

# CaseMap - One-Stop Shopping for Critical Case Knowledge

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## WHAT IS CASEMAP?

CaseMap is a case analysis tool that makes it easy to organize, evaluate, and explore the facts, the cast of characters, and the issues in a case. CaseMap is designed for use on all types of cases and by all types of investigators, prosecutors, litigators and support staff.

CaseMap is a collection of spreadsheets located in one case file. A simple data entry technique gives you automatic linking among the spreadsheets. Investigators using CaseMap focus on the Facts spreadsheet to sort out what happened when and the Objects spreadsheets for building a cast of characters that may include people, places, documents, organizations, physical evidence or other things that play an important role in the case. The spreadsheets are relational, so it's easy to see which facts are related to various players in the cast of characters. The CaseMap case file also has spreadsheets for creating an issue outline, tracking questions you want answers to and research you compile on the case. Use the parts of the case file that make the most sense to you for the way you're comfortable working.

CaseMap is a database program but unlike many database programs it's easy to learn and use. It features a consistent design and ease-of-use features such as live spell checking and autocorrect--features typically only available in word processing programs. CaseMap includes a prebuilt example case and a "101" tutorial that make mastering the program a snap.

CaseMap makes it easy to filter chronologies, witness and document lists down to any subset of interest. For example, rather than printing a chronology that lists every case fact, print one that contains just those facts that are particularly important, that bear on a particular case issue, that mention a particular witness, that are particularly good or bad, or that come from a particular source document.

## JUST THE FACTS

In the past there was no way to isolate facts of particular interest or view them in meaningful relationships. When investigators needed reports showing just the facts relating to specific issues, for example, they were stymied because of the all-or-

nothing nature of word-processing software.

CaseMap solves that problem and makes it easy to create and maintain your chronology. If you employ a multi-user database, several investigators can simultaneously enter, edit, and explore the facts. CaseMap automatically sorts your facts into proper date order. It can automatically provide the day of the week for each date you enter, and allow you to enter information using "pick lists," saving input time and eliminating the inevitable misspellings that occur with manual entry.

Use your chronology to communicate with your client; send your client the chronology on a regular basis. CaseMap stamps each fact with the date when it's entered into the chronology and can mark with an icon each fact that was entered since you last sent your client the chronology. By tagging new facts in this way, the report will give your client the complete story of the case, but it will be easy for them to focus on the new evidence.

## WHO ARE THE PLAYERS IN THE CASE?

Take the effort required to develop a cast of characters in a word processor or any other type of software and invest this energy in CaseMap. You'll get back 10 times the result. When a cast of characters is organized in CaseMap, it's stored in the same central database as the case's fact chronology, index of key documents, and spreadsheet of unanswered investigation questions. The result is one-stop shopping for all critical case knowledge.

When a cast of characters is in CaseMap, it's easy to analyze and explore in new ways. For example, it takes one mouse click to filter a CaseMap cast of characters down to any subset of interest. Rather than creating a report that lists every case player, print one that lists only organizations, or only those players flagged as key, or only organizations flagged as key.

CaseMap offers a powerful reporting system that's based on the simple concept of What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get. Reports automatically include

polished title pages that display the name of the case, your name, the name of your organization, the date and so on. CaseMap's built-in PDF Writer means that reports can be PDFed with one mouse click. A mouse click can also send cast of character information from CaseMap to Word or WordPerfect for inclusion in briefs and other word-processing documents.

Reports based on the cast of characters can be included in CaseMap's unique ReportBook work product. A ReportBook is a compilation of any number of CaseMap case analysis spreadsheet reports along with a Title Page, a Confidentiality Statement, a Table of Contents, and more. For example, one ReportBook can contain a cast of characters, a fact chronology, an index of key documents and an issue outline.

### **BOTTOM LINE**

The bottom line: CaseMap is specifically designed to be the home for your investigation of the chronology, cast of characters and other critical case analysis information. If you're not already using CaseMap, please try the full-featured trial version that's available at [www.casesoft.com](http://www.casesoft.com).

CaseMap links with TimeMap, a timeline-graphing tool. And you can send key facts from your transcripts to CaseMap using TextMap, a transcript summary tool. CaseMap also integrates with over a dozen other litigation support and electronic discovery tools including Acrobat, Binder, Concordance, iCONNECT, IPRO, JFS Litigator's Notebook, KPMG's DiscoveryRadar, LiveNote, Sanction, and Summation.

For pricing please visit the [www.casesoft.com](http://www.casesoft.com).

### **ABOUT CASESOFT**

CaseSoft develops five software tools: CaseMap - a case analysis tool, TimeMap - a timeline graphing tool, TextMap - a transcript summary tool, NoteMap - an outlining tool, and DepPrep - a witness preparation tool. These tools are hard at work at small and large organizations including government investigative and prosecutorial agencies like the USAO and the UN War Crimes Tribunals. Forensic accounting firms are coming on board with CaseMap and 10s of 1000s of law firms make "CaseMapping" cases SOP.

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Greg Krehel is CEO of CaseSoft. CaseSoft develops five software tools for trial teams, including CaseMap, its flagship case analysis product. CaseMap features tight integration with Adobe Acrobat and over 15 other litigation support tools. Additional information and full-featured trial versions are available at [www.casesoft.com](http://www.casesoft.com).

## **LAW WEEK 13-21 May 2006 The Law: What is it to you?**

### **Law Week lunches**

The Law Society NT will host Law Week lunches in Alice Springs on Wednesday 17 May and in Darwin on Friday 19 May. This year's guest speaker is Magistrate Di Fingleton. More information is available from the Law Society on 8981-5104.

### **Marsh Law Week Cricket Challenge - Sunday 14 May 1.30-5.30pm Dinah Beach Oval, Stuart Park**

The Law Society President's XI will take on the Chief Justice's XI in the Marsh Law Week Cricket Challenge. Families and friends are encouraged to attend this social event.

### **Law Week Blood Drive**

Throughout May members of the local legal profession will participate in a Blood Drive for the Australian Red Cross. There is a competition to see which group can donate the most blood and the winner will be announced during Law Week. For more information or a registration form please visit [www.lawsocnt.asn.au](http://www.lawsocnt.asn.au). All sectors of the legal community are encouraged to participate.

### **Supreme Court Open Day - Saturday 13 May 11am-3pm**

This is your chance to explore the beautiful Supreme Court building and take advantage of the free guided tours presented by the Office of Courts Administration. 11am - The Territory's top school debaters from Darwin High School and Casuarina Senior College will argue "The primary purpose of imprisonment should be rehabilitation". 12.30pm - The Young Lawyers will debate a humorous legal topic.

2pm - Anita Angel, Honorary Curator of the Supreme Court Art Collection, will host a guided tour of the Court's impressive art collection. This is a rare opportunity to explore this remarkable body of work with expert commentary. Bookings essential Tel: 8981-5104.

### **Alice Springs Open Court**

Monday 15 May 4pm-6pm at the Law Courts, Parsons Street, Alice Springs. The Law Courts Open Day will include guided tours by the Office of Courts Administration and an entertaining mock trial.

**Law Week launch 2006 - Monday 15 May 12noon-1.30pm in Raintree Park, Darwin.** Official launch of Law Week 2006, free barbeque, a Tug-of-War competition between teams from the legal profession as well as legal information stalls.

### **Free Divorce Classes**

Do you need assistance with getting divorced? Feel like you are buried under paperwork and you just can't find a way through? Now is your chance to get some help. Bookings essential Tel: 8999-3000