Lawprenuer Spotlight
CourtOps from the Minnesota Bar Association
The amount of new information, updates and changes to laws can quickly occur in a short period. For Samuel and his firm, staying on top of Personal Injury and Criminal Defense laws is a duty they have to their clients. As Samuel explains: “As lawyers, we have an obligation to stay current on the law.”

Quality legal representation requires research, evaluation and strategy.

A fact Samuel Edmunds of Sieben Edmunds Miller PLLC knows all too well. As the leader of a growing six-plus employee firm he views the MSBA’s CourtOps services as an invaluable part of his team’s professional toolkit.

For years, lawyers relied on print publications for updates from the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, previously delivered one time per month to the law firm’s office.
The Minnesota State Bar Association, a leader in both education and technology for members recently released the MSBA Court Opinions by email system. The service known as “CourtOps” to members came to life through a collaboration between Fastcase and the bar association. In speaking with Samuel about the service, he shared several benefits he and his staff have directly seen since taking advantage of this free service, namely:

1. Overall Time Savings
2. Helps Identify Relevant Cases
3. Access to Professional Summaries

Specifically, Samuel cites “CourtOps is so important because we get near-instant access to the updates most relevant to our casework.” With email notifications, updates related to Criminal Defense, Civil Litigation or Personal Injury Cases are delivered automatically.

Previously, he and his team had to wait up to a whole month for a print publication to arrive at their office. Then, read analyze and adjust their strategy to coincide with the changes. Now, attorneys at SIEBEN EDM UNDS save over ten hours per month.

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However, time savings are just the beginning, the professional summaries of each update go above and beyond what traditional services provide. The MSBA’s attorney editors read and summarize the updates and law changes for all CourtOps users. Further filters allow law firms to tailor their email notifications to deliver only the practice areas or case types of their choice.

**Efficiency Breeds Better Business Habits**
Now that SIEBEN EDMUNDS MILLER is utilizing CourtOps, Samuel can better use his time. With over ten hours of savings per month, other revenue-generating activities can be completed.

“I now have more time for me to run, market, work on business development and focus on building my business.”

Because the service is offered from the Minnesota State Bar Association as a member benefit at no additional cost, Samuel shares one final remark encouraging fellow members to jump in; “I can’t imagine what lawyers did before it was available from the Bar.” Don’t delay another day, your schedule and staff will thank you!

Learn more about Court Opinions from the Minnesota Bar Association and sign-up here: [http://www.courtops.org/](http://www.courtops.org/)