



President's Column

By Mike Malouf, Jr.



2015 was a great year for CABA. Not only did we increase our membership and offer more member benefits, but we really made a difference in our community.

CABA lead the way on numerous projects such as: the "Food from the Bar" drive benefitting Mississippi Food Network; Christmas toy drive for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots; Pro Se Expungement Legal Clinics; and the MS Women's Economic Security Policy Summit featuring Anita Hill. These projects enriched the lives of hundreds of families and did not go unnoticed.

CABA was honored by MVLP with the 2015 Chairman of the Board's Torchbearer Award. CABA also received a First Place Award from the American Bar Association in recognition of our outstanding contributions during the Seventh Annual National Celebration of Pro Bono on November 30, 2015.

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- April 7th – Small and Solo Firms Committee will offer a lunch and learn CLE “Hanging Your Shingle 101” featuring vendors to make law office management easier.
- April 14th – Annual Evening Honoring

the Judiciary Banquet will be held to recognize the members of our judiciary.

- April 19th – CABA Membership Luncheon at the Capital Club
- April 28th – CABA Spring Social

We look forward to a great 2016 and we welcome your participation.

Thank you,
Mike Malouf, Jr. 

IT'S JUST LAWYERS TALKING AT PRIMOS

By Terry Rushing

Last year marked the 30th anniversary of my class's graduation from Mississippi College School of Law. There are classmates with whom I regularly talk, others that I hear from only around an anniversary, and some who have disappeared entirely. A big anniversary like this one is kind of like a milestone birthday, in that it is a reason to reflect on life, career, and those magical law school days. It's funny, what we've remembered from law school. Oh, I'm sure there's some academic content hidden somewhere among the synapses — [Pennoyer v. Neff](#), Rose of Aberlone, Blackacre, and substantive due process (referred to by one Con Law professor as “The Court roams at large”) — but the more vivid memories are the little moments, when our teachers let the Socratic mantle slip to reveal their humanity.

We attended law school during the Cretaceous Period (my son refers to the pre-Internet world as “the Dark Time”), when students were treated like... well, students. We were forbidden, on pain of some undefined, but terrible, something from riding the elevator and, in at least one class, we stood when called upon to summarize a case. Without Facebook or any other media distraction, we actually had only two choices during class: sleep or pay attention. Since sleeping was an

option only if you were prescient enough to have staked out a corner seat near the back of the room, most of us had no choice but to look at the professor and at least pretend to be soaking up the lecture. By doing so, we sometimes actually learned the material, but we also observed our teachers enough to recognize their particular, endearing foibles. Along with some specific events that occurred at off-site parties and are best left unrevealed, even after thirty years, those foibles are some of my most favorite memories of law school.

Conversations with Ole Miss graduates convinced me that the faculty there was not without its eccentrics, but I have no personal experience from which to expose them. At MC, one of my favorite professors was Joe Sinclitico, who graduated from Harvard Law School just in time for the stock market crash of '29 and, thus, spent his early legal career in collections. In the best tradition of the men of that era, Sinclitico eschewed any skill that might be vaguely labeled “secretarial,” so his wife typed his notes. Apparently, she was less than a perfect typist. Almost every lecture was punctuated at some point by a long pause, during which the Professor would scratch his bald head for a moment, mutter “Dammit, Gracie,” and then take a wild stab at what she meant to type.

Shirley Jones taught Wills and Estates,

and careless draftsmanship was an anathema to her. During the lecture on any case that arose from such carelessness, there would be a point where she would stop, put both hands on her handbag, which inevitably rested on the podium, and ask, “And who put that in the will? The laawyuh did!” My guess is that any former student, when drafting a legal document, strove mightily not to become the subject of one of Professor Jones's lectures. In a similar vein, I will never consider affirmative defenses to a tort action without remembering Lee Hetherington's stick figure lecture. One empty-handed figure represented the plaintiff, and one holding a moneybag was the defendant. Between the two, every conceivable defense was pictured as a hurdle, each bigger than the last, and every one designed to keep the first figure from snatching the second one's money. From Corporations, I learned from Cecile Edwards the punishment for white collar crime, which will always be, for me, her description of doing time at the former federal facility at Eglin, or “fishing in the Alabama River” (as in, “and if you do that, you'll end up fishing in the Alabama River.”)

