

## **WordPerfect Legal Edition**

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With the delivery of the WordPerfect Suite Legal Edition, Corel has made it easy for law firms to select a suitable word processing tool under Windows 3.x or Windows 95: WordPerfect is the preferred choice. Besides having an inherent bias affording direct control of editing and formatting issues that regularly arise throughout pleadings and other legal documents, the WordPerfect Suite, incorporates an impressive ensemble of functions and features specifically targeted for the law practitioner.

For example, a Table of Authorities may be automatically created for briefs and other pleadings by clicking a single icon. Subsuming Lexis-Nexis FullAuthority into the Legal Edition, Corel has metamorphosed the tedious task of locating and marking each citation in a pleading to simply invoking FullAuthority to automatically locate, alphabetize, and then cross-reference all recognizable citations.

Another law office-centric feature of the Legal Edition is Lexis-Nexis CompareRite which compares two versions of a document and generates a red-lined document and (optionally) simultaneously generates a list of all revisions, showing the exact location of the relevant text in each document being compared. This feature provides a fail-safe facility for exchange of documents between opposing counsel.

The WordPerfect Legal Edition also provides special law office “QuickTasks” which use functions provided by cross-Suite applications (WordPerfect, Quattro Pro, etc.); professional-looking pleading paper, forms, and electronic stationery; “word-smithing” tools which interrelate and coordinate words and terms; and supplemental spelling dictionary with legal terms. A useful feature is the ability to store and retrieve multiple related documents as a group. For example, a motion for summary judgment, supporting memorandum, supporting affidavits, proposed order, and related cover letters may all be stored in the same group. Then, when another motion for summary judgment is being prepared, this group may be used as a model for routinely generating all appropriate documents.

The Legal Edition provides an integrated version of a popular law office time-management, calendaring, and docketing tool — Gavel & Gown’s Amicus Attorney. While selection of a suitable time and case management software generally depends upon a firm’s specific needs and the personalities of the lawyers involved, Corel has provided a “free” stand-alone version of Amicus Attorney for your consideration. This version may be upgraded to Amicus Attorney Pro which functions seamlessly under Windows 95 Network Neighborhood and like local area networks. This synergy between WordPerfect and Amicus Attorney enables practitioners to experience automatic document assembly ala Capsoft’s HotDocs. Using predefined variables contained within Amicus Attorney’s client and matter database, HotDocs’ powerful engine may be invoked for conveniently generating documents. No document generation task is too big or too small for HotDocs’ magic to be applied.

Corel WordPerfect Legal Edition has simplified computerizing and automating the practice of law. It should be noted, however, that the current version (7.x) is not a 32-bit implementation, i.e., does not take advantage of the Windows 95 environment (although running under Windows 95). Accordingly, the Legal Edition contains the standard feature set of WordPerfect 7.x — not the newer features that come delivered with WordPerfect Suite 8.x. Nevertheless, the panoply of features and functions that arrive with the Legal Edition are well worth the modest price.

