

4 LAWTECH FORUM NZ

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About ChilliIQ

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We are a leading creator of conferences and summits who aim to bring together great minds with avid learners amongst the thought-inspiring atmosphere of leading venues.

Chilli IQ has many years of collective experience in the area of creating and developing innovative conferences and summits for the changing business environment. This is not though what differentiates us from the crowd, what makes us unique is our modus operandi. We value quality and strive to ensure that every aspect of our events reflects this – from the choice of speakers, the venue and the genuine attention to detail.

Our main objective is to lead the field in the area of knowledge delivery and as this is a fluid process we are constantly seeking new avenues and evolving to make sure we never just settle. We ensure that all who partake in the Chilli IQ conference experience – whether it be as a delegate, a speaker, a sponsor or an endorsing association – maximise their investment and attain a higher level of understanding and awareness of the chosen business theme.

Lawtech Origins



It was way back in 2006 when Chilli IQ first developed the Lawtech Summit as we saw the need for a platform for the evolving legal technology market in Australia. It was new, fresh and created a buzz amongst the growing legal technology crowd but furthermore it created a community. It brought together legal IT Managers and everyone involved with the technology of a law firm in one place – for the first time in Australia.

Fast forward to now and the legal technology community has grown and thrived. Through the last 16 years the Lawtech Summit has seen the evolution of legal technology managers go from just the IT guys to becoming an important and essential part of the business strategy of law firms today.

Due to the importance of the legal technology market globally we have broadened to other countries like NZ, Asia and the Middle East, bringing the same quality and knowledge of the market across the globe.

We are proud to be an integral part of this ever evolving community and continue to offer a stage for thought leaders and ground breakers of the legal technology field.

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The event **theme**

Beyond the Algorithm: Rethinking Legal Technology as Systems, People, Process, and Trust

The legal profession has spent the last few years asking whether AI is ready. In 2026, the more important question is whether we are. Globally, AI adoption in legal has more than doubled in a single year — yet the gap between adoption and genuine performance has never been wider. Few firms have formal AI policies, fewer still are actively measuring ROI, and most are yet to fundamentally re-engineer their processes, structures, and culture to capture real value. Meanwhile, in-house legal teams are moving faster than their outside counsel and increasingly bringing work in-house as a result — creating a competitive pressure that will only compound over time.

The technology is no longer the hard part.

The hard part is everything around it: the people, the processes, the governance, and the trust.

This event goes beyond the algorithm — bringing together the leaders, practitioners, and pioneers who are doing the difficult, unglamorous work of making legal technology actually work in the real world. We will examine how firms are re-engineering workflows, structures, and operating models to embed AI at scale rather than bolt it on at the edges, and what it takes to build formal governance frameworks that give boards, regulators, and clients the assurance they are increasingly demanding. Alongside that, we will dig into the performance question that too few firms are asking honestly: how do you measure ROI on AI, and how do you make the case — internally and externally — that it is delivering real, quantifiable results?

The business model conversation is equally urgent. AI-driven productivity is putting the billable hour under real structural pressure, and firms are navigating a genuine tension between efficiency gains and revenue models built for a different era. We will explore what sustainable alternatives look like in practice — from fixed fees and subscriptions to value-based and hybrid delivery models — and hear from those who are already making the transition. Woven through all of this is the client relationship: what clients actually want from AI-enabled legal services, how they feel about transparency around AI use, and how firms can lead that conversation with confidence rather than anxiety.

At the heart of everything is the human dimension. AI may be doing more of the work, but human judgment remains central — and the profession is grappling with how to retain expertise, supervise AI outputs responsibly, and keep people meaningfully in the loop. We will explore what this transformation means for careers, culture, wellbeing, and training, as well as the new roles emerging to bridge the gap between legal reasoning and machine logic — from legal engineers and AI compliance officers to Chief Transformation Officers. And as AI adoption scales, so too does exposure to cybersecurity, data, and compliance risk — areas that demand the same strategic attention as the technology itself.

This is not a conversation about what AI might do to the legal profession. It is a conversation about what we choose to do with it — and how we build the systems, the culture, and the trust to do it well.