An absolute high point of our first year though, when most of us were trying desperately to be neither seen nor heard in class, occurred in Legal Writing. One student had the temerity to complain about the teaching method — where

we were given an assignment one week and not told how we were supposed to do it until the following class. Carol West eyeballed the student and said, firmly, “Law School is supposed to be auto-didactic,” whereupon another, even braver, student actually asked, “Then why are we paying \$200 a semester hour for it?” Larry Lee, who taught the tax classes, had one of my favorite recurring themes. (At this point, I have been asked to describe Professor Lee. He is, of course, tall and good-looking. His wife, Jane, is even more good-looking, and smart.) He was fond of recounting stories of the escapades of local attorneys, mostly without calling names. At the end of the story, Professor Lee would inevitably lean forward on the podium, grin, and say, “But that’s just lawyers talking at Primos.”

We wondered, every time we heard it, what that phrase actually meant. At that time, the Primos restaurant chain included a café on State Street, across from Baptist Hospital, and another on Capitol Street, downtown, across from the old federal courthouse. Apparently, “Pop” Primos gave each of his children a restaurant to run, and the Capitol Street café was run by Gus. Gus added to the general colorful atmosphere of the place by also running a real estate business from the first booth. It was not uncommon, according to Larry Lee, for Gus to be negotiating some big real estate deal on the phone, move the mouthpiece away, and yell at a waitress, “You need to put some butter on those rolls!”

Primos Café, the Belmont (located across

the street from the Governor’s Mansion), and the Mayflower were the gathering places of choice for downtown lawyers. In the days before electronic filing, even before fax machines, many more lawyers were located downtown, from the big firms on Capitol Street to the smaller firms on Tombigbee. Besides breakfast, there was 3 the 10:30 coffee break, lunch, the 2:30 coffee break, and Happy Hour. (For a time, I’m told, the University Club would offer 5¢ beer on Friday afternoons.) You could drop in one of the cafes at mid-morning and see more lawyers there than there were at any local courthouse, or maybe all of the courthouses put together.

In those days, the downtown Post Office was located on the bottom floor of the federal courthouse, and its lobby was another gathering place, as lawyers commonly picked up their own mail. All of these venues gave attorneys an opportunity to meet informally, and, in addition to the inevitable gossip, many disputes were settled there, without judicial intervention. Another advantage, however, to having so many lawyers concentrated downtown was that “breaking news” could be gathered by simply walking down the street. Lee recounted an incident where he passed a fellow attorney standing on a street corner, surrounded by boxes of files. “What’s going on?” Lee asked the lawyer. The lawyer replied, “My partners voted me out of my firm, so I’m moving out.” “Really?” Lee said, “ I hadn’t heard. When did it happen?” “This morning,” the lawyer quipped. “It’s been my experience that it’s never a good idea to stick around.”

Some groups of lawyers, even if they practiced during the time that Lee described, never had this type of daily social intercourse. Neither U.S. District Judge Carlton Reeves nor U.S. Magistrate Judge Linda Anderson remembered an equivalent gathering place for African American lawyers, although the Magnolia Bar provided a forum for interaction and regular meetings. Of course, as Judge Anderson recalled, “When I got out of law school, I pretty much knew every black lawyer in the State.” The Mississippi Women Lawyers Association provided similar opportunities for female lawyers; however, that number was also small. Anna Furr, a staff attorney with the federal court who began practicing in 1980, knew most of the State’s female lawyers at that time.

These days, the practice of law, and the geographical dispersion of law firms, has dramatically changed. Although a vestige of the past exists in the Weaver Gore Breakfast Club, which is rumored to meet regularly, most lawyers, on a daily basis, only see other lawyers from their firms. This writer pledges to talk to the lawyers who remain downtown, to see if another meeting place exists; to talk to the lawyers who have moved away, to see if alternate locations have been developed; and to talk to lawyers in the surrounding counties, to see if custom and practice has established local hangouts for lawyers. Law students and new lawyers will also be addressed, to determine how they plan to keep in touch with their peers, if they do at all. ➡



CABA February Membership Meeting

CABA Membership Meeting/CLE on February 16th. The program was a panel discussion on “The Point of Intellectual Integrity.” Speakers Jennifer Ingram Johnson and Michelle Easterling are shown with Meade Mitchell, CABA Vice President, and Jennie Eichelberger, Program Co-Chair.

2015 CABA CHRISTMAS Party

December 3rd at the Old Capitol Inn



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Changing the Scope of Discovery and Other Significant Revisions

The 2015 Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

By Blake Smith



December did more than say “goodbye” to the year 2015; it also marked the end of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as we formerly knew them. Amendments to the Federal Rules became

effective December 1, 2015, including some significant changes.

