



Legal Tech: AI, Legislation, and Your Career Story

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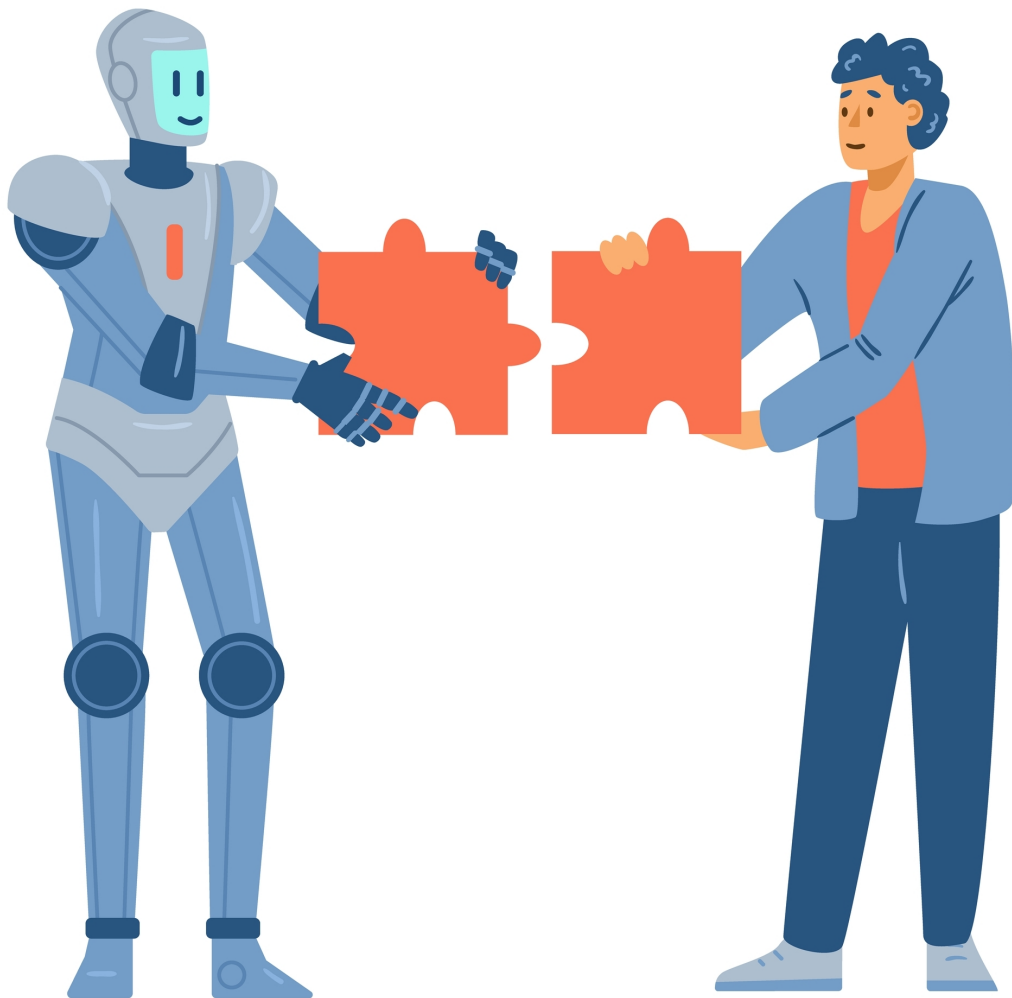
In the multifaceted world of law, where artificial intelligence (AI) and legislative changes are rapidly reshaping the landscape, each legal professional holds the pen to rewrite their story, reshape their future. This era of transformation extends beyond mere adaptation; it's about actively reauthoring your professional journey.

As AI revolutionizes legal practices and new laws redefine the rules of the game, there's a powerful opportunity for every lawyer to craft a personal or department narrative that reflects personal ambition and aligns with the evolving nature of the profession.

Embracing AI in your legal career

The integration of AI in law is transforming the field, demanding a proactive approach from legal professionals. To thrive in this AI-driven era, start by understanding how AI is being used in your specific area of law.

Is it for document review, legal research, or predictive analysis? Identify the AI tools most relevant to your practice and invest time in learning how they work. This knowledge not only enhances your efficiency but also positions you as a forward-thinking lawyer.



