Law Tech Group

Terms of Reference

The Law Tech Group will operate under the umbrella of the Future of the Profession Committee. The core aim of the group is to consider and help address the impacts, challenges and opportunities for the solicitor profession arising from technological developments.

This will specifically include the following activities:

Policy
- To provide policy direction for the Society in relation to law tech issues.
- To engage with Government on policy proposals and law reform initiatives in this area and respond to consultations where appropriate.
- To engage with other stakeholders in support of the Group’s objectives.
- To promote and petition for the adoption of innovative technological solutions within the Northern Ireland Court Service and Judiciary.

Best Practice
- To take steps to ensure that the solicitor profession in Northern Ireland possess the practical skills necessary to adapt to and embrace the increased use of existing and new technology, beginning with regular communications to the profession on matters of legal technology and innovation.
- To stimulate innovation resulting from the increased use of technology to deliver practical benefits for solicitors, clients and the wider justice system.
- To consider and advise on practice-related matters arising out of technological developments.
- To identify potential barriers and disadvantages posed by the increased use of technology within the profession and consider how best to overcome these.
- To prepare and disseminate information on issues relating to legal technology for the benefit of Solicitors in Northern Ireland.
- To make recommendations on training for practitioners and to organise frequent Continuing Professional Development seminars on the subject of Law Tech and how solicitors can make best use of it in their practice.

Reporting
- To provide regular updates to the Future of the Profession Committee and wider membership on the work of the group.
• To consider matters referred to it by the Future of the Profession Committee and the Council of the Law Society.
• To review, and where appropriate revise, these Terms of Reference at least annually.