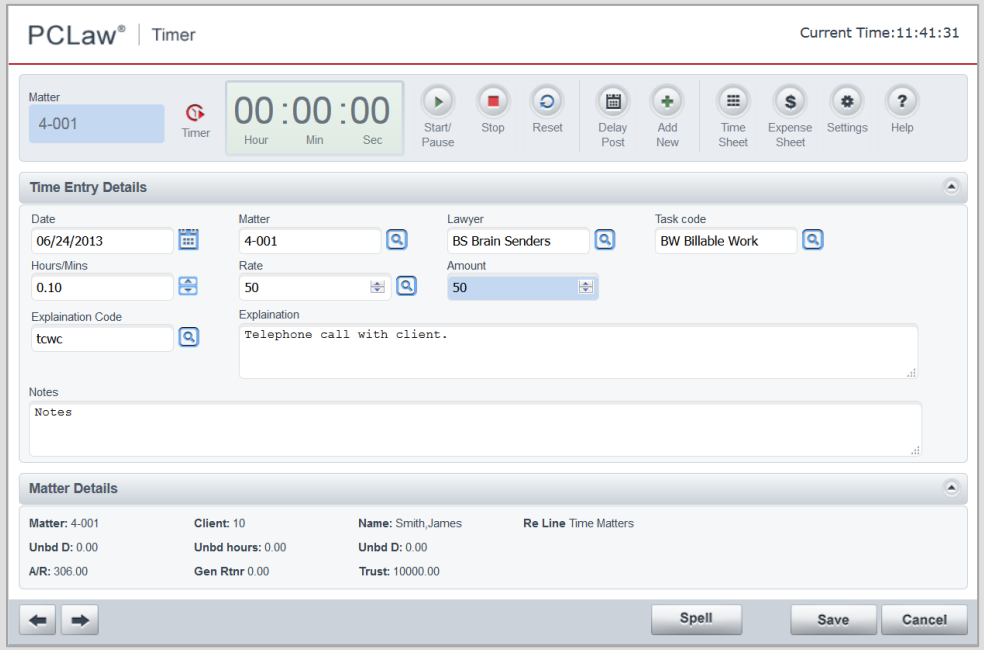
QUICK TIMER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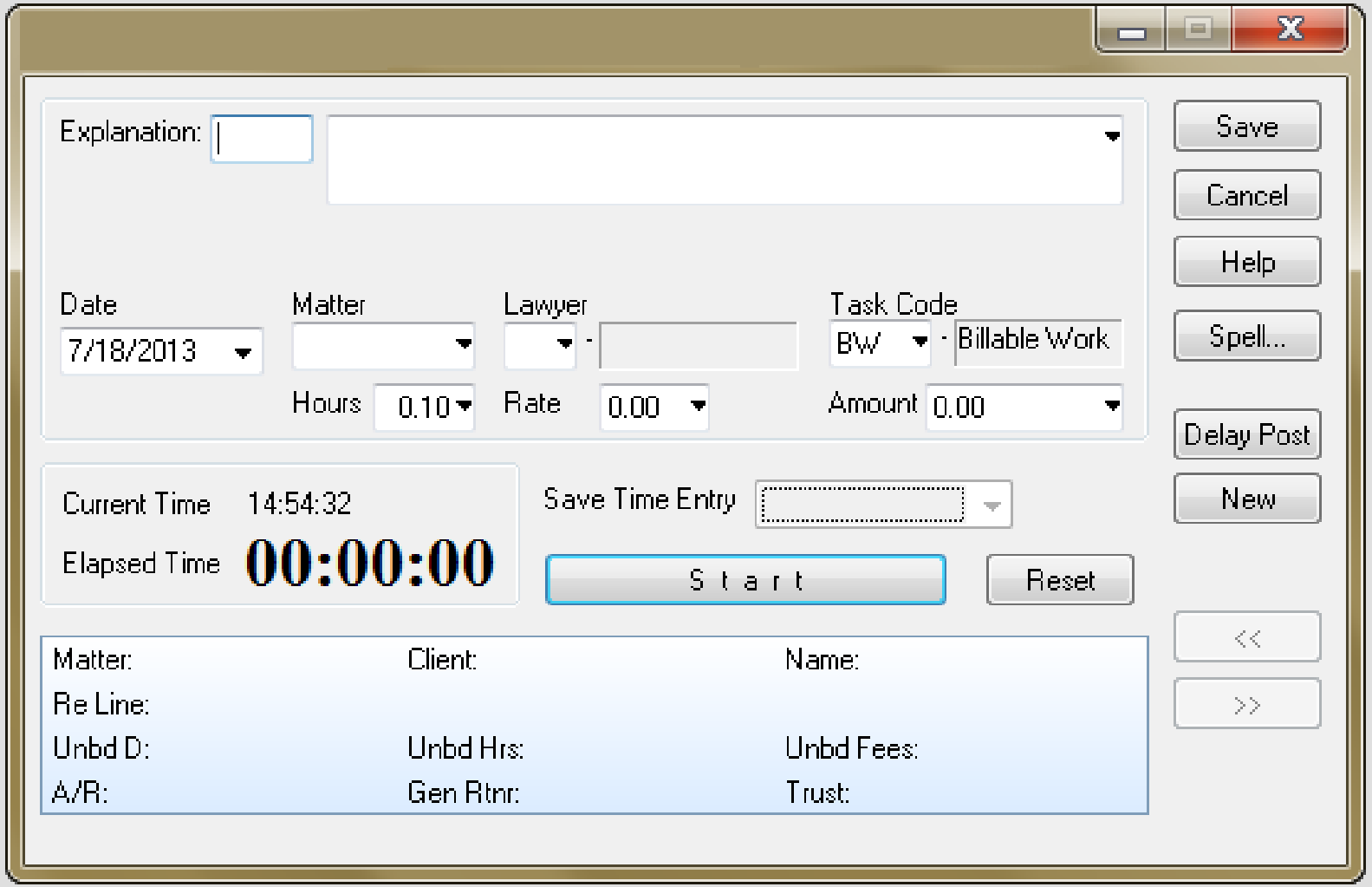
This is an example of a redesign of an existing timer tool for the LexisNexis® PCLaw® application. The timer allows attorneys to track their time while working inside the application or elsewhere (phone calls, legal research, writing documents, etc.) and to track their billable hours. They use this time information later to transfer to their billing and invoicing process.

