User Stories

This document outlines the core features for the initial iteration of our legal application, focusing on the journey from a client's first approach to a senior lawyer accepting and assigning the case.

1. Junior Lawyer Story

- As a **junior lawyer**, I want to **create a new case file** when a client approaches me, so I can keep all their information organized from the start.
- As a **junior lawyer**, I want to **upload my client's statement** directly into the case file, so it's instantly accessible and securely stored.
- As a **junior lawyer**, I want to be able to **submit the case to a senior lawyer for review**, so it can be officially accepted and assigned.

2. Senior Lawyer Story

- As a **senior lawyer**, I want to **be notified when a new case is submitted for my review**, so I can respond promptly.
- As a **senior lawyer**, I want to **review the case details, including the client's statement**, to decide if we should take the case.
- As a **senior lawyer**, I want to **accept or reject the case**, so it can be officially moved to the next stage or closed.
- As a **senior lawyer**, once a case is accepted, I want to **assign it to myself and other lawyers on my team**, so we can begin working on it together.
- As a **senior lawyer**, I want to **easily share case files and documents** with the assigned lawyers, so everyone has the information they need to collaborate effectively.

User Journey: From Client to Team Collaboration

1. The Client Approaches the Junior Lawyer

- A client visits our firm and meets with a junior lawyer to discuss their legal issue. The junior lawyer uses our application to begin the process.

2. The Junior Lawyer Creates the Case

- The junior lawyer logs into the application and creates a **new case file**.
- They input essential client details and a summary of the case.
- The junior lawyer then **uploads the client's words**, whether it's a typed statement, a scanned document, or meeting notes, directly into the case file.
- Once the initial information is complete, the junior lawyer submits the case for review.

3. The Senior Lawyer Reviews and Accepts the Case

- The senior lawyer receives a **notification** within the application that a new case is awaiting their review.
- They access the case file, read the junior lawyer's summary, and review the client's statement.
- After reviewing the information, the senior lawyer uses the application to **accept the case**, marking it as officially active.

4. The Senior Lawyer Assigns the Team

- With the case accepted, the senior lawyer now **assigns themselves and other relevant lawyers** to the case.
- The application creates a dedicated team for this case, ensuring all assigned members have access to the necessary information.

5. Team Collaboration

- The senior lawyer or any assigned team member can now **upload and share additional files** related to the case.
- All documents are stored in a structured manner within the case file, so every team member can access and work on the most current information.