LitArbi

WHITEPAPER

Exhibits, citations and bundles for litigation and arbitration

For law firms, arbitration counsel, and their IT and data protection teams: what LitArbi does, where the data lives, and what it costs.

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01 Summary

LitArbi is software for lawyers who work with a record: arbitration counsel, litigators, arbitrators and tribunal secretaries. It keeps every exhibit of a matter in one place, numbers it the way the forum expects, cites it into the brief from a pane beside the draft, and produces the List of Exhibits, the hearing bundle and the hyperlinked e-brief from the same data.

It delivers three things:

- **Citations that stay right.** Numbers follow the brief. When an exhibit is added between two others, one click renumbers every citation and the list.
- **One source for the filing.** The list, the bundle, the e-brief and the machine-readable index agree with the citations, because they are made from the same data.
- **Data that stays with the firm.** Matters live on the lawyer's computer or on the firm's own server. LitArbi, the company, never receives documents.

This paper describes LitArbi 0.9.70 of 30 October 2026. LitArbi is in public beta until 31 December 2026; paid plans start in January 2027.

02 The problem

In disputes work, the exhibits are the case. A statement of claim can cite hundreds of documents. Each needs a number in the forum's convention (Exhibit C-1, Anlage K 1, Beilage 1, Doc. n.º 1), a citation with description, date and pinpoint, an entry in the list of exhibits and a place in the bundle.

Most teams still do this by hand: a spreadsheet for the numbers, Word for the brief, a PDF tool for the bundle. Every late change breaks something:

- A document added between exhibit 1 and exhibit 2 means renumbering every later exhibit: in the text, in the footnotes, in the list and in the bundle.
- Citations drift away from the list: a date or a description in the brief no longer matches the index.
- Bundles and e-briefs are built at the end, under time pressure, separately from the brief they must match.
- Several lawyers in one brief, co-counsel in other firms, tracked changes and firm templates multiply the chances of error.

The result is avoidable risk at the moment it matters most: just before filing, and in the hearing.

03 How LitArbi works

LitArbi treats the record, the brief and the bundle as one piece of work, in five steps.

1. **Import.** Drag files or folders into a matter: PDFs, e-mails (Outlook .msg included), Word documents, images. LitArbi reads titles and dates, detects languages, finds duplicates and cuts long volumes into separate exhibits.

2. **Prepare.** OCR scanned documents in bulk; translate and summarise with the AI provider the firm chose, only on click; set types, tags and custodians; merge or split; redact for real and clean the metadata before anything leaves the desk.
3. **Cite.** In the pane beside the draft, click exhibits into a citation, add page or paragraph pinpoints and insert it in the text or as a footnote. LitArbi writes the full citation the first time and the short form after. The number is a live field, linked to the exhibit.
4. **Update.** Exhibits are numbered when first cited, or in bulk. Update Exhibits from Brief reads the brief and renumbers every citation and the list in the order of citation, with an undo for every renumbering. Tracked changes are respected.
5. **Deliver.** Insert the List of Exhibits. Produce a stamped, paginated hearing bundle with covers and an index, the submission PDF hyperlinked to the cited page of each exhibit, and a machine-readable index that another LitArbi imports in one click. Sign the PDF with a certificate, a smartcard or a qualified electronic signature through Skribble, and deliver it as a password-protected ZIP.

Every matter has smart lists (Included in submission, Do not cite, Unnumbered, Needs OCR), tags, a full-text search that includes the OCR text, and a protocol of every translation, summary and AI read for the file.

04 Working in Word, Google Docs™ and LibreOffice

CiteFlow, LitArbi's citation engine, writes the same citations wherever the brief is drafted:

- **LitArbi for Word**, in Microsoft Marketplace: Microsoft 365 or Office 2024 on Windows, Word for Mac 16.70 or later, Word on the web and Word for iPad. It gives Word a LitArbi tab with Insert Citation, Update Exhibits, Insert List of Exhibits and the other commands.
- **The Word ribbon add-in** that LitArbi installs itself, for every Word from Word 2019 and Word for Mac 16 on.
- **LitArbi for Google Docs**, in Google Workspace Marketplace.
- **LitArbi for LibreOffice**, for Writer on the Mac and on Windows.

