

LexisNexis and Webber Wentzel launch new legal app

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LexisNexis has teamed up with African law firm, Webber Wentzel, to develop South Africa's first law firm app of its kind - tailor-made specifically for Webber Wentzel clients in the Technology Media and Telecommunications ('TMT') space.



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Content and technology solutions provider LexisNexis South Africa is working to increase the penetration of apps designed specifically for the South African legal market. This sector demands trusted, reliable information, because relying on outdated material can result in non-compliance and hefty penalties.

LexisNexis South Africa commercial director, Thabo Molefe said the main purpose behind the development of the new TMT app was to keep Webber Wentzel's clients informed and empowered by alerting them of changes in the law. The Webber Wentzel TMT App will enable the law firm's clients to access vital information quickly and stay on top of the latest legal news and emerging issues, regardless of where they are or what device they are using. Another key feature is its ability to update clients with newsflashes and Twitter feeds, thereby maintaining constant communication.

"The legal sector is a field often bogged down by the need to balance extensive research and knowledge with practical, billable work. For clients making use of legal services, the requirements are slightly different, but everybody wants fast, accurate information that enables them to achieve better outcomes and stay on the right side of the law," said Molefe.

App features

The Webber Wentzel TMT App is available for free download via the <u>Apple App Store</u> or <u>Google Play store</u>. It features relevant legislation, case law and content supplied by Webber Wentzel, including articles, presentations, seminar notes and case summaries. In addition to providing useful links to websites and documents, it also enables users to 'Ask a Question' – a feature that will generate an automatic email to an expert in that practice area. Users may also contact Webber Wentzel experts via the app.

Other key features of the design include the ability to access content offline. "This was an important feature as connectivity issues are often a challenge in South Africa. Once the user is back online – the app may be refreshed with any updates via a prompt in the settings," Molefe explained.

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