

VIRTUAL LAW LIBRARY

A VERITABLE TOOL FOR JUSTICE DELIVERY



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‘God forbid that a lawyer should know all the laws, but the best lawyer is he that knows where to find the laws when needed’

- Lord Denning



INTRODUCTION

- For centuries, the law library has served as a sacred space for legal research.
- It transcends the physical realm, acting as an intellectual armoury where lawyers and judges forge the knowledge that upholds the justice system.
- As a repository of legal wisdom, it houses landmark court decisions that guide future rulings, statutes upon which legal arguments are built and judicial decisions are made.



LIMITATIONS OF PHYSICAL LIBRARIES



Physical libraries, while valuable, have inherent limitations.

- Accessing resources often meant being physically present during specific hours.
- Limited number of available copies.
- Vulnerability to deterioration and loss.

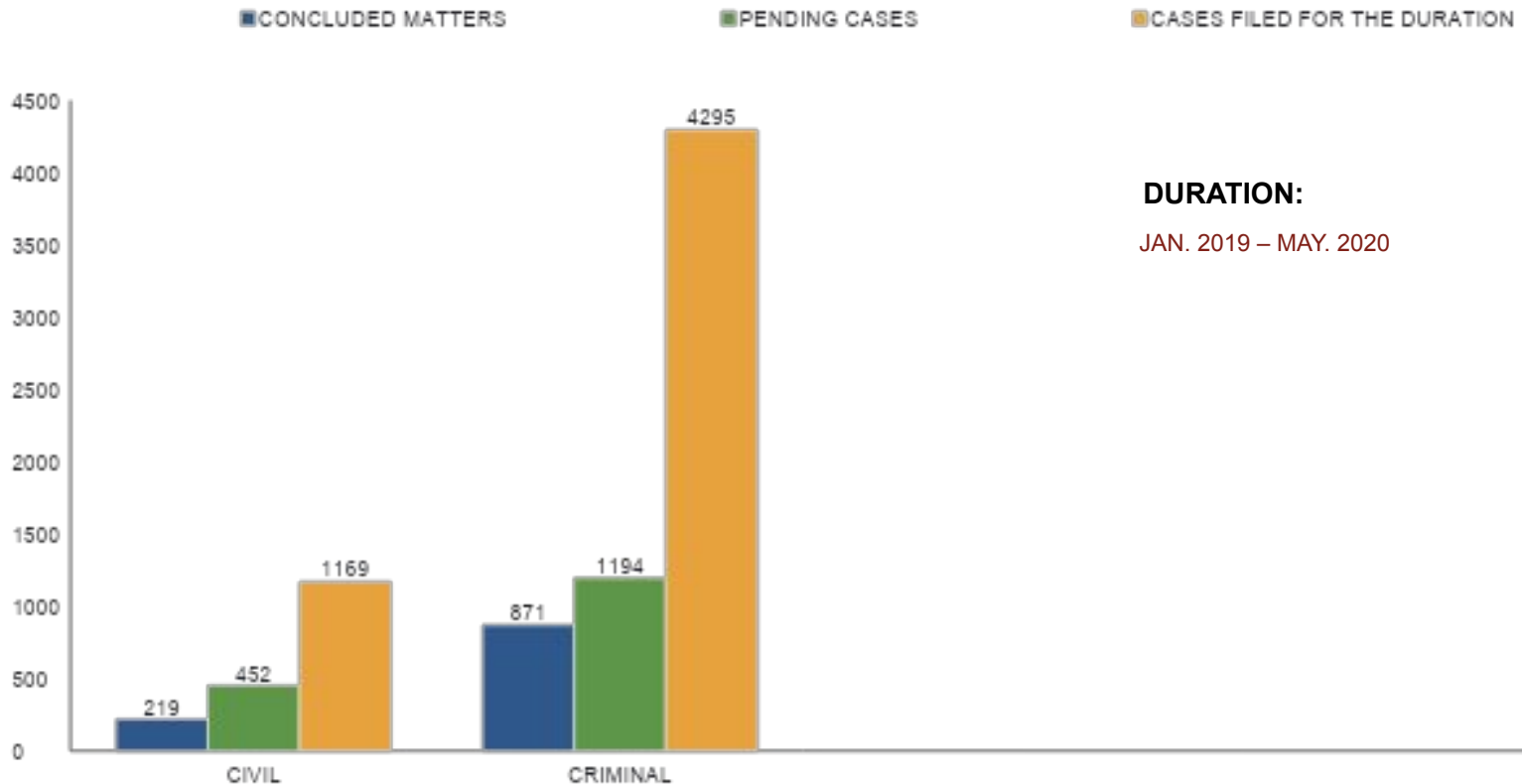
Imagine needing a specific legal document, only to find out the library's sole copy is missing or damaged

