Questions and answers

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Q: Do you have plans to expand Lex Machina's offering beyond patent/trademark cases-- i.e. products liability cases or other commercial cases?
A: Yes. Our technology is well-tuned for federal subject matters, such as tax, bankruptcy, securities, labor, etc. We are evaluating which area to tackle next.

Q: Do you also track litigation in other jurisdiction?
A: We currently cover U.S. District Court and ITC data.

Q: Can I get a list of patents that were asserted in a set of cases, such as Samsung's cases?
A: Yes! You can do this in two short steps. First, view the list of cases involving Samsung using our party group editor. Second, click on "Asserted Patent Report" to view the litigation summary of all the patents that were asserted in those cases.

Q: Is information in Lex Machina regarding trademarks equal to what there is for patents?
A: Our trademark cases coverage contains some of the same data, features and functions as our patent coverage. The main difference is that we automatically fetch and OCR patent case documents in 10 key categories -- complaint, answer, stay, injunction, verdict, appeal, etc. All our users can fetch any available document from PACER, which adds that document to our set. So the trademark docs can be fetched and added by a user.

Q: What information on individual lawyers (not judges) does the system provide?
A: You can see any lawyer and all their cases, their top clients, judges and districts they have the most experience with, and outcomes in cases they have litigated.

Q: Do attorneys regularly use the product within the law firm setting or is it used by an administrative role and the information provided to the attorney? What does the training in the product typically involve?
A: The users that get the most value are partners and associates, especially when they use it to set case strategy and pitch new business. Additionally, librarians and paralegals use the product to provide litigation support. We do training on all areas of the product.

Q: I am just wondering if we can find the list of litigated patents based on the patent classification code?
A: Later this year, you will be able to. Today you can search by industry sector, e.g. mobile phone patents.

Q: Is Lex Machina planning to mine data from non-judicial administrative venues? Question to the panelists, would that information be helpful?
A: We are planning to add Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) case data, which will be similar to the ITC investigation data we now provide.

Q: What if I'm interested in looking at NPE cases and outcomes at the ITC?
A: We will be adding industry coding for all our district court and ITC data, which will include NPEs as an industry.

Q: What AmLaw 100 firms are using the service?
A: Many - see some of the logos on our home page for examples. However, not all law firms and corporate customers are public.

Q: We are wondering if with a license to your tool and data you would be able to publish statistical results using the data.
A: Yes, our user agreement allows you to publish the results of your work, but not specific data sets.

Q: What information can be exported in a dataset format? Is that possible with most, some or none of this data? I am hoping to get it in the format of an excel spreadsheet or something similar where each row is, for example, a case.
A: We provide Excel export functionality, with limits on the total number of cases/documents that can be exported, to prevent wholesale downloads of big chunks of our data.