

Brad Wixen:
ON-THE-GO LEGAL NOTES AND SUMMARIES WITH DRAGON

The legal profession is full of niche jobs. Brad Wixen has found one that never requires him to appear in court or file legal documents. He spends all day in his car driving to physicians' offices and cross-examining them about their reports on behalf of other lawyers handling civil, malpractice, and workers comp cases. Previously, that meant waiting until he returned to his office before he could compile notes from the interviews and create summaries of the reports he reviewed during the day.

Then he hired Dragon NaturallySpeaking on retainer. Now he simply speaks everything he needs into an audio recorder while in his car and downloads the files to his computer, where Dragon creates transcripts of what he said. He estimates he saves half the time it used to take.

"I need to make careful notes about what occurred at the cross-examinations and my impressions of the reports I reviewed, including detailed annotations with page numbers," Wixen explains. "And I need a system that allows for efficiency and accuracy for my very demanding schedule. Dragon has been a great time saver and is almost error-free."

Carving Out a Niche

Wixen previously did the same job at a law firm before striking out on his own. He notes that it's something he fell into because most attorneys hate medical cases since they don't know much about medicine. Wixen says that what he dictates

"is heavily laden with medical terminology," but he has trained Dragon to recognize those words so they appear on the screen properly.

Dragon has also allowed Wixen to toss the highlighters and note cards while reviewing reports. "If I see that a doctor has contradicted himself in a report, I can simply note that into my recorder," he explains. "I can even use my audio

recorder and Dragon to create notes while reading medical books."

Wixen uses Dragon for other tasks too, such as replying to emails. "It's perfect for quickly writing a long, thoughtful letter," he says.