KEY ISSUES

- Goal: Allows users to quickly turn a timer on and off from an easy-to-use interface with minimum user selections from the application, a browser, or an MS Office application.
- An HTML interface was preferred to the old Windows style dialog boxes to be more consistent with newer parts of the application, such as product dashboards.

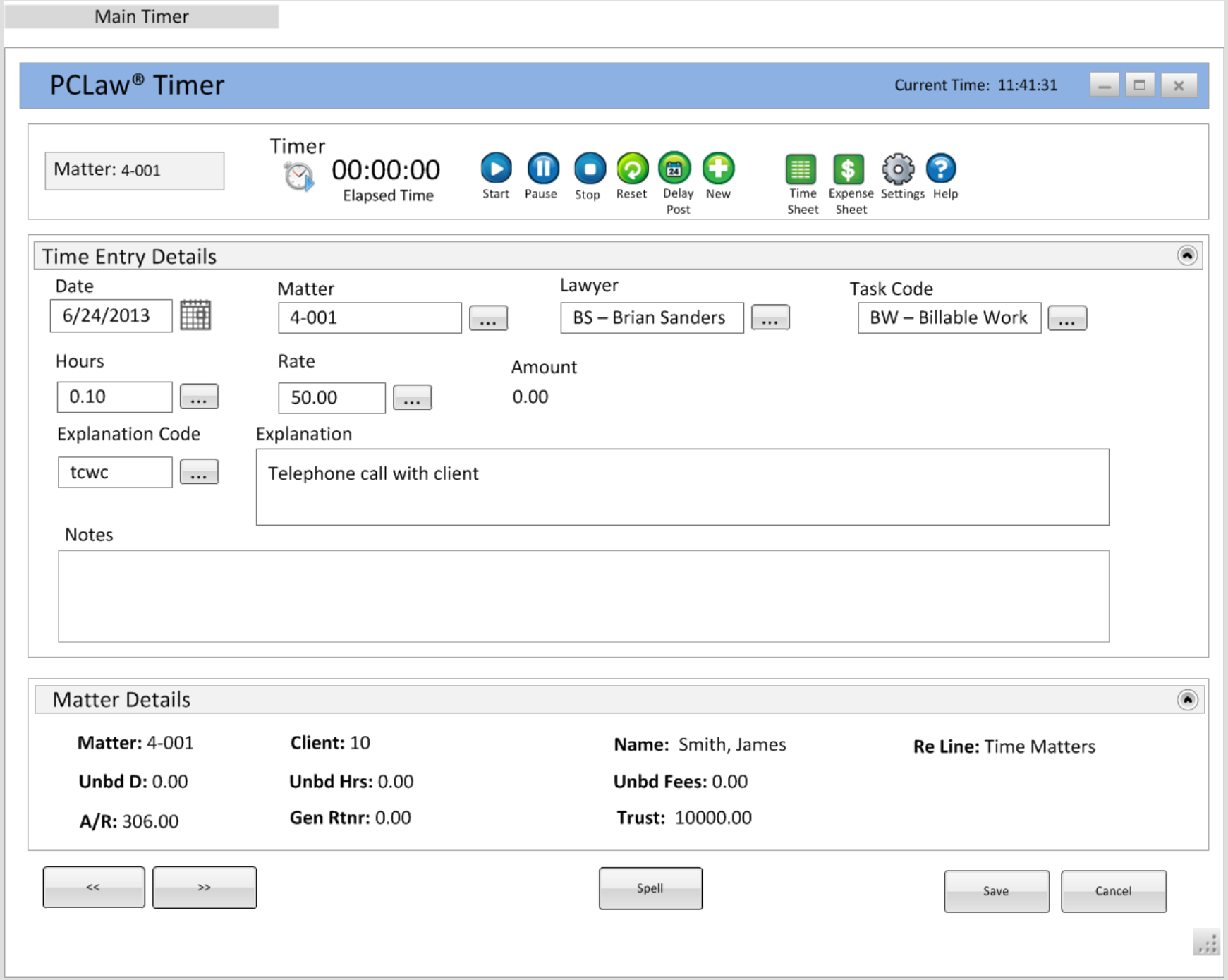
BEFORE

This is an example of the old user interface for the timer. It had a number of usability issues, including a clunky interface with seemingly random placement of various functions, and the omission of functions you would expect in a timer screen, such as a start, stop, pause, and reset buttons always present rather than hidden.



