Isaac Jaroslawicz: KEEPING A SOLO-PRACTITIONER PRACTICE HUMMING WITH DRAGON LEGAL

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Isaac Jaroslawicz’s legal practice is a one-lawyer shop with no full-time paralegals, yet with expertise in a wide variety of cases, including civil litigation and state and federal appeals, so tools that can save him time are invaluable. That’s why he uses Dragon NaturallySpeaking Legal Edition.

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Jaroslawicz has been using Dragon on and off for about a decade and became a regular Dragon NaturallySpeaking 11 user before switching to the Legal Edition for day-to-day use. “Around 1986, I bought one of the first IBM PCs at the amazing price of $7,000,” he recalls. “That turned me on to the possibilities of computers. I never took typing in school and still don’t know how to type, so when I first became aware of dictation software, I wanted to try it.”

Jaroslawicz primarily uses Dragon Legal with Microsoft Word and Google Gmail; he also finds it useful for selecting files and folders by speaking a client’s name, since that’s how he has the data organized. In addition to the time savings, he thanks Dragon for allowing him to stop using online transcription services that used to charge him a minimum of $30-$40 per document.

Clients’ needs can arise any time, so Jaroslawicz also relies on the Dragon Dictation app on his iPhone to write emails while he’s out of the office. “It lets me respond to clients from the car without risking my family’s lives,” he says with a laugh. “It’s the only way to compose and send emails on the go.”

He was so impressed with Dragon NaturallySpeaking 11 that he bought four extra copies to give away as gifts and, since he moved to the Legal Edition, he says that other lawyers with offices in his building have witnessed speech recognition software in action. “They’ve stopped by while I’m wearing my headset and have watched me at work with their tongues hanging out,” Jaroslawicz says.