



AI Tools for Legal

Artificial intelligence is already embedded across discovery, research, drafting, investigations, and deal work. At the same time, the legal AI landscape has become crowded and difficult to navigate. This guide is designed to provide clarity, not hype, as firms and legal departments evaluate where AI can deliver real value.

This guide is intended to help firms and legal departments:

- Understand where AI is being used today across common law firm practice groups
- Connect AI tools to real workflows instead of abstract features
- Focus on business and client outcomes, not technology for its own sake

Rather than ranking tools or recommending a one-size-fits-all approach, the matrix on the next two pages organizes AI tools and highlights the competitive advantages you seek when adopting them.

When evaluating legal AI, successful firms tend to:

- Start with specific workflow problems, not tools
- Match AI to practice-specific needs and pressures
- Evaluate tools based on outcomes like speed, quality, cost control, and defensibility

Selecting an AI tool is only part of the equation. Thoughtful implementation, training, and change management are critical to ensuring AI reduces risk rather than introducing it.

Karta Legal and **Everest Discovery** work with law firms and in-house legal departments to objectively evaluate AI tools, align them with firm workflows, implement them in a defensible and scalable way, and train legal teams so AI becomes a true competitive advantage.



Law Firm AI maturity starts with information analysis and research, then expands into drafting, strategy, and client advisory work.

AI Tools for Law Firms (Practice Group View)

Practice Group	AI Workflow Focus	Example Tools	Competitive Advantage
Litigation & Complex Disputes	Document analysis, strategy, drafting	Relativity aiR, Everlaw, CoCounsel, Harvey AI	Earlier insight, stronger narratives, lower review cost
White Collar & Investigations	Review, analysis, communications insight	Relativity aiR, Everlaw, Brainspace, Syllo	Faster issue spotting, defensible investigations
Employment Law	Pattern detection in communications, internal investigations, privilege review (often email/chat analysis)	Everlaw, Relativity aiR, Hanzo (social media/slack preservation)	Early risk detection, faster resolution
Insurance & Claims	Claims analysis, high-volume review, predictive analytics, matter budgeting	HighQ, Premonition, LexMachina (outcome prediction)	Predictable outcomes, cost control
Plaintiff / Mass Tort	Medical review, claims valuation	EvenUp, Supio, CaseGlide	Faster demands, stronger leverage
Corporate / M&A	Contract drafting & review, due diligence	Avvoka, Spellbook, Kira, Luminance	Faster deals, clearer risk visibility
Commercial Contracts	Drafting, negotiation	Avvoka, Spellbook, Ironclad	Shorter cycle times, standardized risk
Real Estate	Lease abstraction, due diligence, title review	Doxly, Leverton, Kira	Accelerated due diligence, clearer risk exposure
IP / Patent Litigation	Prior art research, claim construction, technical document analysis	Juristat or Lex Machina (patent analytics), ROSS Intelligence, Docket Navigator, ComposeAI	Earlier leverage, stronger positioning
Firmwide / Knowledge	Ops, governance, analytics	NetDocuments Analytics, Justice Bid, iManage AI, Copilot, Intapp, Practical Guide	Visibility, consistency, defensibility

Legal Departments AI maturity starts with data control and defensibility, then expands outward into contracts, operations, and advisory work.

AI Tools for In-House Legal Departments

In-House Legal Function	AI Workflow Focus	Example Tools	Business Impact
Legal Operations	Governance, analytics	Tableau, NetDocuments Analytics, Justice Bid, SimpleLegal, Intapp	Cost control, visibility, ROI
Litigation Management	Review, oversight	Relativity, Everlaw	Predictable spend, earlier insight
Compliance & Investigations	Review, monitoring	Relativity aiR, Syлло, Everlaw	Defensible responses, reduced risk
Commercial Contracting	Drafting & review	Avvoka, Spellbook, Luminance, LawGeex, Ironclad, DocuSign CLM	Faster revenue cycles
Employment / HR Legal	Investigations, drafting	Relativity Trace, CoCounsel, Hanzo	Consistency, reduced exposure
IP Portfolio Management	Portfolio analysis, prosecution support	Patlytics, Anaqua, CPA Global	Smarter portfolio decisions
Enterprise Knowledge	Document governance	NetDocuments, iManage	Knowledge reuse, audit readiness
Legal Leadership / GC Office	Portfolio intelligence	Tableau, Justice Bid, SimpleLegal, Onit, LegalTracker	Data-driven decision-making
Firmwide / Knowledge	Knowledge management, document intelligence	NetDocuments AI, iManage AI, Microsoft Copilot	Knowledge reuse, faster research, institutional memory

Workflows are how AI works, this matrix organizes tools by the legal tasks they support, regardless of practice area

AI Tools for Workflow Category			
AI Workflow Category	Example	Common Use Cases	Common Practice Groups
Document Review & eDiscovery	Relativity aiR, Everlaw, DISCO, Reveal	Large-scale review, investigations, productions	Litigation (all), White Collar, Antitrust, Securities, IP, Employment, Insurance
Legal Research & Case Law	Lexis+ AI, Westlaw Precision, vLex Vincent AI, Casetex CoCounsel	Authority-based research, citation validation, citator tools	All practice groups
AI-Assisted Legal Insight & Analysis	ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Claude, Harvey AI, CoCounsel, Gemini	Drafting, summarizing, brainstorming, issue spotting	All practice groups (lawyer-in-the-loop)
Contract Drafting & Review	Kira, Luminance, Spellbook, LexGeex, Avvoka	Drafting, redlining, diligence, negotiation	Corporate, M&A, Commercial, Real Estate, IP Licensing
Deposition Prep & Analysis	CoCounsel, CourtScribes AI, Verbit, Rev, Otter.ai	Depo summaries, outlines, impeachment	Litigation, Employment, Insurance, IP
Timeline & Chronology	CaseFleet, TrialLine, Everlaw Storybuilder	Case narratives, mediation prep	Litigation, White Collar, Construction
Communication & Network Analysis	Sylo, Relativity Trace, Brainspace	Relationship mapping, investigations	White Collar, Antitrust, Employment
Medical Records Analysis	EvenUp, Wisedocs, CaseMark	Medical summaries, damages	Plaintiff PI, Insurance, Med Mal
Claims Valuation & Analytics	CaseGlide, Allegory, EvenUp	Exposure analysis, settlement	Insurance, Mass Tort
Insurance Analytics	Shift, FRISS, Verisk	Support legal strategy	Insurance, White Collar
Financial Forensics	Diligent HighBond, IDEA, ACL	Damages, tracing	Securities, Bankruptcy
Document Management (AI-Enhanced)	NetDocuments AI, iManage AI	AI-powered search, work product reuse, document intelligence, metadata automation	All practice groups; in-house
Matter/Practice Management	Filevine, MyCase, LawVu, Clio	Matter tracking, client intake, billing, calendaring, task management	All practice groups; in-house
Legal Ops, Governance & Intelligence	Tableau, SimpleLegal, NetDocuments Analytics, Legal Tracker	Spend, performance, governance	Legal Ops, Legal Leadership (firm-wide)
Compliance Tech	OneTrust, TrustArc, NAVEX, ComplyAdvantage, Kharon	Privacy compliance (DSAR automations), sanctions screening, regulatory monitoring, policy management	In-House Compliance, Regulatory, Data Privacy, Employment