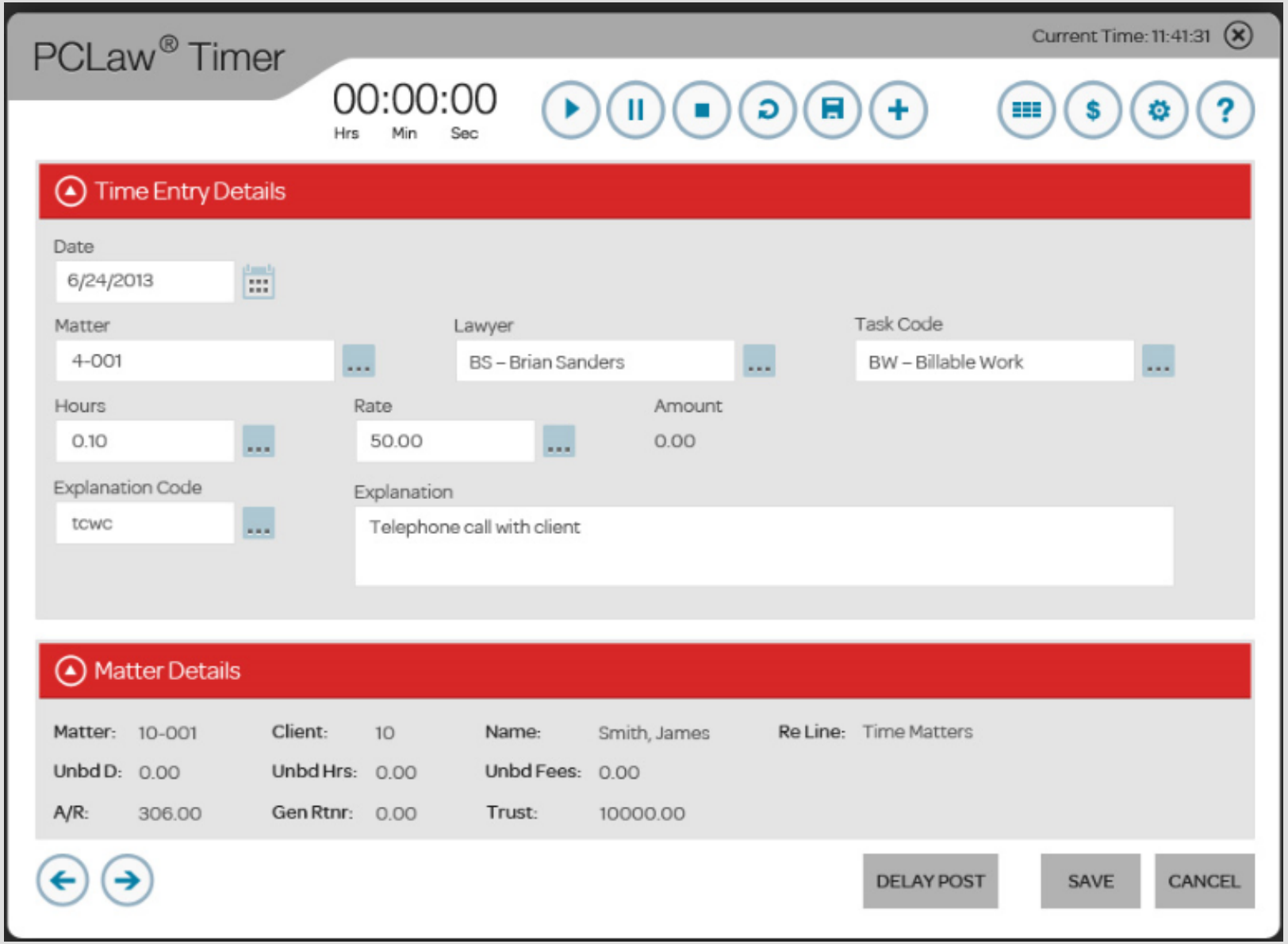
WIREFRAMING

Before any coding began, along with the requirements gathering, medium fidelity wireframes were created and reviewed with stakeholders to map out the location of the information to be part of the screens, and organized in way that was consistent with the user workflow.