If there was any doubt on the importance of these amendments, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts in his 2015 Year-End Report on the Federal Judiciary made it clear that unlike “modest and technical, even persnickety” changes in the past, the 2015 amendments are “different.” They are the culmination of what he described as “five years of intense study, debate, and drafting to address the most serious impediments to just, speedy, and efficient resolution of civil disputes.”

According to Chief Justice Roberts, the process began in 2010 when the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules sponsored a symposium on civil litigation comprised of various judges, professors, and lawyers. After triumphing through 40 pages and 25 data compilations, what the group concluded might come as a surprise to some.

“[W]hile the federal courts are fundamentally sound, in many cases civil litigation has become too expensive, time-consuming, and contentious, inhibiting effective access to the courts,” Chief Justice Roberts said.

After a three year journey of more than 2,300, written comments, 120 witnesses, multiple hearings, and other milestones, the amendments

traveled from the Judicial Conference, the national policy-making body of the federal courts; made their way through the U.S. Supreme Court; and landed at Congress. The symposium intended for the final product addressed four specific areas in need of reform that Chief Justice Roberts said were “problems”:

- Greater cooperation among counsel;
- Focus discovery on what is truly necessary to resolve the case;
- Engage judges in early and active case management; and
- Address serious new problems with vast amounts of electronically stored information.

The result includes sweeping changes to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 1, 4, 16, 26, 30, 31, 33, 34, 37, 55, 84, and the Appendix

of Forms. Some of the highlights of the new amendments are summarized below.

Rule 1. Scope and Purpose

Rule 1 previously required the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to be construed and administered to secure a just, speedy, and inexpensive determination. The amended version imposes a third mandate: the federal rules must also be “employed” by the courts and the parties in order to accomplish those goals. Discussing the amendment, Chief Justice Roberts said, “The new passage highlights the point that lawyers—though representing adverse parties—have an affirmative duty to work together, and with the court, to achieve prompt and efficient resolutions of disputes.”

Rule 4. Summons.

Rule 4(m). Time limit for Service.

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Absent a showing of good cause or other stated exception, the time for serving a defendant with the summons and complaint under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 shrinks from 120 days to 90 days after filing in the amended version. The comment explains that the change is intended to shorten delay at the beginning of litigation.

Rule 16. Pretrial Conferences; Scheduling; Management

Rule 16(b)(1)(B). Under the former version of Rule 16(b)(1)(B), the judge was generally required to issue a scheduling order after receiving the parties' Rule 26(f) report or consulting with them at a scheduling conference "by telephone, mail, or other means." The amended version of Rule 16(b)(1)(B), however, dispenses with "by telephone, mail, or other means." According to the comment to the amended rule, "A scheduling conference is more effective if the court and parties engage in direct simultaneous communication." As the comment indicates, the amended version of Rule 16(b)(1)(B) encourages simultaneous communication "in person, by telephone, or by more sophisticated electronic means."

Rule 16(b)(2). The amended version of Rule 16(b)(2) reduces the time for a court to issue a scheduling order to the earlier of 90 days (down from 120) after any defendant has been served or 60 days (down from 90) after any defendant has appeared unless the judge finds good cause for any delay.

Rule 16(b)(3)(v). Changes to Rule 16(b)(3) incorporate additional potential subject matter to be included in a scheduling order. One of the new topics includes requiring a movant to request a conference with the court prior to filing a motion for an order relating to discovery.

Rule 26. Duty to Disclose; General Provisions Governing Discovery.

Rule 26(b)(1). Scope in General. Like its predecessor, the amended Rule 26(b)(1) permits parties to obtain discovery regarding any nonprivileged matter "that is relevant to any party's claim or defense." The revised version, however, adds a new limitation; discovery must also be "proportional to the needs of the case."

The amended Rule 26(b)(1) provides a series of factors to consider whether discovery is "proportional," including:

- Importance of the issues at stake in

the action;

- The amount in controversy;
- The parties' relative access to relevant information;
- The parties' resources;
- The importance of the discovery in resolving the issues; and
- Whether the burden or expense of the proposed discovery outweighs its likely benefit.

In addition, the new version of Rule 26(b)(1) loses former language maintaining that discovery need not be admissible at trial if "reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible

evidence." Under Rule 26(b)(1) as amended, information within the scope of discovery "need not be admissible in evidence to be discoverable."

The amendment to Rule 26(b)(1) also deletes language which authorized the court upon good cause to order discovery of any relevant subject matter involved in the action.