Citations are ordinary text with invisible markers. A brief opened where LitArbi is not installed is a normal document, and colleagues can edit it freely. When it comes back, LitArbi reads the citations again. If a firm template or a document system stripped the markers, Restore Citation Links recognises the citations word for word.

From 0.9.70, each citation links to its exhibit by matter and exhibit, not by a file path. A click opens the cited page on any computer that has the matter: a colleague's Mac, a shared copy, the iPad.

05 Built for each forum

The matter's convention decides the terms, the numbering and the citation style, and hides what does not exist in that forum.

Convention	Numbering	Citations written in
International arbitration	Exhibit C-1 and R-1; CL-/RL- for legal authorities; CWS-/CER- for witness statements and expert reports; awards cited with case number, decision type and date	English; French, Spanish or German when the term is Pièce, Documento or Anlage (Pièce C-1)
England & Wales	Exhibit 1, without party letters	English
Germany & Austria	Anlage K 1 and Anlage B 1, citations in the text, the Beweisantritt from the menu	German
Switzerland	Beilage 1, citations in the text	German
Spain	Doc. n.º 1	Spanish
Portugal	Doc. n.º 1	Portuguese
Custom	The firm's own term, letters and separators (for example Pièce 1)	The language of the term

Arbitrator mode cites the parties' submissions by paragraph, never renumbers their exhibits, and shares the matter with the co-arbitrators.

A numbering per submission. A Statement of Claim, a Reply and the witness statements and expert reports filed with them each number in sequence; later submissions continue the earlier ones, and the other side's numbers stay theirs.

Seven languages. The app speaks English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian and Ukrainian. Dates follow the matter: “12 May 2009”, “12. Mai 2009”, “12 de maio de 2009”, and periods such as “1–5 April 2021”.

06 Platforms

	macOS	Windows	iPadOS	Android
The app	Native desktop app	Native desktop app	Tablet app	Tablet app
System	macOS 14 or later; Apple silicon or Intel	Windows 11, or Windows 10 1809 or later, 64-bit; x64 or ARM64	iPadOS 16 or later	Android 13 or later, on tablets
Bundles	Make and open	Make and open	Open	Open
Status	Beta	Beta	Finished; released after the beta, as an add-on	Beta on request; an add-on

One licence covers the Mac and the PC, with the same matters, numbers and citations on both. On Windows, IT rolls LitArbi out with MSI packages for x64 and ARM64 and with Group Policy templates for the licence, the server address and updates.

07 Teams and firms

LitArbi Server connects a firm's Macs, Windows PCs and browsers to the same matters. It runs on the firm's own PHP web hosting, or after the beta as a server hosted by LitArbi.

- Share a matter in one click. Changes reach the others within seconds; every computer keeps a full working copy and works offline.
- Numbering runs under a team lock, so two people never hand out the same number.
- LitArbi Web shows the matter in any browser: the exhibit table, the preview, full-text search and citations to copy.
- Co-counsel, experts and the client are invited to a single matter, with their own account, two-step sign-in and an end date if wanted. Guests are free.
- Bundles go out by download link, with a separate password, an expiry and a log of every download.
- Replaced or deleted records stay for 30 days, or up to 180, and are restored in one click.
- Licences are assigned at sign-in from the firm's keys; nobody types a key.

SharePoint, from 0.9.70. Lawyers sign in with their Microsoft 365 work account and choose a SharePoint site and library. LitArbi keeps each matter's exhibit files there, with a working copy for offline work, and never deletes anything in SharePoint. Folders synced by OneDrive, Nextcloud, Dropbox or Google Drive work too.

Firm-wide rollout. Licences can be set centrally by Group Policy on Windows and by a configuration profile on the Mac, or handed out by the server at sign-in.

