

AI, THE LEGAL PROFESSIONS AND LEGAL EDUCATION.

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GLOBAL RACE TO DEVELOP AI



2022

US - \$70 billion

UK - \$7 billion

Ukraine - \$2 million

OECD estimates of private investment in AI 2022

CHALLENGES FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

Skills, knowledge, and capacity:

- Impact of AI in non-judicial contexts.
- Impact of AI within in the 'justice system'.
- Rule shaping within and beyond the justice system.

INNOCENCE PROJECT -

Role and responsibility of defence counsel in challenging this new source of potentially unreliable evidence?



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Unreliable and inaccurate forensic technology is a leading cause of wrongful conviction. **We are deeply concerned about law enforcement reliance on AI**, especially when such technology is not thoroughly validated, tested, and regulated, before use.



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LAWYERS AS AI 'RULE MAKERS'

"The legal profession plays an integral role in shaping the **future of AI regulation**. We recognise AI's potential to transform lives, boost the economy and increase access to justice."

Law Society (31 Oct 2023)

2023 - THE YEAR OF AI AND LAW

International Bar Association

Agenda 2023-28 ranks “artificial intelligence” as the key challenge and priority for lawyers.

American Bar Association – Task Force

August 2023 American Bar Association launched a Task force to examine the impact of AI on law practice and the ethical implications for lawyers.

BSB Strategy 2023-25

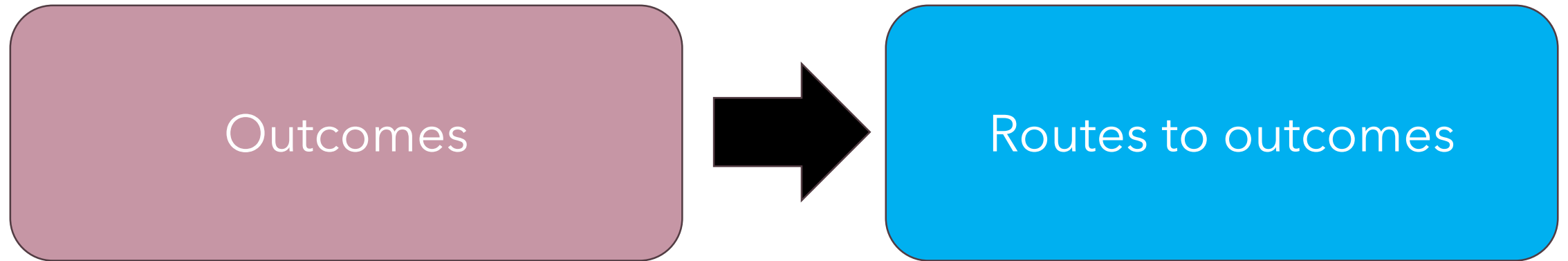
October 2023 announced begun its own research to understand how technology is used at the Bar and what opportunities and risks it presents.

READINESS TO MEET THE CHALLENGES?

"Let us make sure that we **train our lawyers appropriately for the new digital age**. Educational structures and courses designed for the 19th centuries will not enable our lawyers and judges of the future to capitalise on the advantages of technology for the benefit of clients and litigants."

Keynote Speech by the Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Vos Chancellor of the High Court of England and Wales, IBA Annual Conference in Rome 2018 (October 2018)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



QAA BENCHMARK REVISION 2023

“As artificial intelligence tools and software evolve, **the role of human lawyers in decision-making and processes will change.** Providers may explore emerging models in the delivery of legal services in a digital society and the emerging and potential ethical issues involved. This can incorporate the use of digital justice, extend **the frontiers of artificial intelligence in legal reasoning,** and advance continuing professional development in the development of digital skills and technology.” (Para 1.18)

UNCHARTED WATERS

- QAA Statement does not set required content for the Law degree.
- The last comprehensive, collaborative review of legal education was the Legal Education and Training Review 2013.
- Independent SRA and BSB education and qualification reforms have so far not addressed issues arising from AI.