You can find the amended 2015 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/current-rules-practice-procedure/federal-rules-civil-procedure>. In addition, you can find a redlined version of the rules as amended for comparison at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/file/18905/download>. ➡

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REVIEW: "BRIDGE OF SPIES" AND STRANGERS ON A BRIDGE

By John C. Henegan¹



"Bridge of Spies," a Stephen Spielberg film starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, is a thriller about the arrest, trial, and conviction of Colonel Rudolph Abel, a Russian spy,

for espionage in 1957 in Brooklyn, New York, and the subsequent swap of Colonel Abel for Captain Francis Gary Powers of the U.S. Air Force. Captain Powers had been shot down while flying a classified U-2 spy plane in 1960 over the Soviet Union. After Powers' capture, the Soviets found the U-2 and after meticulously examining the plane, publicly displayed it in the Kremlin in Moscow. A three-judge Soviet military court found Captain Power guilty of espionage although the U.S never received any military intelligence from the flight, which was his only mission. The events remained on the front pages of international newspapers for months.

Tom Hanks gives a masterful performance as James Donovan, a local civil trial lawyer appointed by the federal court at the recommendation of the local Brooklyn Bar Association to defend Colonel Abel. From the outset it is clear that the court, the prosecution, and Donovan's colleagues (who initially encourage Donovan to accept the appointment) believe that the case against Abel is iron clad and that Colonel Abel's trial will be a mere formality leading to a conviction and possible death sentence -- all as a result

of the detailed information that the FBI had released to the press for several weeks before Colonel Abel first appeared in court for his formal arraignment. Donovan, who had been a U.S. Naval commander and general counsel to the OSS during World War II, and an associate prosecutor for the United States during the Nuremberg trials, makes it clear to everyone that he believes that under the U.S. Constitution every defendant, no matter how vilified, is entitled to a proper defense and a fair trial. At his first press conference about the case, Donovan compares Abel to Nathan Hale, the spy for the American colonies during the Revolutionary War, and Donovan says that he hopes that the U.S. has citizens abroad who are acting as spies for the United States. Donovan explains to those present at the press conference that he wants to see that Abel receives a fair trial so that if our spies are captured in a foreign country they will receive a fair trial abroad. Following the press conference, editorials are written across the country praising Donovan for

accepting the case and defending Colonel Abel.

Colonel Abel is a pragmatic stoic with no illusions about the likely outcome of his trial. He is vividly portrayed by Mark Rylance, one of Great Britain's finest Shakespearean actors, who has also won three Tony awards. Until "Bridge of Spies," Rylance was best known in this country for his portrayal of Thomas Cromwell, advisor to Cardinal Wolsey and King Henry VIII, in the BBC's mini-series "Wolf Hall." Rylance, even when silent and motionless, is impossible to ignore, his presence is so compelling. The Cohen Brothers helped co-write the screen play, which is punctuated with a fresh, surprisingly good-natured sense of humor that repeatedly rises to the surface during the exchanges between Donovan and Colonel Abel as they come to know one another during the five years of Donovan's representation of Abel.

After meeting with Colonel Abel to obtain his consent to be his attorney, Donovan provides a vigorous defense, not only at trial but through the ensuing appeal in the Second Circuit and

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the United States Supreme Court. Ultimately, the Supreme Court hears argument in the case twice before affirming Abel's conviction. In a 5-4 decision, Mr. Justice Frankfurter writing for the majority, the Supreme Court rejects Donovan's contention that the FBI's arrest and search of Colonel Abel and his apartment violated Abel's Fourth Amendment rights. Incredibly, Donovan later successfully negotiates the exchange of Abel for Powers in Berlin, Germany, in 1962, the swap taking place in the early morning on a bridge in East Berlin with only the principals present.

The film is based on the 1964 bestselling book, *Strangers On A Bridge*, written by Donovan, who kept a daily journal about the case. Scribner has recently reissued the book in

paperback with an informative introduction by Jason Matthews which places the book in historical perspective in connection with the October 2015 release of the Spielberg film. James B. Donovan, *Strangers On A Bridge* pp. 443 (Scribner August 2015).

Many years ago at a local fundraiser held where John Grisham was the featured guest, Grisham told everyone there that between a book and a film based on the book, they should "always buy the book." The audience either took his comment as some good natured humor at his own expense, or they took it to heart (as I did). Between the film and the book, follow Grisham's advice here and buy the book.