Issues with Manual Legal Research



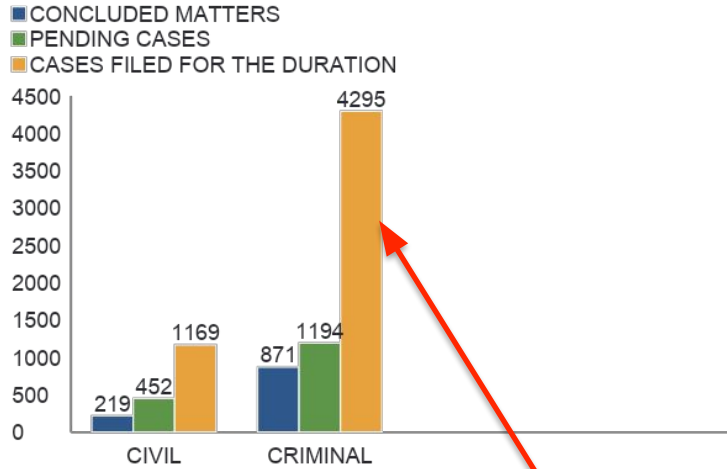
EFFECTIVENESS VS. EFFICIENCY

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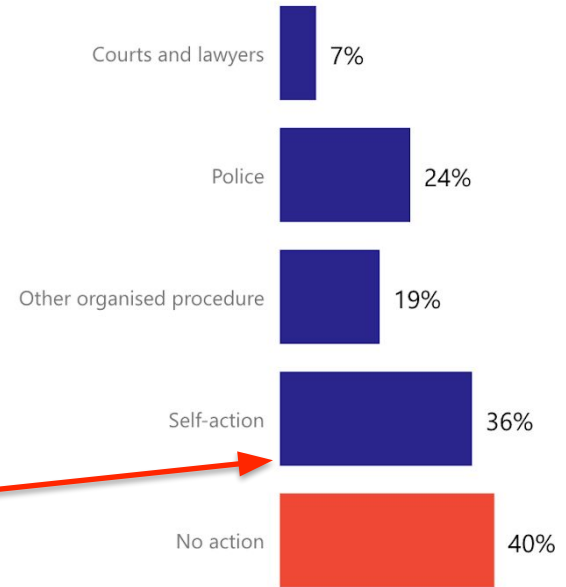


DURATION:
JAN. 2019 – MAY. 2020

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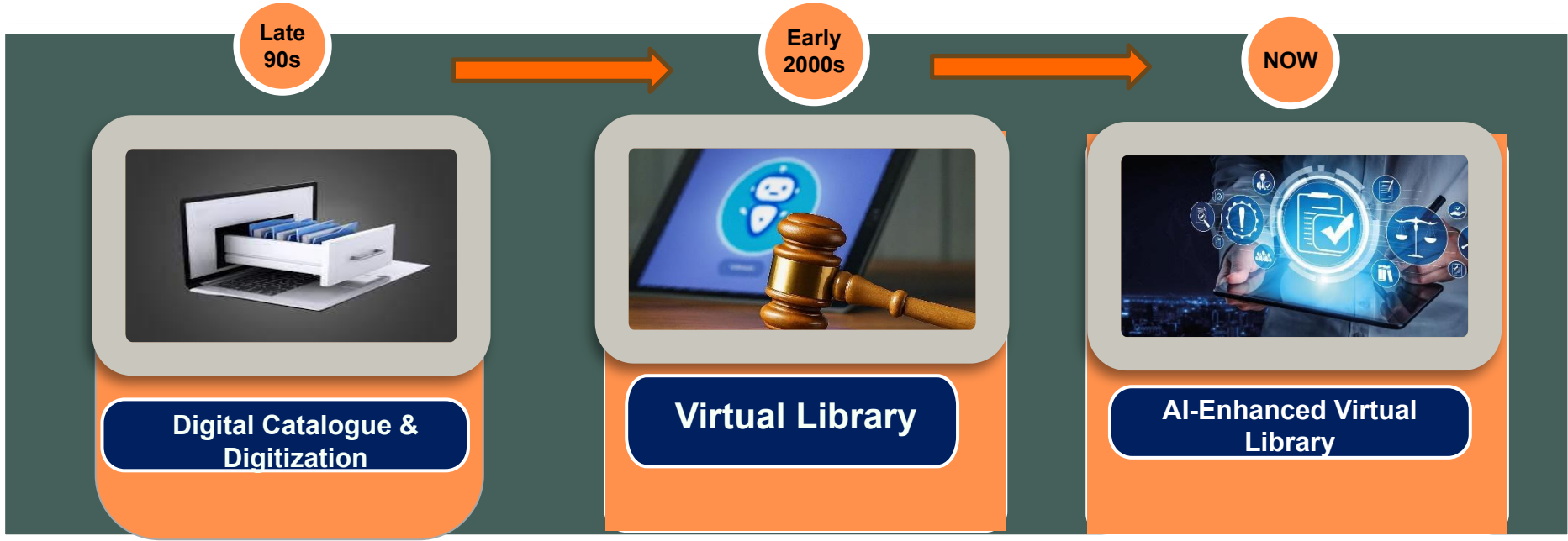
How do people try to resolve their problem?



