# Post #4 MVP Journey – Legal PDF Summarizer (Contract Triage Focus)

In the legal world, when the task is quick contract triage — identifying key clauses, spotting unusual terms, or comparing versions — speed, confidentiality, and clarity aren’t luxuries; they’re necessities. Legal teams need to quickly determine what’s inside a document before deciding whether it demands deeper review.

Yet many legal document tools are designed for full-scale case management or AI-driven analysis pipelines. They’re often complex, require account creation, onboarding, and sometimes payment before the first use — slowing down one of the most common daily tasks in a legal workflow.

The Legal PDF Summarizer MVP solves this by giving law firms and in-house legal teams an immediate, secure way to triage documents:  
- Open browser  
- Upload a PDF  
- Receive a structured summary or a side-by-side comparison (for multiple files)  
— all without accounts, dashboards, or waiting.

Through extensive local and cloud testing, the tool has handled large, realistic legal PDFs with speed. A previously assumed need for chunking algorithms was found to be unnecessary for most cases, after identifying the slowdown as a local-environment factor — likely tied to API rate limits, Python runtime performance, or transient connectivity blips.

Confidentiality is absolute: Files remain the property of the user and are not stored or accessible beyond the active session. This assurance is critical for legal teams who cannot risk client data exposure.

With the MVP now live on Streamlit Cloud and tested for reliability, the next step is targeted outreach to small and mid-sized law firms.   
A no-setup, no-risk way to speed up first-pass document review, freeing legal staff for higher-value work.

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