

CLLS AI COMMITTEE – MARCH 2025

1. Welcome
 - a. Thank you to Rachel and her team at Eversheds Sutherland for generously hosting our meeting.
2. AI Governance Survey
 - a. Not all contributors made themselves known – question therefore in terms of how to circulate results.
 - b. Results of survey were discussed among the Committee at a high level.
 - c. Intention is to email those who did confirm their completion, and flag that we will share with CLLS membership, please let Chair know if any issues.
 - d. We can then circulate with CLLS member firms. Next year – will go to wider CLLS community.
 - e. Report to be published (initial visualisations generated already) – 3/4 pager to be prepared.
3. Vendor/Client-Side Sub-Group
 - a. Thanks to those who shared helpful pieces.
 - b. Roundtable – share the contradiction/examples and a last call for examples to clarify.
 - c. 40 people to attend – 20 clients 20 law firms – and have an open discussion about the tension.
 - d. Request to use AI vs not allowing us to use AI.
 - e. Roundtable Event – 22 May:
 - i. Committee to share examples and any interesting clients to attend.
 - ii. Invitation and Description of Session to be circulated following today.
 - f. One pager following event.
4. Education Sub-Group
 - a. Education Committee attended – subgroup paper shared with them, as well as event ideas.
 - b. Several volunteers to be brought together, to discuss how to push this forward.
 - c. Many firms are having discussions about (continuing) AI education.
 - d. General theme is agreed, the group will get together soon.
 - e. Response to paper – Education Committee agreed.

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5. Insurance/Professional Negligence Sub-Group
 - a. Successful event shared about on 27 February – well received.
 - b. Friendly panel disagreement added to the discussions.
 - c. Have already hosted two events, can brainstorm new ideas. Host this meeting before the May AI Committee meeting.
6. UK IP Consultation and AI Regulatory Sub-Group
 - a. As agreed during the last meeting, Zofia took forward liaising with the CLLS IP Committee on a joint response to the UK IPO's consultation.
 - b. Per the discussion during our last committee meeting, the CLLS IP Committee had concerns that a blow-by-blow response to all of the items that the UK IPO was consulting on was not appropriate (including because of the differing interests of CLLS member law firms' clients and because a number of the decisions to be made are 'political' decisions).
 - c. Instead, the CLLS IP Committee proposed a high-level response offering some guidance on issues to consider as part of the government's choice of any particular option.
 - d. Zofia fed three points into the response for the government to consider:
 - i. That, if the government were to implement a text and data mining exception with the right for rightsholder to opt out of their works being used in that way, it may want to consider certain technical standards for machine reasonable opt-outs to avoid the same uncertainty that exists in the EU as to what constitutes a valid opt-out.
 - ii. Whether requirements to label outputs generated by AI might result in uncertainty of provenance - if a material proportion of AI outputs are not correctly labelled on a consistent basis, whether due to technical or operational reasons or a lack of / dishonest implementation by AI systems - and contribute to mis- and disinformation (by releasing AI outputs without a label, or by adding labels to non-AI generated material)
 - iii. The increased importance of AI assurance techniques if a policy of encouraging use of synthetic data to train models to be pursued.
 - e. CLLS IP Committee contributed two items, one relating to the government's proposal for collective licensing regimes in this context. The response was then submitted from both committees, signed by the chair of the IP committee, and it is available on the CLLS website: CLLS response to UKIPO Consultation - 25 February 2025.
 - f. Thanks to Zofia and others for engaging with IP Committee and sharing output.

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7. Law School Survey
 - a. Has not yet moved forward – call for volunteers to define next steps and focus on finalising questions.
 - b. Jeremy, Lucia, Minesh, Jeremy, Ivan, and anyone else keen to contribute – wider momentum we should move quickly.
8. CLLS Bridges
 - a. Please continue to engage with other Committees, raising the AI Committee's profile, and making us available for potential collaboration.
9. AOB
 - a. Aisling will present next meeting.
 - b. The Law Society is hosting a roundtable next week, concerning US development (Roger Leese and Colin Passmore in attendance) for DEI and US Law Firms in London, and the reach of the extraterritoriality of any policy changes / legal moves in the pipeline. Chatham House Rules but there may be a high-level briefing to share with the Committee.
 - c. May meeting invitation to be soon circulated.