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Connect Your Gemini to Trial Commander

Add Trial Commander to Google Gemini as a custom app, then ask about your matters, deadlines and contacts in plain language.

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Trial Commander speaks **MCP**, a standard way for an AI assistant to use outside tools. You add Trial Commander to Gemini once, sign in with your own Trial Commander login, and Gemini can then look things up for you. It sees only what you can already open in Trial Commander. It takes about three minutes.

Which part is for you

YOUR GOOGLE ACCOUNT	WHO SETS IT UP	SEE
A personal Google account (gmail.com or similar)	You	Part A
A work or school account (Google Workspace) with Gemini Enterprise	A Trial Commander firm administrator, with your Google Cloud administrator	Part B

LIMITS

- Google offers custom connectors in the Gemini app on **personal Google accounts**, to people **18 or over in the US**. Work or school (Google Workspace) accounts use **Gemini Enterprise** (Part B).
- Gemini only sees matters **you can already open** in Trial Commander. The jurisdiction firewall and ethical walls still apply.
- Answers are for **attorney review**. Nothing Gemini tells you is final until you have checked it.

Part A • Gemini app (personal Google account)

1. Open the Connectors page

Go to gemini.google.com and sign in with your personal Google account. In the left sidebar click **Customize**, open the **Connectors** tab, and click **+ Custom** at the top right of *Connected Apps*.

2. Enter the address

The **Connect to an MCP server** dialog opens. In **MCP Server URL** enter exactly:

`https://app.trialcommander.com/api/mcp`

Click **Next**. Leave *Additional settings* alone; nothing there is needed.

3. Accept Google’s notice

Google shows a notice explaining what Gemini will do with the server, including that “Google does not control, monitor, or secure this MCP server”. Scroll to the end, tick **I understand and accept the security and privacy risks of connecting this custom app**, and click **Connect**.

4. Sign in to Trial Commander and approve

A **Connect this MCP server** screen shows which Google account is connecting. Trial Commander's sign-in then opens. Sign in with **your own** Trial Commander login (and your second factor, if you use one). On **Authorize access to your matters**, click **Approve**. Gemini never sees your password.

5. Save the custom app

Save your custom app appears, with the name **Trial Commander** and the list of actions Gemini can use. Click **Connect**.

YOUR FIRM'S PLAN	ACTIONS YOU WILL SEE
Starter (free), Bronze, Silver	5, all read-only (find a matter; read its deadlines, contacts, health and trial status)
Gold, Platinum, Enterprise, or a trial	Up to 34 (reading, plus notes, time, deadlines, drafting and more)

The exact number also depends on your own permissions in Trial Commander, so two people at the same firm can see different counts.

6. Check it is connected

Trial Commander now appears under **Connected Apps → Custom apps**. It is also listed in Trial Commander under **Settings → MCP Access**.

7. Use it

Ask in plain language and name Trial Commander, for example:

"Using Trial Commander, what's due this week on Smith v. Jones?"

- The **first time** Gemini uses each Trial Commander action, it asks you to **Allow** or **Deny**.
- Adding something new (a note, a time entry, a deadline) happens straight away. A **change to an existing record** (a matter status, a deadline edit, and so on) is only a proposal until you approve it inside Trial Commander, on the **Approvals** page.

8. Disconnect

- **In Gemini:** Customize → Connectors → Trial Commander → remove.
- **In Trial Commander:** a firm administrator can revoke any connection under **Settings → MCP Access**. You can revoke your own there too.

Part B • Gemini Enterprise (firm administrator)

Firms on Google Workspace add Trial Commander to **Gemini Enterprise** as a *custom MCP server*, using a client ID and secret that belong to your firm. Two people are involved: a **Trial Commander firm**

administrator and your firm's **Google Cloud administrator** (often the same person).

On the Trial Commander side

1. Open **Settings** → **MCP Access** and find the **Gemini Enterprise** section. Only firm administrators see it.
2. Click **Create connection**. Trial Commander shows these values, each with a **Copy** button:
 - **Client ID**
 - **Client secret**, shown once only
 - **Authorization URL:** `https://app.trialcommander.com/oauth/authorize`
 - **Token URL:** `https://app.trialcommander.com/api/oauth/token`
 - **Scopes:** `read write`
 - **MCP server URL:** `https://app.trialcommander.com/api/mcp`
3. Copy the client secret **now**, straight into Gemini Enterprise or to the person setting it up, through a channel your firm trusts with passwords. Trial Commander cannot show it again.
4. The redirect address is already set to Google's
(`https://vertexaisearch.cloud.google.com/oauth-redirect`). There is nothing to type.

The section lists your firm's connections with when each was created and last used and how many people are connected. A firm can have two: one in use and one spare for a changeover.

On the Gemini Enterprise side

Your Google Cloud administrator adds a custom MCP server to your Gemini Enterprise app, chooses OAuth 2.0, and pastes in the values above. Google controls those screens and their labels; follow Google's page "[Set up a custom MCP server](#)".

Then, each person

The first time someone uses Trial Commander from Gemini Enterprise, they sign in to Trial Commander and click **Approve**, as in Part A step 4. Only members of your firm can approve through your firm's connection, and each person's connection runs as them.

Rotate or revoke

- **Rotate secret** if the secret is lost or exposed, then paste the new one into Gemini Enterprise. The old secret stops working at once; people already connected stay connected.
- **Revoke** switches the connection off. Everyone connected through it is cut off at once, and the client ID and secret stop working for good.
- Creating, rotating and revoking are recorded in your firm's audit trail.

Troubleshooting

WHAT YOU SEE	WHAT TO DO
"Your firm only allows AI tools Trial Commander recognises..."	This should no longer happen: Trial Commander recognises Google Gemini since 17 October 2026. If you see it, contact Trial Commander support and do not change any firm setting.
The sign-in page keeps coming back	Choose Use password on the Trial Commander sign-in page and sign in with your password.
Fewer actions than you expected	Your firm's plan or your own permissions limit them (see the table in step 5). Ask your firm administrator.
No + Custom button	Google has not offered custom connectors to this account (for example, a work or school account). Google controls this. Firms on Workspace use Part B.
Gemini Enterprise: sign-in stopped working for everyone	The secret was rotated or the connection revoked. Paste the current secret into Gemini Enterprise, or create a new connection.

Good to know

- Every call is logged in your firm's audit trail, and every firm administrator is e-mailed when someone connects.
- Runs on your Google account. It does not use the firm's in-app AI allowance.
- Confidentiality is your call, per client. A connection moves matter content into a service your firm does not run. Check Gemini's activity settings and terms against your obligations; The Florida Bar's Ethics Opinion 24-1 is a good place to start.

Trial Commander is practice-management software. Nothing here is legal advice; the ethics questions are yours to decide.