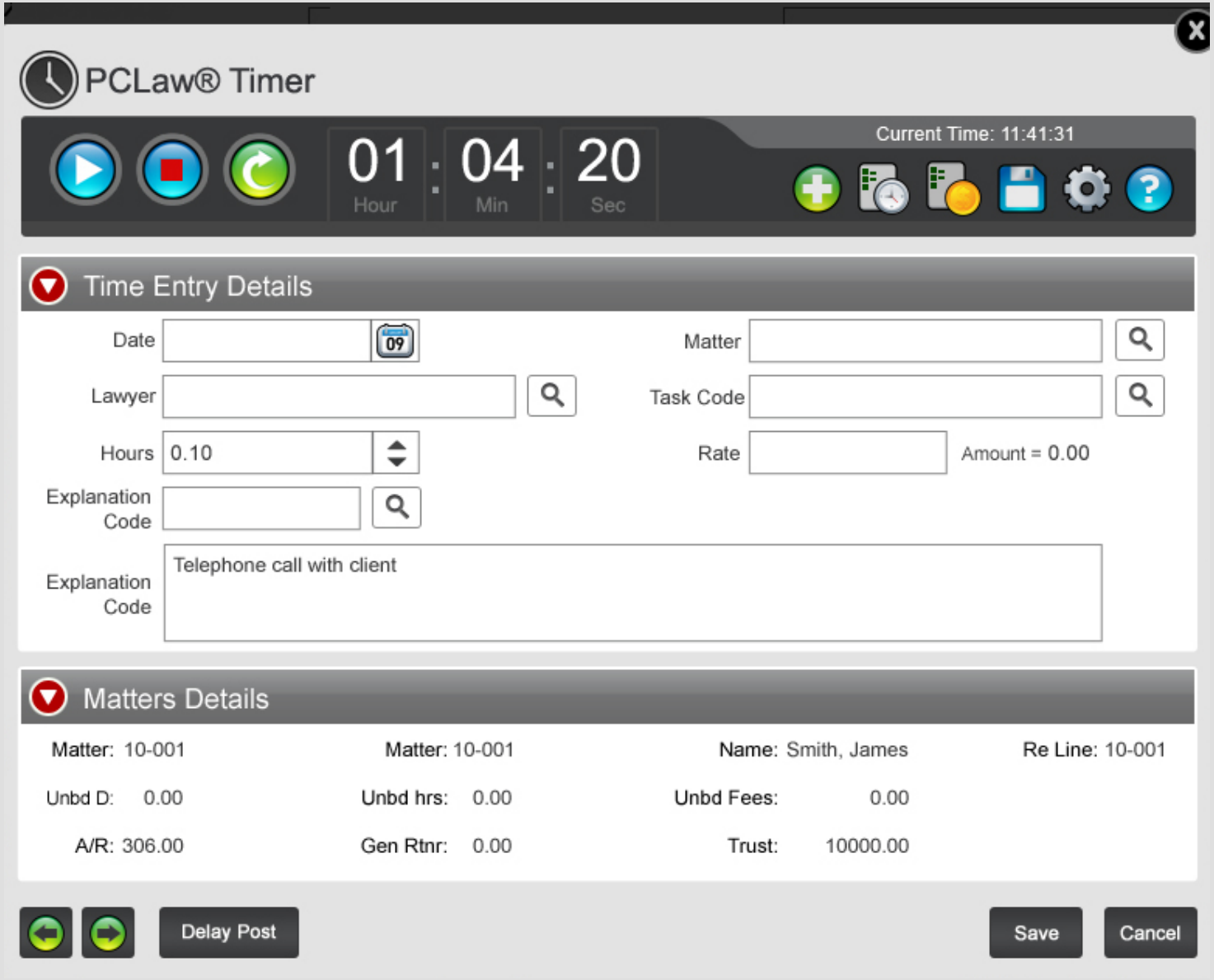
DESIGN OPTION 1

Working with the visual design team and the business analyst, a number of options for the UI design were reviewed with key stakeholders. This is the first design we considered.