Advisory Panel

In order to best represent the interests and needs of the legal technology profession, we have assembled some of the most prominent legal leaders and thinkers to form the **2026 Advisory Panel** that assists with the direction and planning of topics for the 4 Lawtech Forum NZ.

Our esteemed panelists include:



NATASHA WILSON
HEAD OF IT
DLA PIPER NEW ZEALAND



JON CALDER
CEO
TOMPKINS WAKE



CLIFTON WALSH
HEAD OF IT
RUSSELL MCVEAGH



ADAM GOWER
CHIEF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
OFFICER
BUDDLE FINDLAY

What you will learn

The 2026 Lawtech NZ programme will focus on:

- **From Pilots to Performance** — Moving beyond experimentation to measurable, defensible AI outcomes and genuine organisational transformation
- **Governing AI in the Law Firm** — Building formal AI policies, oversight frameworks, and board-level assurance in an era of regulatory and client scrutiny
- **Measuring ROI on AI** — How firms can build performance frameworks to demonstrate that AI is delivering real, quantifiable value
- **The Billable Hour Under Pressure** — Exploring the structural incompatibility between AI-driven productivity and hourly billing, and what comes next
- **New Pricing Models in Practice** — Fixed fees, subscriptions, value-based billing, and hybrid delivery models — what works, and how to transition
- **What Clients Actually Want** — Unpacking client expectations around AI use, transparency, pricing, speed, and quality of service
- **Human Judgment in an AI-Enabled Profession** — Retaining expertise, supervising AI outputs, and keeping the human meaningfully in the loop
- **People, Culture and Organisational Change** — Managing careers, wellbeing, training, and firm culture through the most significant transformation the profession has seen
- **Cybersecurity, Risk and Compliance** — Understanding and managing the cyber and data risks that come with AI adoption at scale
- **The In-House Challenge** — How in-house legal teams are outpacing outside counsel in AI adoption, and what law firms must do to remain competitive and relevant
- **New Roles and Skills in the AI-Era Firm** — The emergence of legal engineers, AI compliance officers, Chief Transformation Officers, and the evolving role of junior lawyers
- **Systems, not just tools** — How firms are re-engineering workflows, structures, and operating models to embed AI at scale rather than bolt it on at the edges



Invited **Speakers**

The following speakers have been invited for their expertise and knowledge on the chosen topics:

- **DR ALEXANDRA ANDHOV** CHAIR IN LAW AND TECHNOLOGY & DIRECTOR **THE CENTER FOR ADVANCING LAW AND TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLY (ALTER)**
THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND
- **NICK VALENTINE** PARTNER | TECHNOLOGY & DATA **DLA PIPER**
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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This event has been exclusively produced to address the function and capacity of the following position from the legal profession - law firms, legal counsel and the corporate sector:

- CIO's , COO's , CISO's
- IT Directors
- CFO's & Finance Directors
- Head of Innovation
- Legal Partners - IT Area, Litigation
- Risk Managers
- Head of IT Security
- All those who have a role in the technology side of a law firm or legal department

Highlights of the 2025 event

Theme:
INNOVATE . DISRUPT. EVOLVE.
The Future of Law in a Digital Age

...what the 2025 attendees had to say



Richard Eggleston
Senior Account Executive Actionstep

“ The Lawtech Summit is the trailblazer event for legal technology in Australia and NZ, delivering innovative conferences since 2006. ”

**stay tuned for the 2026 programme
.. coming soon**

EVENT INFORMATION AND HOW TO REGISTER

4th Lawtech Forum NZ 2026

Join senior legal, technology and innovation leaders from across New Zealand

Date

17 June 2026

Event Date: Wednesday 17th June 2026

Event Name: 4th LAWTECH FORUM NZ

VENUE: PARK HYATT AUCKLAND

99 Halsey Street, Auckland CBD,
Auckland 1010, New Zealand
Harbour Room

Event Schedule

Conference Registration

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Conference Programme

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Networking Drinks

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Registration Options

Delegate Pass

*Special Early Bird rate: NZ\$395 valid until : 01/05/2026 - [click link to register](#)

*Delegate Rate: NZ\$695 valid after: 01/05/2026- [click link to register](#)

[*refer to who should attend](#)

Industry Partner Rate

SGD 1,295.00 - Industry Partner Rate applies to delegates from organisations providing products or services to the legal sector.

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