

Westminster Legal Policy Forum conference:

Next steps for AI in the UK legal sector

Timing: Morning, Monday, 30th June 2025

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Clement-Jones, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Science, Innovation and Technology
- 9.05 **Key developments and considerations for the future of AI in the legal sector**
Dr Zihao Li, Lecturer, Law and Technology, University of Glasgow
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **AI in legal practice - next steps for innovation and regulation**
guidance from the key regulators / addressing questions around regulatory fragmentation and consistency / learning from best practice to enable future guidance to adapt to rapid AI developments
Samuel Omolade, Head, Research and Strategy, Legal Services Board
Sophia Ignatidou, Group Manager, Artificial Intelligence Policy, Information Commissioners Office
Anurag Bana, Senior Project Lawyer, International Bar Association
Aisling O'Connell, Head, Innovation Policy, Solicitors Regulation Authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 **Key priorities for systemic safeguards and data governance**
transparency, risk and legal accountability / accuracy, bias and transparency in legal AI systems / considerations for liability where AI informs professional judgement / ensuring responsible delegation and human oversight in complex matters / addressing responsibilities regarding privacy, data use, and cyber threats in AI-assisted legal work / latest thinking on responses to rising cyber-attacks affecting firms / practical steps for securing implementation of legal tech / access to advice on trends, specific issues, and best practice
Sophie Nappert, Arbitrator, 3VB; and Founder, ArbTech.io
Matt Hervey, Head, Legal and Policy, Human Native AI
Harry Clark, Associate, Mishcon de Reya
Nicola Cain, CEO and Principal Consultant, Handley Gill
Wayne Cleghorn, Partner, Data Protection, Cybersecurity, and Artificial Intelligence, Excello Law
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Clement-Jones, Liberal Democrat Lords Spokesperson for Science, Innovation and Technology
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Ranger of Northwood, Member, Science and Technology Committee
- 11.25 **Best practice for practitioners in adopting AI - key findings from The Law Society's AI Strategy**
Ian Jeffery, CEO, The Law Society
- 11.35 **Addressing challenges for implementation and maintaining professional legal ethics**
considerations for adoption of AI within a range of practice areas and organisational scales in the legal sector / addressing infrastructure, cost and capability gaps, particularly for small firms and in-house teams / effective training and guidance for practitioners / supporting legal firms and institutions in responding to continued change / impact of AI use and questions it raises / implications for duties to clients, outcomes and public interest / maintaining ethical standards in AI-enabled legal services / identifying risks to confidentiality and fairness
Kasia Maynard, Head, Research and Editorial, WorkTECH Academy
Fiona Campbell, Director, Dispute Resolution and Head, Electronic Disclosure, Fieldfisher
Dr Mehmet Unver, Lecturer, Law, University of Hertfordshire
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **Examining emerging technologies and next steps for innovation**
examining how firms using proprietary AI tools may affect competition / options for safeguarding open and fair legal service delivery / implications for legal market structure and access / assessing approaches to responsible AI use in legal research, drafting, document review, and arbitration / what can be learned from leading firms and tech developers / understanding current limitations, alongside potential benefits in workflow integration
Peter Lee, Partner and CEO, Wavelength, Simmons and Simmons
Rachita Maker, Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Ekamm8
Chris Howard, Director, University Partnerships, BARBRI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**
Lord Ranger of Northwood, Member, Science and Technology Committee
Hermione Whitehead, Westminster Legal Policy Forum