Strangers On A Bridge is one of the most inspiring books that I have ever read about

our profession, which Donovan plainly regards as a calling, and our judicial system. Before Donovan ended his legal career, he tried civil cases to verdict in 30 different states. His book is one of the most revealing and insightful books that I ever read about accepting legal representation, working with a client, marshaling a trial theme, collecting evidence, preparing for and trying a case, and handling an appeal. An entire trial practice course could be built around the text, including the "lessons learned" or self-critique that Donovan gives of the jury's guilty verdict against Colonel Abel. If you read any one book about the legal profession this year or for that matter any year, let this be the one. ➡

"THE SYRIANS ARE COMING, THE SYRIANS ARE COMING!"

Governor Bryant Can Do Nothing to Block Syrians from Entering Mississippi

By Philip Thomas



After the Paris terrorist attacks in November 2015, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant vowed "to do everything humanly possible" to block Syrian refugees from entering Mississippi.

Bryant was not alone. Governors in at least thirty states made similar announcements. Just about all these governors are Republicans. This fact, combined with settled precedent in immigration law, suggests that Bryant and the others were just playing to their base, but it is still worth discussing.

Before dismissing Bryant's announcement on legal and/or moral grounds, let's admit that there is a problem that Bryant was speaking to. The United States was founded on religious freedom. That means that all Americans are free to practice whatever religion they choose, or no religion at all. To some, that is now a scary policy with the emergence of radical Islam as a small part of what is the world's second largest and fastest growing religion.

Currently, approximately 23% of the global population is Muslim. If current trends continue, Muslims will outnumber Christians by the end of this century. In a world with 2.5 billion Muslims, a radicalized faction of only 1% means 2.5 million extremists—slightly less than the population of Mississippi. A 10% radicalized minority of Muslims would equal 250 million.

The population of the United States is 319 million. Personally, I find these figures concerning. A world with millions of people who want to kill innocent civilians is a scary place.

But we are insulated from all that here in Mississippi, right? Apparently not. In August two Mississippi State students were arrested when they tried to board a plane in Columbus with plans to travel to Syria to join ISIS. One was a cheerleader and honor student from Vicksburg whose father is a police officer. The other was a member of a family who were long-time and respected members of the Starkville community. The two students had become radicalized. We are kidding ourselves if we think that similar radicalized Muslims who cannot afford a plane ticket to Syria would never do something like, say, walk

into a campus building and start shooting people. It could happen. Yes, it is more likely to happen in population centers on the east and west coasts. But it could happen here.

Is Governor Bryant blocking Syrian refugees from Mississippi the answer? Or is it even a possibility? The answer to both of these questions is no.

On the legal side, there is a developed body of law that dictates that immigration law is regulated at the federal level. The Constitution grants Congress with the power to set naturalization laws. This means that Congress controls immigration regulations. The executive branch enforces immigration laws enacted by Congress. The Supreme Court has consistently upheld this framework, most recently in *Arizona v. U.S.* In this 2012 decision the Court held that federal law preempts state immigration laws and enforcement. This means that Governor Bryant cannot stop Syrian immigrants from settling in Mississippi.

On the practical side, trying to block all Syrian refugees from entering Mississippi is an unrealistic response to a complicated problem. First, all Syrians are not Muslim. Ten percent of the population is Christian. Presumably, most or all of the Christians have left Syria or would like to. Does Governor Bryant want to

block Syrian Christians who are fleeing ISIS? If so, he opens himself to accusations of racism.

Second, presumably everyone would agree that the vast majority of Syrian refugees are good people fleeing a country torn by civil war and invaded by ISIS. Assuming that the federal government allows some of these people to immigrate to the U.S., what purpose does blocking them from entering Mississippi serve? Is it because some are Muslims who may one day become radicalized? If so, that is already an issue with the people already here. More importantly, what would the legal difference be between blocking Syrian refugees from Mississippi and expelling all Muslims and others of Syrian descent from the state? That kind of talk would start reminding historians of a word that rhymes with Yahtzee.

Finally, I do not know why Mississippi would be in the business of trying to exclude people from settling in the state. The Mississippi economy is stagnant, at best. Mississippi is losing residents at an alarming pace. It is a bad trend.

