

Managing Texas Mass Tort Dockets with AI

Speed and Depth. Complexity Without Confusion. The AI Platform Built for MDL-Scale Litigation.

Executive Summary

Texas is a major hub for mass tort and multidistrict litigation. The Northern and Southern Districts of Texas host significant MDL dockets, and Texas PI firms are among the most active nationally in pharmaceutical, product liability, and environmental mass tort cases.

The challenge facing every Texas mass tort firm is one that most legal AI tools make worse, not better: **the forced tradeoff between speed and depth**. Tools built for case identification can process volume but can't support MDL-stage litigation. Tools built for document review move fast but miss the causation patterns that determine bellwether strategy and trial outcomes. Firms end up switching platforms mid-case – or accepting shallow analysis at the moment the case demands the most.

Supio is the only platform that eliminates that tradeoff. Built specifically for personal injury litigation and proven at MDL scale, Supio delivers speed and depth across the full mass tort lifecycle – from intake qualification through cross-case analysis, causation chronologies, deposition prep, and document drafting – without asking your team to change tools at any stage.

The proof: Supio processed 43,000+ pages of medical records and 600+ hours of depositions for TorHoerman Law's trial against Abbott Labs. The result was a **\$495 million jury verdict** – the only publicly verified MDL-scale outcome of its kind in the legal AI category. [1]

The Mass Tort Challenge in Texas

Texas firms handling mass tort cases – NEC baby formula litigation, hair relaxer cases, pharmaceutical MDLs, Camp Lejeune claims, talc, hernia mesh, and others – face a paradox: each case requires both individual attention and systematic processing.

The documentation burden is staggering:

- A single mass tort client may generate 500–2,000 pages of medical records
- A docket of 1,000 clients means potentially 2 million pages to review
- Each record must be individually analyzed for ICD codes, treatment timelines, causation evidence, and damages documentation
- Bellwether case selection requires comparative analysis across hundreds of client files simultaneously
- Demand packages and settlement documentation must be built for each client – not just the docket as a whole

The human cost is real:

Paralegals on mass tort teams are often reviewing deeply distressing medical content – traumatic injuries, terminal diagnoses, graphic surgical records – for hours every day. The emotional toll compounds the efficiency problem. Staff burnout leads to turnover, and every hour spent on manual record review is an hour not spent counseling clients through some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

The litigation-stage gap:

Most legal AI tools are built for pre-litigation workflows. They can generate summaries and flag basic case details – but when a Texas firm reaches the bellwether stage, deposition prep, or trial, those tools run out of road. Supio was built for the full lifecycle, from the first intake record through the last day of trial.

How Supio Solves the Mass Tort Problem

Supio's **CaseAware AI™** was built with complex injury and mass tort litigation in mind. It processes thousands of pages per client, identifies patterns across cases, and surfaces causation evidence that manual review routinely misses – all while maintaining the source citations that make findings defensible at every stage.

Speed and Depth – Without the Tradeoff

Most AI tools make you choose: fast processing that stays on the surface, or deep analysis that takes too long to scale. Supio delivers both. Medical chronologies that once took days per client are generated in minutes – with source-linked citations to every entry, specialist-level categorization, and causation mapping that supports both pre-lit demands and trial strategy.

As Tyler Schneider of TorHoerman Law describes their \$495M trial:

"Had we done it the old way, someone would have gone to that 4,300-page summary and just highlighted, copied, and pasted over and over. With Supio, we could do it in real time." [1]

Cross-Case Analysis – Attorney-Directed, Docket-Wide

Supio doesn't just analyze cases in isolation. Its AI can search medical timelines and causation evidence across an entire docket – identifying shared exposure patterns, consistent treatment progressions, and documentation gaps that strengthen overall litigation strategy.

Critically, this is **attorney-directed analysis, not automated overnight scanning**. Attorneys define the criteria, evaluate initial results, and decide what to act on. You stay in control of the strategy while Supio handles the scale. This is the capability gap that separates Supio from tools built only for case identification or pre-litigation workflows – which cannot perform docket-wide litigation-stage analysis under attorney direction.

"The system finds things in medical records we didn't even know to look for. During Camp Lejeune cases, the AI Assistant let us ask natural questions about exposure, treatment, and causation, and get instant answers with links to the source." – Brandon Smith, Partner, Childers, Schlueter & Smith [2]

Bellwether Selection – Weeks Become Days

In mass tort litigation, bellwether selection often determines the settlement value of the entire docket. Supio's docket-wide analysis makes it possible to identify and evaluate potential test cases in days rather than months.

"Our bellwether case selection process now takes less than a week versus one to two months previously. This acceleration is transformative for mass tort litigation." – Paul Miller, Partner, Howie Sacks & Henry [3]

Litigation-Stage Support – Deposition Prep and Document Drafting at Scale

Supio's value extends well beyond chronologies and demands. At the litigation stage, attorneys can query any client's full case file in plain language – surfacing gaps, contradictions, inconsistencies, and missing documentation before they become problems at deposition.

"Supio gave us the ability to be proactive, not reactive. It was invaluable in trial prep. Anytime you're doing something better, it's gotta have some kind of impact on the ultimate end result." – Tyler Schneider, Managing Partner, TorHoerman Law [1]

Supio's Drafting Suite generates complaints, motions, and responses in your firm's voice – at scale, across a full docket – without requiring attorneys to rebuild their workflow in a new tool.

Medical Chronologies at Scale

Individual medical chronologies – which used to take days per client – are generated by Supio in minutes, with source links to every entry. For a 1,000-client docket, this represents thousands of hours recovered and a level of consistency that manual review cannot match.