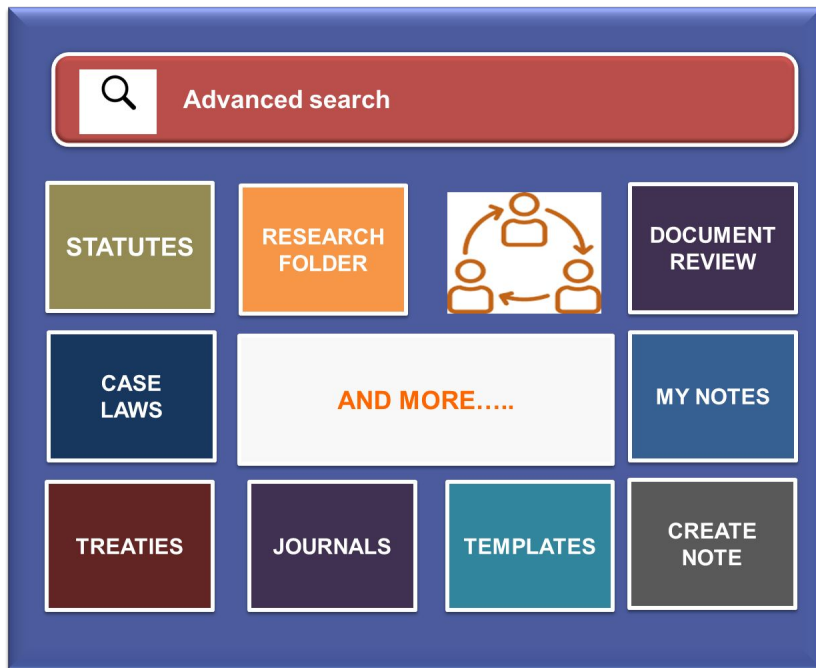
**THIS IS A TROUBLING POTENTIAL
DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN!**

SOURCE:
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Key Developments that Mark the Transition From Physical to Virtual Libraries



VIRTUAL LAW LIBRARY (VLL) ECOSYSTEM– MORE THAN JUST BOOKS



- A virtual law library is more than just a digital archive of legal resources; **it is an integrated ecosystem of advanced research tools.**
- When harnessed together, these tools transform the way legal professionals conduct research, making the virtual law library an indispensable tool for justice delivery.

BASIC RESEARCH TOOLS FOR EFFECTIVE JUSTICE DELIVERY



- Electronic Law Reports
- Annotated Laws of the Federation
- Civil Procedure Rules
- Chain referencing and note taking tools
- Legal Analytics - Conflicts & Exceptions, etc
- Textbooks and Journals