Meanwhile, states with better economies like Washington and Colorado welcome Syrian refugees. Two hundred years of history should have taught Mississippians that discriminatory policies and fighting the clear tide of social progress is not a successful strategy for economic prosperity. But we still have not learned the lesson. Mississippi

consistently marches into the future kicking and screaming to hold on to the past. The irony is that Mississippi calls itself ‘the hospitality state.’ Many people would say that is not really true. Governor Bryant’s statement regarding Syrian refugees supports their claim. ➔



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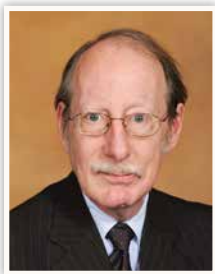


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The Best Apps from 2015



By Joel Howell

2016 is well under way and with the many resolutions we swear we'll stand by *this* time, efficiency and maximum output is always at the top of any legal professional's list. 2015 gave us much in the way of apps and here are the best the year had to offer: (Except as noted, all apps are available for Android and Apple devices).

Microsoft Translator (free at www.itunes.apple.com/us/app/microsoft-translator) is the app for you if you are or aspire to be an avid international traveler. Translation apps are much more accurate than they used to be. So when you ask for the location of the nearest restroom, you can accurately ask the question in the local language and be directed to the nearest restroom as opposed to the nearest noodle café.

Starbucks Mobile Ordering app (www.starbucks.com) is a must for anyone who loves Starbucks but hates waiting in line. This app allows the user to order and pay online. All that's left is to walk in and grab your order!

The **WifiMapper** app (www.wifimapper.com) is free and allows users to save on their cellular data and locate the nearest free wifi instead. A word to the wise: while the wifi may be free and convenient, make sure you take precautionary steps to safeguard your personal information from hackers.

The free app, **Find My Phone**, allows users to track their misplaced and stolen smartphone or tablet. You can remotely lock and in worst-case scenarios, erase all information from your device.

HBO Now (www.order.hbonow.com) is \$14.99 a month and streams the network's original shows without having a cable connection. You can watch shows like Game of Thrones on almost any device at any time. It's a television show junkie's dream come true! They offer a 30 day free trial as well, which is icing on the cake!

The free **Magnifying Glass with Light** (www.play.google.com/store/apps) app allows users to view tiny objects and text. It works by using the camera on your smartphone. Many of the reviews rave about the app replacing the need for glasses. It helps with common everyday issues such as poor lighting and minute writing, preventing users from resorting to the deleterious habit of straining to read.

Pause (www.itunes.apple.com/us/app) calls itself the "mindfulness app". It promises a "pause" from the hectic connection to the outside world that tablets and smartphones often deliver. Users aren't shown texts, calls, or email feeds. Rather, they are prompted to swipe their fingertips

across the screen for a physiological "rest and digest" response. This app will set you back \$0.99.

OneShot (www.play.google.com/store/apps) allows you to send highlights of interesting findings to friends and family without the hassle of sending the entire document. Simply highlight the interesting quote or thought-provoking article, and the OneShot app will provide a link with just the highlighted screenshot. Users are then given the opportunity to send the link with an accompanying comment.

The popular **Photoshop Fix** app (www.itunes.apple.com/us/app) uses trusted Adobe Photoshop image editing software to retouch images before posting them to all of your favorite social media outlets. Photoshop Fix features some of the best features of Adobe Photoshop by allowing users to liquify, heal, smooth, and more! It's free.

RetailMeNot (www.retailmenot.com/app) is a free money saving app that helps users find coupons and promo codes. The interface allows users to save coupons, while also giving them the opportunity to send to their friends.

For those of you who were lucky enough to get a new Apple product for the Holidays or you have an Apple product and haven't updated it yet, below are some of the helpful features included with new **iOS 9 update**:

You can now maximize your work potential with the **split screen feature** available to iPads. This allows busy users to research online while streaming the game live. With multiple screens open, Apple users will be able to use applications like iChat and Safari at the same time.

iOS 9 update also includes what Apple calls a **Proactive Assistant** to accompany Siri as she assists you. Siri now anticipates your needs based on the time, location, and calendar schedule. Is it 10:00 A.M. and you are located outside your favorite coffee shop? Perhaps Siri can help you order your coffee online and you can avoid the morning rush. While this may sound like it can get annoying, Siri keeps track of how and when you use your phone. This avoids unnecessary prompting, and instead pulls the weather from your favorite app before you even attempt to do so.

The new Apple update also gives a much needed makeover to the seldom used Passbook app, which comes standard with all Apple devices. The old Passbook app stored concert ticket information, hotel reservations, flight information, and the like. The new Passbook app, called **Wallet**, does this and so much more. It has become a virtual wallet, allowing users to manage Apple Pay, which many stores now accept. ➡



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