Paralegal Capacity – Reclaimed

When mass tort paralegals spend less time on manual review, they spend more time on the work that matters: client communication, case strategy support, and the emotional care that clients in these cases desperately need.

"Supio doesn't take away the job, it frees up time for our team to let them be people." – Jay Stefani, Managing Partner, Levinson & Stefani [4]

The \$495 Million Proof Point

No outcome in legal AI better illustrates what MDL-scale capability looks like than TorHoerman Law's verdict against Abbott Labs.

The challenge: 43,000+ pages of NICU medical records and 86 depositions totaling more than 600 hours of testimony. Nurse consultants had produced summaries running thousands of pages. Spotting contradictions across years of testimony was nearly impossible with traditional methods.

What Supio did: Transformed the entire record set into structured, searchable insights – categorized by doctor, specialty, and medical metric. The trial team could query in real time: all of Dr. Jones' visits, every cardiology note, every weight and physical therapy measurement.

"Supio turned 43,000 pages of medical records into real-time insights, and that let us prepare proactively instead of reactively." – Tyler Schneider, TorHoerman Law

The result: A \$495 million jury verdict against Abbott Labs – one of the largest personal injury trial outcomes in recent history, and the only publicly verified MDL-scale proof point in the legal AI category. [1]

"It allows us to be more creative because we're faster." – Tyler Schneider



Texas Firms Using Supio

The Cochran Law Firm – Texas & Oklahoma

Larry Taylor, Managing Partner

Larry Taylor runs The Cochran Law Firm across Texas and Oklahoma, with a practice spanning everyday auto cases and mass tort dockets – NEC baby formula, hair relaxer litigation, and pharmaceutical cases involving thousands of clients.

Before Supio, Taylor's team was drowning. His paralegals were serving simultaneously as administrative staff, document reviewers, and emotional counselors to clients in crisis.

"Personal injury isn't just 'file a lawsuit, write this document, submit this. It's actual people.'" – Larry Taylor [5]

The deposition volume alone was unsustainable:

"Last week I did three or four depositions... multiply that by months and you have 50 to 80 depositions, each 7 to 8 hours long." – Larry Taylor

After implementing Supio, Taylor's team transformed how it handles mass tort scale:

"On the mass tort end, you're talking thousands of clients. Sorting through those medical records saves tons of time." – Larry Taylor

"With Supio, you throw everything into a pot of gumbo and it sorts it out. It gives you the recipe you need to take before a jury." – Larry Taylor

Supio also changed how Taylor thinks about access to justice – his personal mission:

"I've been given an opportunity that less than 1 percent of this country has. It's my obligation to use these tools to help others who grew up not knowing lawyers. Being attainable, and being accessible – to these communities – to make sure that I at least do my part." – Larry Taylor

His direct advice to every Texas mass tort firm still evaluating:

"I'm a good lawyer, but there's no damn way I can comb through the documents and the transcripts in the way that these AI systems have been able to do. If you don't use AI... you're just gonna be left behind." – Larry Taylor [5]

Childers, Schlueter & Smith – National Mass Tort Practice

Brandon Smith, Partner

Brandon Smith's firm handles mass tort and pharmaceutical litigation at national scale – cases that come "hard and heavy," each requiring analysis of thousands of pages of documentation.

After two years with Supio:

"The system finds things in medical records we didn't even know to look for." – Brandon Smith [2]

"At this point, my team would kill me if I tried to take Supio away from them." – Brandon Smith

When clients call asking for updates, Smith's team now responds:

"Actually, in three weeks, we've already summarized the whole thing. Here's hundreds of pages of it, and here's the distilled down version."

The Numbers

Metric	Result ↗
Jury verdict supported by Supio	\$495M (TorHoerman v. Abbott Labs)
Bellwether selection time	60 days → less than 1 week (Paul Miller, Howie Sacks & Henry)
Paralegal capacity increase	+10 cases per paralegal
Hours saved per case	80+ hours
Cost savings per case	\$500-\$1,000
Average settlement increase	+28%

The Competitive Reality at the Litigation Stage

The legal AI market has grown rapidly, and Texas mass tort attorneys are evaluating an expanding field of tools. The key distinction to understand is **where in the lifecycle a tool was designed to operate.**



Some platforms were built primarily for case identification and pre-litigation workflows — they can process volume and flag basic case details, but they are not designed for the analytical depth that MDL litigation demands at the bellwether and trial stages. Others offer document review capabilities but cannot perform docket-wide, attorney-directed analysis across thousands of active files.

Supio was built from the ground up for the full mass tort lifecycle. The \$495M TorHoerman verdict is not a pre-litigation outcome — it is a trial outcome, achieved through deposition-level preparation, real-time record querying, and litigation strategy built on 43,000+ pages of structured evidence. That is the standard Supio is built to meet.

For Texas firms managing active MDL dockets or preparing for bellwether trials, the question is not which tool is easiest to adopt — it is which tool will still be capable when the stakes are highest.

Security: Non-Negotiable at Mass Tort Scale

Mass tort cases involve highly sensitive health information for thousands of clients. Supio is built to protect it:

- **SOC 2 Type II certified** with continuous 24/7 security monitoring via Vanta
- **HIPAA-compliant** — your client health data is never shared or pooled
- **No shared training models** — unlike public AI tools, Supio keeps every firm's data private and protected
- **Full citation traceability** — every finding links to its source document, making outputs defensible at any stage

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