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Introduction and Acknowledgements

Technology in the practice of law is constantly evolving, and “Smart” tools can be harnessed to create effective, courtroom presentations. This paper intends to highlight some of the hardware, applications and software available to the “Smart” litigator.

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Smart Phones

In the area of Smart Phones a new term has been introduced the “phablet” i.e. combination of the phone and table .The term “phablet” refers to those devices in excess of 5.5 inches. The following is a comparison of some of the major features of the Samsung Galaxy Note 4, the Apple 6 and the Google Nexus 6.

	SAMSUNG GALAXY NOTE 4	APPLE I PHONE 6 PLUS	GOOGLE NEXUS 6
DESIGN			
OS	Android (4.4)	IOS 8.x	Android (5.0)
Dimensions	6.04 x 3.09 x 0.33 inches	6.22 x 3.06 x 0.28 inches	6.27 x 3.27 x 0.40 inches
Weight	6.21 oz (176 g)	6.07 oz (172 g)	6.49 oz (184 g)
DISPLAY			
Physical Size	5.7 inches	5.5 inches	6.0 inches
Resolution	1440 x 2560	1080 x 1920	1440 x 2560

Pixel density	515 ppi	401 ppi	493 ppi
Technology	Super AMOLED	IPS LCD	AMOLED
CAMERA			
Flash	LED	Dual LED	Dual LED
Aperture Size	F2.0	F2.2	F2.0
Camcorder	3840x2160 (4K) (30 fps), 1920x1080 (1080p HD) (60 fps)	1920x1080 (1080p HD) (60 fps), 1280x720p HD) (240 fps)	3840x2160 (4K) (30 fps), 1920x1080 (1080p HD) (30 fps), 1280x720 (720p HD) (30 fps)
TECHNOLOGY			
CDMA		✓	
GSM	✓	✓	✓
CONNECTIVITY			
Bluetooth	4.1 EDR	4.0	4.1
Wi-Fi	✓	✓	✓

Smart Tablets

Tablets have become commonplace in legal practice in recent years, but figuring out which device offers the best bang for the buck is always a concern. Especially with technology changing so quickly. Apple has had a monopoly on the tablet market for a long time with the sale of its iPads and mini-iPads, but recently there has been a decline in sales.

See: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/21/technology/iphone-6-propels-apple-profit-to-record.html>

With the release of the iPad Air 2, we are seeing evolutionary enhancements to the iPad Air. Finally Touch Id comes to the iPad, we see a faster processor, a barometer, better camera / video, better battery life and a reprogrammable Sim card for AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile, except Verizon not on board. The Sim card now found on the iPad Air 2 is an interesting feature as it allows you to choose monthly plans and shop around for cellular service. [CNET Review](#).

The Microsoft Surface Pro 3 is in a category of its own. With a 12" display in a magnesium frame, Surface Pro 3 has all the power and performance of a laptop in a lightweight, tablet form. Surface Pro 3 is the third-generation Surface-series 2-in-1 tablet/laplet, designed, developed, marketed, and produced by Microsoft. The Surface Pro 3 was announced on May 20, 2014, and the first models were released on June 20, 2014 in the U.S. and Canada. [CNET Review](#).

The Samsung Galaxy Tab S 10.5 is a 10.5-inch Android-based tablet. It belongs to the high-end "S" line of the cross between the Samsung Galaxy Tab and Samsung Galaxy S series,

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