

FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION SERIES

AI, Judgment, and the Future of Legal Training

Key themes and takeaways from the Future of Legal Education lunch with recruiting, professional development, and innovation leaders in Dallas.

Setting Realistic Expectations and Strengthening Human Judgment Are Paramount

- 1 Some people think AI is an easy button, so the challenge is teaching them what it's meant for.

- 2 AI is mostly wonderful, but people expect it to do more than it can.

- 3 AI is good at finding information but not at applying judgment.

- 4 Legal professionals must master output discernment.

It Is Important to Reimagine Legal Education, Training, and Mentorship

- 1 Law schools should teach law students about AI in their first year.

- 2 Law firms are reimaging training with AI bootcamps, hackathons, and peer-to-peer training exercises.

- 3 Partners need to guide associates, because instructor-led AI can serve as both a teaching and mentorship tool.

- 4 AI tools that facilitate learning are becoming more valuable.

Building Confidence and a Culture of Responsible Adoption Are Driving Success With AI

- 1 Legal teams put themselves at risk by using AI without analysis.

- 2 Professionals are still afraid of hallucinations.

- 3 Showcasing “luddites” who find success is an effective way to drive adoption.

- 4 Create an environment where it is safe to learn.

Measuring AI Fluency, Progress, and Productivity Is Crucial

- 1 Simulation exercises can help identify and prevent hallucinations.

- 2 Law firms are generally not measuring AI fluency.

- 3 One M&A team has doubled its output by using tools, not bodies.

- 4 Simulation results may improve fluency and serve as a future metric.

AI Finds the Information. People Apply the Judgment.

The firms getting ahead are setting realistic expectations, rethinking how lawyers learn, making it safe to experiment, and starting to measure fluency.

