The AI Enabled Lawyer

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Overview
The book explains how legal work is changing as lawyers move from using AI for isolated tasks to working with AI-enabled systems across whole legal workflows. Its central objective is to help lawyers, legal educators and law firms understand what remains distinctively human in legal work, what can be delegated or supported by AI, and how professional judgement must be exercised before, during and after AI use.

Rather than treating AI as a prompting tool alone, the book presents AI-enabled legal practice as a disciplined method. It shows how lawyers can make workflows visible, identify where AI can contribute, design appropriate instructions, evaluate AI outputs, verify accuracy, assure quality and decide whether material can responsibly be adopted into legal work. It also connects these practical methods to legal capability, professional formation, governance and the future design of legal services.

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3. Workflow Mapping — Shows how to make legal work visible, separate describing work from determining work and identify possible AI-support points.
4. Designing AI-Assisted Legal Work — Provides a nine-element method for deciding whether and how AI should assist before prompting begins.
5. Prompting as Professional Instruction — Translates the design into controlled instructions covering purpose, task, sources, limits, output and traceability.
6. Managing AI Interaction — Develops a method for diagnosing responses, correcting drift, iterating safely and deciding when to stop.
7. Verification and Assurance — Explains how provisional output is separated, verified, assured and adopted as professional legal work.
8. Delegating Work to AI Agents — Applies the method to systems that perform sequences of operations, using specifications, stopping points, records and human adoption.
9. The AI-Enabled Firm — Examines the division of labour, permissions, supervision, formation, governance and learning systems needed to support AI-enabled practice.
10. Glossary — Defines the core terms used throughout the book.

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