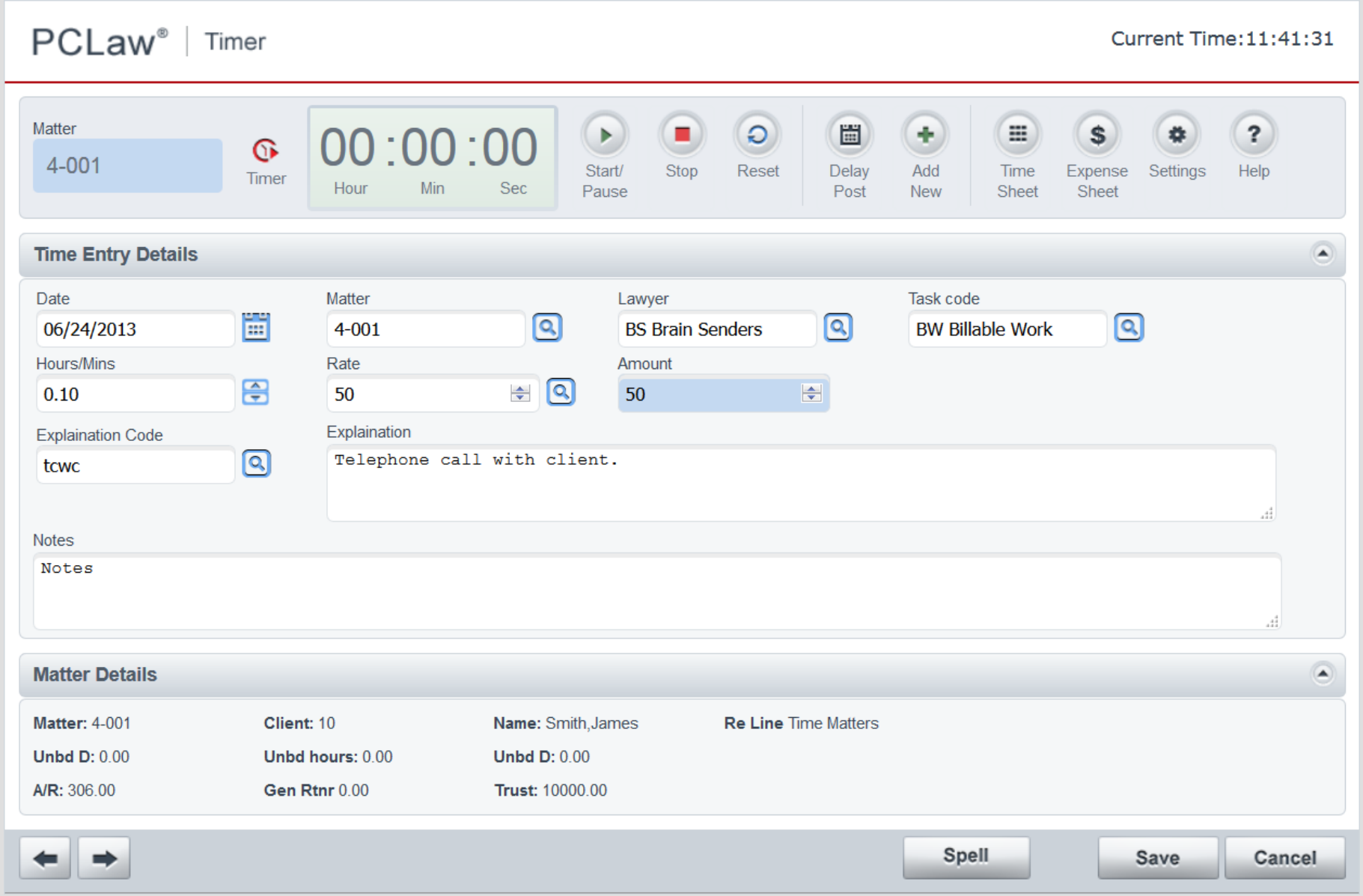
DESIGN OPTION 2

This is the second design we reviewed before selecting the look and feel for the final product.



FINAL DESIGN

This is the final design chosen for the new interface. Note the clear and easy access to basic timer functions, the use of intuitive iconography, and the de-emphasis of the secondary Time Entry and Matter Details information to the lower parts of the screen. This design was chosen because it best fit the look and feel of the current application.



