



The State Bar of California

1.3 Discuss Program Development and Impact Committee Priorities for 2025: Toward a Legal Technology Initiative for LSTFC Grantees

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Connecting Legal Tech and Generative Artificial Intelligence to Access to Justice

The [2019 California Justice Gap Study](#) found that Californians received no or inadequate help for 85 percent of their civil legal problems.

The LSTFC's mission is to close the justice gap in California by increasing equitable access to legal services for low-income and underserved communities.

As legal technology and generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) proliferate in the private bar, the gap between services and resources available for those who can afford attorneys versus those who cannot afford private legal help may continue to grow.

By responsibly deploying legal tech and GenAI, legal aid attorneys could potentially serve more Californians and help shrink California's justice gap.



OA&I's Major Legal Tech and Generative AI Initiatives





HARNESSING EMERGING TRENDS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Registration

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

Opening Remarks

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

Justice Kelli M. Evans, Associate Justice, California Supreme Court

Foundations in Legal Tech

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Miriam Kim, Partner; and Shannon Bales, Litigation Support Manager; of Munger, Tolles & Olson, will review foundational concepts and new developments in legal technology. Through brief demonstrations of currently available products, they will model how legal aid organizations can incorporate these tools into practice.

Legal Technology and Ethics

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This panel will reframe conversations about legal tech and AI as potential tools to help legal aid organizations address California's justice gap. Panelists will provide insight into ways legal service providers can harness these tools to enhance service delivery and increase capacity, while considering ethical standards.



Pilots and Other Tech Collaborations





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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

This document is a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for a legal operations, technology, and artificial intelligence (AI) consultant (“services”).

The State Bar of California (“the State Bar”) seeks proposals from consultants or subject matter experts to conduct assessments of and generate recommendations for legal operations and legal technology for: 1) the State Bar; and 2) nonprofit legal aid organizations.

The Initial Term, with Renewal Period(s), if elected, means the **Term**. The State Bar expects to award a contract based on this RFP on or before **September 4, 2024**, for the Initial Term to commence on or around **October 1, 2024**.

Please submit an electronic copy of your proposal to Sunly.Yap@calbar.ca.gov no later than **3:00 p.m.** on **August 20, 2024** (“Submission Deadline”). Bidders will receive a confirmation email notifying them of receipt. If bidders do not receive such email, please follow up with Sunly Yap.





Discussion Questions

- What would the PDI Committee recommend staff prioritize/consider while designing the statewide Legal Tech Initiative?
- Would the PDI Committee be interested in supporting (e.g., advising) the development of a statewide Legal Tech Initiative?



Thank you!

For more information about the State Bar's Legal Technology Initiative, please contact Jennifer Zelnick, Lead Program Analyst, at jennifer.zelnick@calbar.ca.gov.



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