08 Security and data protection

Where the data lives. On the lawyer's Mac or PC, in a matter folder that can sit on an encrypted external drive, and for shared matters on the firm's own LitArbi Server. Nothing is uploaded unless the lawyer asks for it.

What reaches LitArbi. An anonymous licence check. No usage tracking, no documents, no matter names.

AI. Off until someone clicks it, and then only to the provider the firm chose (DeepL, Claude, OpenAI, Azure OpenAI, Mistral, Grok or DeepSeek) with the firm's own key, or to a local model that never leaves the computer. A pre-flight shows what a job will send, and every call is recorded in the matter's AI protocol.

On the desk. Password protection for the app or for a single matter, automatic matter backups, a real Trash, and true redaction and metadata cleaning before anything is filed.

On the server.

- HTTPS only; LitArbi refuses to connect without it.
- Exhibit files encrypted at rest (XChaCha20-Poly1305) and checked continuously.
- Matters end-to-end encrypted on request: the server never sees names, texts or files.
- Two-step sign-in, which the administrator can require for everyone; guests always use it.
- Access checked against the matter's members on every request.
- A Cloudflare check in front of the sign-in from outside the office network.
- Bulk deletions flagged to the administrators, with Undo all; an activity log without file names or contents.

Updates. Updates install only with LitArbi's release signature, and the apps check the server's licence certificate themselves.

The provider. LitArbi is published by a company in Germany, under EU law; the privacy policy is at litarbi.app/privacy.html.

09 Hearings

LitArbi for iPad and Android tablets brings the matter into the hearing room, offline.

- **Presentation mode splits the room.** The tablet shows the running order, the tools and a red frame around what is live. The tribunal's screen (HDMI, AirPlay on the iPad, a wireless display on Android) shows only the page: zoomed where you zoom, with your pointer, your markings and a caption such as “C-41 · Calculation of losses · page 3”.
- **You decide what the tribunal sees.** Show, Hide, Freeze and Blank; a presentation clicker or a keyboard turns the pages.
- **The running order and the clock.** Each stop is an exhibit at its page, with a note. The hearing clock keeps each side's allotted time, and the chronology lays the exhibits out by date.
- **“C-41, p. 3” in one go.** Type the number and the page, or tap a citation in the brief, or in the other side's submission. Scanned exhibits are searchable on the device itself.

The tablets open the bundles made with LitArbi for Mac or Windows, or the matter straight from the firm's LitArbi Server, end-to-end encrypted matters included.

10 Licensing and pricing

LitArbi is free during the beta, which ends on 31 December 2026. Paid plans start in January 2027; beta participants keep founder pricing.

Plan	Billed yearly	Billed monthly
Solo — one lawyer, two computers	€24 per month	€29 per month
Firm — per lawyer	€20 per lawyer and month; less from 10 lawyers, down to €12 from 50	€25 per lawyer and month
LitArbi Server — for shared matters	€20 per server plus €8 per user and month; €6 per user from 50 users	€25 per server plus €10 per user and month

Prices exclude VAT. One licence covers the Mac and Windows; the tablet apps are an add-on. Guests on a LitArbi Server are free. For 100 lawyers or more, a firm-wide licence is agreed individually. Moot court teams use LitArbi free for the season, set up for the rules of thirteen competitions.

11 What comes next

From the public roadmap. Plans can change.

- **0.9.80 · November 2026 — Swiss courts and US litigation.** Swiss practice in German and French — evidence offers, the power of attorney as Beilage A, the Beweismittelverzeichnis or bordereau de pièces — in the app and in the add-ins; a qualified electronic signature for the brief through Skribble or Swisscom Sign; US numbering for trial and motion exhibits, with case law cited by name in Bluebook style.
- **0.9.90 · December 2026 — the hearing and your cloud.** The hearing's running order from the bundle, on the tablets; OneDrive, Dropbox and Google Drive with direct sign-in; LitArbi for iPad goes to Apple's App Store review.
- **1.0 · January 2027.** The end of the beta and the start of the paid plans; LitArbi for iPad and Android in the stores; signed Windows installers and a new user handbook.

12 About LitArbi

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