

Where intelligent legal research happens



In a 2011 survey of U.S. law firms, 94 percent believe that a focus on practice efficiency is a permanent change in the legal profession.*

The #1 trend identified.

So, the question is...how to achieve efficiencies?

What is TOPAZ?

TOPAZ is designed to improve the process of legal research and simplify a law firm's workflow and business operations.

In seamless steps, the core business function of legal research becomes the springboard for transitioning law firms to efficient, collaborative and cost-aware operations.

Further, **TOPAZ** introduces a new era of solutions for law firms – an era of intelligent legal research that brings together key business functions for the purposes of creating new efficiencies, enhancing productivity, and **managing the bottom line**.

This is *intelligent legal research*.



Defining Intelligent Legal Research

Intelligent legal research is **TOPAZ** – combining practice management, knowledge management and legal research. **TOPAZ** creates a cohesive, organized and shared platform for comprehensive, efficient work, including:

- Listing of every legal resource available to you
- Collaborative tools as never experienced before
- Client research strategy
- Password management
- Client/matter validation

TOPAZ transforms the way firms conduct legal research – innovating, informing and integrating intelligence into every step of the process.

Intelligent legal research is TOPAZ. It's the combination of many important practices already underway in your firm.

Innovate > Inform > Integrate

*Altman Weil Law Firms in Transition Survey 2011 conducted in April/May 2011. The survey polled Managing Partners and Chairs at 805 US law firms with 50 or more lawyers.

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Features at your fingertips

The powerful **TOPAZ** dashboard makes it all happens. Efficient, intelligent features include:

- Intuitive drill-down selections and ability to move between client, matter and cost with ease
- Targeted alerts where research is happening
- Easy collaboration through personal messages and tips
- Researchers' notes and feedback attached to the relevant resources

Added value and service for your clients

Beyond your bottom line, **TOPAZ** makes sense for your client's bottom line in that you can:

- Control what is spent on behalf of client matters in alignment with your engagement terms
- Monitor the actual cost of research, by client and/or matter, allowing you to negotiate more effective alternative fee arrangements
- Obtain real-time resource utilization and time reports at the push of a button, allowing you to report to clients and include as "value-add" in billing statements
- Eliminate wasted effort and time through efficient, intelligent legal research for your clients

Collaborative opportunities and professional development

TOPAZ redefines and fosters authentic collaboration.

- Formerly isolated or inefficient functions and processes become fully integrated
- Collaboration occurs seamlessly in a shared environment
- Duplicative, redundant, and irrelevant work ceases with the real-time, sharing of essential content, ideas and experiences across departments and functions

In the **TOPAZ** environment, law professionals are able to leverage their time as never before and gain exponential latitude and success in their work rather than wasting time reinventing the wheel.

New efficiencies lead to improved cost recovery processes and strategies

TOPAZ eliminates wasted effort and time by keeping the focus on intelligent legal research – your means to new efficiencies for your firm.

- Revolutionizes your law library through cost recovery processes and strategies



- Benefits your information procurement and delivery processes via smart decisions based on client agreements, value and actual need
- Provides ways to significantly reduce your library budget by managing resources by client, matter and cost
- Gives you control to authorize or limit specific resources and suggest alternatives

Ultimately, **TOPAZ** gives you greater flexibility for cost recovery both through contract renegotiations and cost allocation and containment measures that can be easily and quickly deployed.

Revolutionizing research for the legal industry

TOPAZ creates a secure, virtual research place where attorneys, researchers and law librarians "live" – with everything available that they need to function efficiently. Plus, **TOPAZ** is:

- Simple to implement
- Easy to manage and use
- Secure and safe with state-of-the-art security measures to protect law firms' data

 **TOPAZ** promises to

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ultimately transforming the practice of law.

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