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4th International Scientific Conference

AI Literacy and the Future of the Legal Profession

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About the Conference

The aim of this conference is to bring together both researchers and practitioners to share their perspectives and to exchange research findings, insights and challenges as well as predictions for the future.

Generative AI and other AI systems are increasingly being used for legal research, drafting, document analysis, compliance, dispute resolution, client communication and decision support. These developments create significant opportunities for the legal profession, but they also challenge established understandings of professional competence, responsibility, confidentiality, independence and legal ethics.

At the same time, AI literacy has become a matter of legal regulation. Article 4 of the EU Artificial Intelligence Act requires providers and deployers of AI systems to take measures to support the development of AI literacy among their staff and other persons dealing with the operation and use of AI systems on their behalf. The emergence of this regulatory requirement raises a broader question for the legal profession: what does it mean to be a competent lawyer in the age of artificial intelligence?

The 4th International Scientific Conference “AI Literacy and the Future of the Legal Profession”, organised by the Vilnius University Faculty of Law, invites scholars, legal practitioners, judges, policymakers and experts from related disciplines to examine the changing relationship between artificial intelligence, professional competence and the practice of law.

The conference seeks to move the discussion beyond the question of whether lawyers should use AI. Instead, it asks how lawyers should understand, critically evaluate and responsibly use AI, and how the growing use of these technologies is reshaping the legal profession itself.

Particular attention will be devoted to the relationship between the AI literacy requirements established by the EU AI Act and the professional duties traditionally associated with legal practice. The conference will also explore whether AI literacy is becoming a new dimension of lawyers’ professional competence and what this development means for legal education, professional training, regulation and access to justice.

Themes of Interest

The Conference welcomes contributions addressing, *inter alia*, the following themes:

1. AI Literacy under the EU AI Act

- The meaning and scope of AI literacy under Article 4 of the AI Act;
- Implementing AI literacy requirements in legal organisations;
- AI literacy as an organisational and professional responsibility;
- Developing appropriate AI literacy programmes for different professional roles;



- AI literacy, human oversight and responsible AI governance;
- Measuring and documenting AI literacy initiatives;
- The role of regulators, professional bodies and universities in promoting AI literacy.

2. AI Literacy as a New Professional Competence for Lawyers

- Is AI literacy becoming part of the lawyer's duty of professional competence?
- What should lawyers know about the capabilities and limitations of AI systems?
- Critical assessment of AI-generated legal information;
- Verification, hallucinations and reliability of AI-assisted legal work;
- Professional standards for the responsible use of generative AI;
- Continuing professional development and AI competence;
- The consequences of insufficient AI literacy for professional responsibility.

3. The Transformation of the Legal Profession

- How AI is changing the role of lawyers and legal professionals;
- Automation and augmentation of legal work;
- The changing division of tasks between lawyers and AI systems;
- The future of law firms and legal services;
- AI and new models of legal service delivery;
- The changing value of human legal expertise;
- New skills and professional profiles in AI-enabled legal practice;
- The future of junior lawyers and entry-level legal work.

4. Professional Ethics, Responsibility and Human Oversight

- Lawyers' responsibility for AI-assisted work;
- Professional independence and human judgement;
- Confidentiality, legal professional privilege and data protection;
- Transparency concerning the use of AI in legal services;
- Bias, discrimination and fundamental rights;
- Accountability for errors generated or amplified by AI;
- Human oversight and meaningful professional control;
- Ethical limits to the delegation of legal tasks to AI systems.

5. AI, Courts and Access to Justice

- AI in courts and judicial decision-making;
- AI literacy of judges and court personnel;
- AI-assisted dispute resolution;
- Algorithmic decision support and judicial independence;
- AI, procedural fairness and the right to a fair trial;
- Opportunities and risks of AI for access to justice;
- AI-powered legal assistance and the changing relationship between lawyers and clients.

6. Rethinking Legal Education for the AI Era

- What should future lawyers learn about AI?
- Integrating AI literacy into university law curricula;



- Teaching responsible and critical use of generative AI;
- Assessment and academic integrity in the age of AI;
- AI literacy of law students, academics and legal educators;
- Cooperation between universities, professional organisations and the legal technology sector;
- Lifelong learning and the future of professional legal training.

Call for Contributions

We invite legal scholars, researchers, judges, lawyers, policymakers, doctoral researchers and experts from related disciplines to contribute to the conference.

We particularly welcome legal, comparative, empirical and interdisciplinary research examining both the regulatory dimensions of AI literacy and the broader transformation of legal professional practice.

Contributions may address the proposed themes or other questions directly related to AI literacy, artificial intelligence and the future of the legal profession.

Practical Information

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Organiser: Vilnius University Faculty of Law

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Further information concerning keynote speakers, the scientific committee, submission requirements and the detailed conference programme will be announced shortly.

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