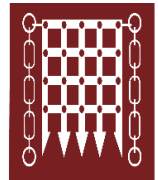


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Next steps for legal technology and innovation in legal services**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Latest developments and implications of emerging technology on legal service delivery**  
Senior commentator  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Practical considerations for deployment of technology in legal services - testing, procurement, and rollout**  
*Sector Plan implementation, alongside the LawtechUK programme | role of regional clusters and scaling firms in legal services sector growth | learning from the SRA's technology adoption and innovation workstreams | tackling barriers relating to cost, investment risk and procurement | futureproofing technology investment | support for uptake amongst SME firms and sole practitioners | selection, testing and integration of AI and legal technology tools into existing systems and workflows | developing safe testing environments and regulatory sandboxes, | the AI Growth Lab | governance, oversight, liability and professional accountability for technology-assisted legal work | risks of AI-generated errors and fabricated legal authorities | data protection, confidentiality and cybersecurity, and the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025*  
Senior representative, cybersecurity  
Senior representative, technology  
Senior representative, investment  
Senior representative, law firm  
Senior representative, SME  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Supporting the next phase of LawTech growth - investment, adoption and market development**  
Senior representative, technology  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Assessing implications of technological change at the Bar - advocacy, professional judgement and client service**  
Senior representative, barristers  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Examining the wider impact of legal technology - workforce, accessibility and consumer outcomes**  
*meeting unmet demand for legal services from consumers and SMEs | contribution of legal technology to improving access to legal services and access to justice | role of technology-enabled services in supporting affordability, convenience and early intervention | consumer trust, transparency and confidence in AI-assisted legal services | accessible, inclusive and responsive legal technology product design | oversight and safeguards for increased access and consumer benefits against risks associated with inaccurate, misleading or inappropriate legal advice | implications of changing patterns of legal work for professional roles and career pathways | future skills requirements, workforce capability and access to specialist expertise | response of legal education, training and continuing professional development to technological change*  
Senior representative, workforce  
Senior representative, advocacy  
Senior representative, law firm  
Senior representative, education  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Priorities for regulation of legal technology**  
**Dr Henry Fingerhut**, Policy Manager, Technology and Innovation, Bar Standards Board  
**Naomi Nicholson**, Interim Director, Regulatory and Innovation Policy, Solicitors Regulation Authority  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Legal Policy Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Thomas Howard**, Westminster Business Forum