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Conference Agenda

9-10 November 2026
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Day 1 Conference Programme
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TIME	TOPICS & SPEAKERS
08:45 - 09:00	**Welcome & Conference Opening - Day 1**
09:00 - 09:30	**What Your Future Self Wants You To Know Now** Melissa Lyon - Executive Director & Experience Designer, Hive Legal (AUS)
09:35 - 10:05	**Trust Is the Product: What It Actually Takes to Let an Agent Do Legal Work** Brandon Van Niekerk - Chief Executive Officer, Kvell Dynamics Brian Wafawarowa - Chief Executive Officer, Juta
10:05 - 10:35	**TEA BREAK**
10:35 - 11:05	**Training Lawyers in the Age of AI: Keeping the Craft While Changing the Tools** Aabeed Abdullatief - Director, Fairbridges Wertheim Becker Attorneys **Contracts Are Costing You More Than You Think: Where Legal Teams Lose Time, Money and Control — and How Technology Is Changing the Equation** Jenna Kretzmer - Chief Executive Officer, Contract Corridor
11:10 - 11:40	**Storage Is Not Governance: Closing the Readiness Gap Before AI** Leander Naicken - Director, Morae
11:45 - 12:45	**Legal 2030: The Decisions That Design a Legal Function** Aalia Manie - Partner, Webber Wentzel and Director, Webber Wentzel Fusion Lucia Quy - Associate Director, Webber Wentzel Fusion Tristan Marot - Innovation Lawyer, Webber Wentzel Fusion
12:45 - 13:30	**LUNCH BREAK**
13:30 - 14:00	**There's a Legal AI Vendor for Everything. That's the Problem** Shreya Vajpei - Founder, Indian LegalTech Network (UK)
14:05 - 14:35	**Beyond Contract Management: Your Contracts Know More Than You Think** Byran Barkley - Legal Technology Consultant, Co Operative Computing **Two Hats, One Desk: Running Legal and Compliance as a Single Function in a Fast-Moving Fintech** Kylie Slambert - Executive Director, M-KOPA

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14:40 - 15:10	**A Discussion About Responsible AI Use-Cases** Dr. Howard Snoyman - Head: Legal and Ethics, Discovery Health Medical Scheme
	Lexi: Transforming Legal Transcription Through AI and Human Expertise Andre Davids - General Manager, Inlexso
15:15 - 15:45	**From Frontline to Frontier: Legal Work in the Age of AI** Andréa Campbell - Principal Corporate Counsel, Microsoft
15:50 - 16:30	**Debate Like a Human: Exercising Critical Thinking When the Machines Can Argue Too** Marco Mendola - Co-Founder, Legal Tech in the South West (UK)
16:35 - 18:30	**Networking Drinks**

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TIME	TOPICS & SPEAKERS
07:15 - 08:15	**EARLY BIRD SESSION** **The Human Operating System: Upgrading for a New Era** Priya Lele - Co-founder & Chair, She Breaks the Law Elizabeth De Stadler - Director, Rehabilitated Lawyer Lucia Quy - Delivery Lead: WW Fusion, Webber Wentzel
09:00 - 09:10	**Welcome & Conference Opening - Day 2**
09:10 - 09:40	**The Future of Pricing: Do You Know What Your Clients Value?** Melissa Lyon - Executive Director & Experience Designer, Hive Legal (AUS)

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09:45 - 10:15	**Paying the Verification Tax** Shreya Vajpei - Founder, Indian LegalTech Network (UK)
10:15 - 10:45	**TEA BREAK**
10:45 - 11:15	**When to Step In, When to Step Back: The Evolving Strategic Role of Legal** Danjé Sieberhagen - Manager: Legal Services, Clover S.A. (Pty) Ltd
	If Everyone Has AI, What Is the Value of Lawyers? Lynton Naicker - CEO & Co-Founder, Anvaya Anvaya Legal AI Assistant
11:20 - 11:50	**Managing Real World Emerging Risks as a Result of AI – Tips and Tricks for GCs** Robby Caelho - Partner and Co-Head of the Tech Sector, Bowmans
	LexisNexis Solution Showcase LexisNexis
11:55 - 12:25	**ClickDox - A Story of Building and Implementing a Home-Grown, Business Focused, Legal-Tech Solution** Ross Forgan - Group Information Officer, Clicks Group
	I'm So Tired of Tech Uraysha Ramracheya - Legal Manager; Digital, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer South Africa LLP
12:25 - 13:15	**LUNCH BREAK**
13:15 - 14:15	**Forget the Tool. Know Where You Stand. Choose Where You Go** Marco Mendola - Co-Founder, Legal Tech in the South West (UK)
14:20 - 14:50	**Closing Panel Discussion: From Insight to Impact: Driving Meaningful Change in Law**
15:00 - 15:30	**Conference Close & Prize Giveaways**