AI tools can be an excellent opportunity to enhance, not detract from, legal practice. Artwork by Rumka vodki / *Shutterstock.com*

Adapting to AI is not just about technical skills; it's about mindset.

Cultivate a perspective that sees AI as a partner that can augment your capabilities, not a threat. Embrace opportunities for training and development in AI and stay updated on emerging legal technologies.

Networking with peers in legal tech can also provide valuable insights and practical tips.

In essence, integrating AI into your legal narrative means staying informed, adaptable, and willing to embrace new tools and methods.

Navigating legislative changes in your legal journey

The legal profession is continually shaped by legislative changes, creating both challenges and opportunities for growth. Focus on understanding the implications of new laws and regulations in your area of expertise. This knowledge not only ensures compliance but also positions you as a valuable resource for clients navigating these changes.

Engage in continuous learning through seminars, webinars, and legal publications to deepen your understanding of new legislation.

Mastering your personal narrative in law

In the ever-evolving legal landscape, marked by the advent of AI and dynamic legislative changes, mastering your personal narrative is crucial. Begin by identifying your current professional role — be it an innovator, a diligent researcher, or a client advocate.

Recognize how these roles intersect with the shifting trends in law and use this insight to steer your career path. Embracing adaptability is key; view AI and new legal developments as opportunities for growth rather than obstacles. Set clear professional goals that resonate with your aspirations in this new era and align them with a learning plan that includes upskilling in relevant areas like legal tech or new legislation.

The key to future-proofing your career lies in your ability to blend continuous learning with strategic adaptability.

Networking plays a pivotal role in shaping your narrative. Engage with peers, share your journey, and absorb diverse perspectives. Be open to modifying your goals and strategies as you progress. Documenting your journey — the challenges faced, skills learned, and milestones achieved — acts as a powerful tool for self-reflection and future planning.

In sum, your legal career is a story in progress, with you as the protagonist and author. The choices you make, the skills you acquire, and the connections you forge all contribute to the chapters ahead.

Rewrite Your Story, Reshape Your Future Steps

Identify Your Current Narrative

Embrace Adaptability

Set Clear Professional Goals

Guidance

Start by reflecting on your current professional identity. Are you the innovative trailblazer, the meticulous researcher, or the empathetic client advocate? Recognize the roles you've naturally gravitated towards and consider how they align with the emerging trends in law.

The ability to adapt is key in an ever-changing field. Cultivate a mindset open to continuous learning and upskilling. Embrace AI and legislative changes not as obstacles but as opportunities to expand your expertise and redefine your role.

Define what success looks like for you in this new

	legal era. Whether it's becoming proficient in legal tech, leading a team through a legislative transition, or championing a cause you're passionate about, setting clear goals will guide your narrative.
Develop a Learning Plan	Align your goals with a structured plan. This might include enrolling in courses on AI and its application in law, attending workshops on recent legislation, or seeking mentorship in areas you wish to grow.
Network and Share Your Story	Engage with your professional community. Share your journey and learn from others. Networking can provide new perspectives and opportunities to write new chapters in your career.
Reflect and Reassess Regularly	Your story is not static. Regularly assess your progress and be willing to make changes. This might mean shifting your focus, learning new skills, or even changing your environment to better align with your narrative.
Document Your Journey	Keep a record of your professional development, challenges, and achievements. This not only serves as a reminder of how far you've come but also as a roadmap for future growth.

Future-proofing your legal career

In the dynamic intersection of AI and legislative evolution, future-proofing your legal career is paramount. This involves not only keeping pace with current changes but also anticipating future trends. Cultivate a mindset of lifelong learning and stay informed about emerging technologies and legal reforms to adapt to changes before they become industry standards.

Networking plays a crucial role in staying ahead. Connect with professionals in legal tech, attend industry events, and participate in discussions about the future of law. These connections provide insights into emerging trends and potential career opportunities.

Ultimately, the key to future-proofing your career lies in your ability to blend continuous learning with strategic adaptability. Embrace the changes brought about by AI and legislative shifts as avenues for growth. By doing so, you ensure that your legal career remains relevant, resilient, and ready for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow's legal landscape.

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