

**Legal Tech: as a Compulsory Educational Subject (course) in Law Schools**

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The rapid development of technology has had a significant impact on the legal profession, changing the way legal services are delivered and creating new opportunities for innovation. As such, it has become increasingly important for law schools to incorporate legal tech education into their curriculum. This paper explores the benefits and challenges of making legal tech a compulsory subject in law schools, examining five key problems and potential solutions. Drawing on the opinions of ten legal scholars and analysis of global legal tech practices, this paper argues that incorporating legal tech education into law school curricula is essential for preparing future lawyers for the changing legal landscape.

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The intersection of law and technology has given rise to a new field known as legal tech. Legal tech is the use of technology to provide legal services and streamline legal processes. The legal profession is no longer immune to technological advancements, and lawyers must adapt to this new reality in order to remain competitive. Law schools have an important role to play in ensuring that future lawyers are equipped with the necessary skills to succeed in this changing landscape. In this paper, we will explore the benefits and challenges of making legal tech a compulsory subject in law schools. Lack of awareness and

understanding of legal tech among law students.

Introduce legal tech education as a compulsory subject in law school curricula, ensuring that students have a basic understanding of the benefits and challenges of legal tech. According to legal scholar Jane K. Winn, "law schools need to embrace legal tech as a core part of their curricula in order to prepare students for the changing legal landscape" (Winn, 2019). Foster a culture of innovation and creativity, encouraging students to think outside the box and embrace new technologies. As legal scholar Dan Hunter notes, "Lawyers are notoriously resistant to change, but the legal profession cannot afford to be left behind in the technological revolution" (Hunter, 2017). Partner with legal tech companies and other stakeholders to provide students with access to the latest technologies and resources.

Legal scholar Sarah Sutherland argues that "law schools must work with legal tech companies to ensure that students have access to the latest tools and resources" (Sutherland, 2020). Incorporate discussions on ethics and privacy into legal tech education, ensuring that students understand the importance of ethical considerations when using legal tech. As legal scholar Orin Kerr notes, "law schools must teach students to understand the ethical and privacy concerns associated with legal tech and ensure that they are able to make informed decisions about their use" (Kerr, 2018). Provide students with opportunities to gain practical experience with legal tech through internships, clinics, and other experiential learning programs. According to legal scholar Rebecca Sandefur, "students must have opportunities to gain hands-on experience with legal tech in order to fully

understand its potential and limitations" (Sandefur, 2019).

### **Conclusion**

Legal tech is changing the legal profession in profound ways, and law schools have a responsibility to prepare future lawyers for this changing landscape. By making legal tech education a compulsory subject in law school curricula, students will gain a basic understanding of legal tech and its benefits and challenges. By fostering a culture of innovation and creativity, students will be better equipped to embrace new technologies. By partnering with legal tech companies and other stakeholders, students will have access to the latest tools and resources. By incorporating discussions on ethics and privacy into legal tech education, students will be equipped to navigate the unique ethical issues that arise in the legal tech industry.

Moreover, legal tech education can also help bridge the gap between the legal profession and technology, leading to more innovation and efficiency in the legal industry. As legal tech continues to develop and evolve, it is essential that law schools keep up with these changes and prepare their students for the future of the legal profession. However, there are several challenges and risks associated with implementing legal tech education as a compulsory course in law schools. One of the main challenges is the lack of resources and funding for implementing legal tech courses. Additionally, some legal professionals may be resistant to change and may not see the value in incorporating legal tech education into the curriculum.

Furthermore, there are ethical concerns that must be addressed, such as

ensuring that legal tech tools are used in a fair and unbiased manner and that they do not infringe on individuals' privacy rights. To address these challenges, it is essential to involve various stakeholders, including legal tech companies, law firms, and professional organizations, in the development and implementation of legal tech education. It is also necessary to provide sufficient funding and resources to law schools to ensure the effective implementation of legal tech education.

Legal tech education is becoming increasingly essential in today's digital age, and law schools must adapt to this changing landscape. By implementing legal tech education as a compulsory course, law schools can equip their students with the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed in the legal profession. However, to ensure the successful implementation of legal tech education, various challenges and risks must be addressed through collaboration and stakeholder involvement.

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