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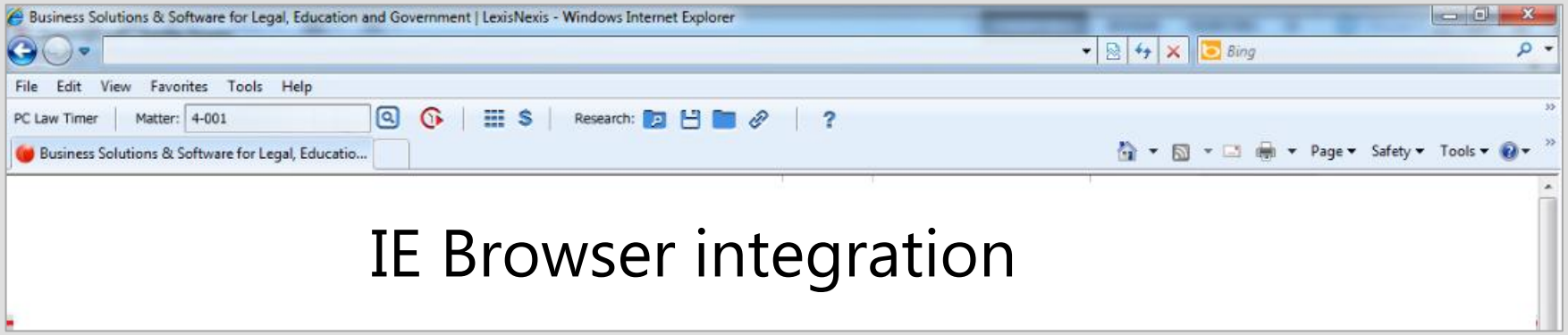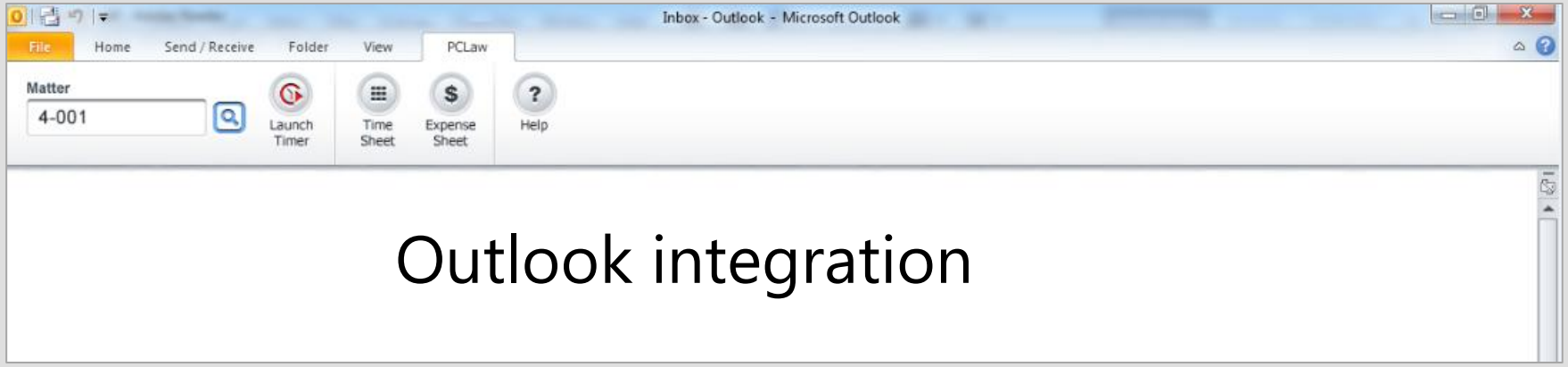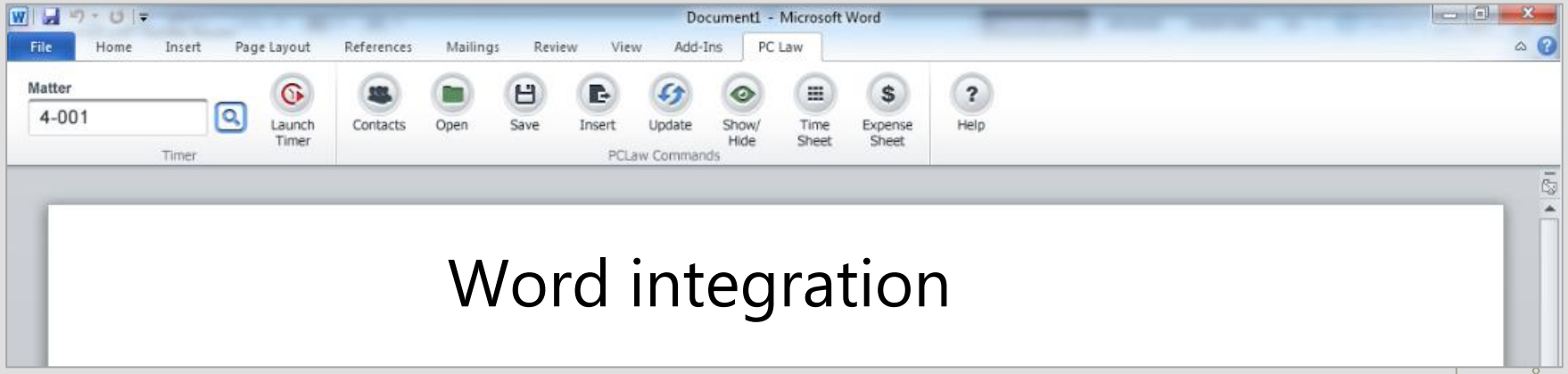
In addition to the main timer interface, the tool could be launched easily from a browser, or an MS Office application such as Word or Outlook.