionals typically benefit most from using legal-specific options, as they're designed for the nuances of the industry. As a result, law firms need to spend less time customizing software (and less time worrying about compliance issues).

A great legal-specific time-tracking software like TimeSolv provides you with solutions like:

- Automatic time capture that enables time tracking as tasks are performed, eliminating the need for manual entry and reducing the risk of forgetting to log hours.
- **Integrated task management** tools that allow attorneys to link time entries to specific cases or clients for better organization and billing accuracy.
- **Data security** measures like firewalls and bank-grade encryption, which ensure your data is safe and your firm stays compliant with federal regulations and industry standards.

3 common mobile time-tracking scenarios for attorneys (and how TimeSolv can help)

While we could spend all day telling you about <u>the advantages of mobile</u> <u>time tracking</u>, we think it's worth taking a look at common scenarios for attorneys and how TimeSolv can make their lives easier.

1. Client meetings outside the office

Most lawyers find themselves handling days that are packed with client meetings, many of which take place outside the office.

Whether it's a strategy session at a client's place of business, a coffee shop catch-up, or a lunchtime meet and greet, these moments are pivotal—and billable.

Mobile time-tracking apps allow attorneys to accurately log hours spent in these meetings as they're happening. With TimeSolv, attorneys can easily

stop and start timers, as well as take notes and upload materials to thoroughly document their work. (Not a fan of typing out information on your phone? You can dictate descriptions with TimeSolv's mobile app instead of fumbling with the keypad.)

2. Court appearances and travel

Being in court demands a significant portion of a lawyer's time, not just in hearings and trials but also with the extensive travel and wait times that these endeavors often require.

TimeSolv makes logging billable hours simple. Lawyers can track the entirety of their court-related activities on the app, whether it's capturing mileage traveled as part of an <u>expense</u> report or accessing critical client information within the software. TimeSolv can also function without internet access, meaning you won't be left stranded if you're out of range.

3. Stepping out of office (but not out of touch)

21st-century life is busy, especially for attorneys. Whether you're running your child's forgotten backpack to school, making your bi-annual trip to the dentist's office, or catching up with a friend for lunch, you likely have a few non-work items on your calendar. Sometimes, you may need to take care of a few tasks on the go, whether responding to a quick client call or signing off on an associate's work.

TimeSolv makes sure these billable moments don't get lost in transit. It also offers industry-leading security features, so you can be confident that your firm's data is safe no matter where you work.

Ready to unleash your mobile productivity?

If you're looking for the tools to improve your time management processes and increase your productivity on the go but you're still coming up short, it's time to invest in time-tracking software like TimeSolv.

From real-time tracking on our mobile app that enables you to track every minute with the push of a button to integrations with practice management tools you're already using to make billing and invoicing transparent and

painless, we've got the tools you need to take your mobile productivity to the next level.

Ready to see what TimeSolv can do for you? Sign up for a <u>free trial</u> today.