PERSONALIZED VIRTUAL RESEARCH FOLDERS



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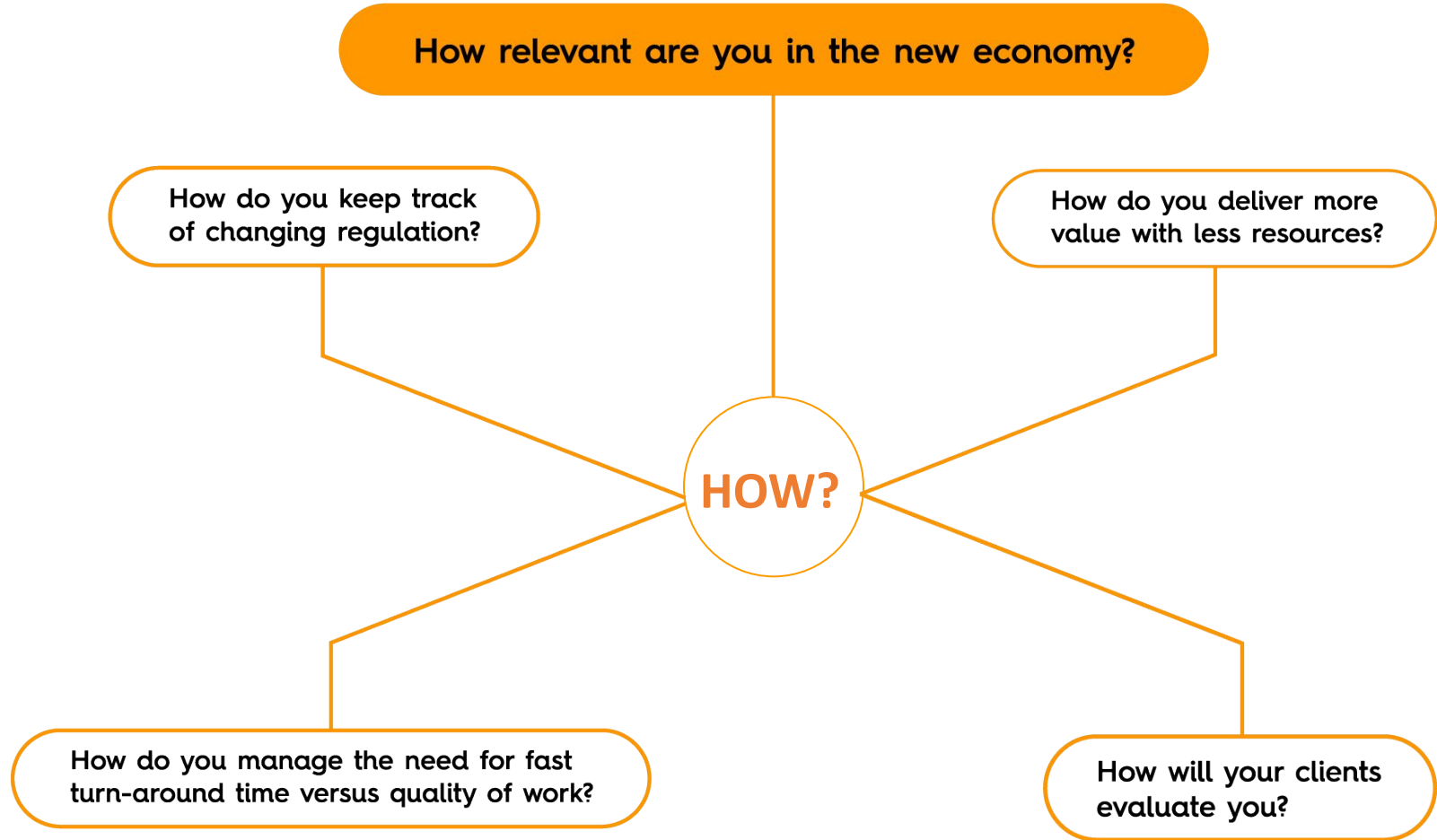
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PERTINENT QUESTIONS

How Valid are the authorities cited in your legal opinion?

How long will it take you to find conflicting decisions and exceptions to the rules?

WELCOME TO THE AGE OF LEGAL ANALYTICS!!

An e-library may give you many authorities in seconds, but doesn't tell you how valid the authorities are

How do you keep track of the changing laws, regulations and even interpretation of the laws?



LEGAL ANALYTICS IN ACTION....

Legal Analytics



- Recommendations
 - Oldest, Latest, Most Cited, etc
- Conflicts & Exceptions
- History of Authorities
- Cases Cited - with chain referencing
- Cases that relied on this authority
- Statutes Cited
- Alternate Citations

Annotated LFN (Laws In Action)



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SECTION 5
No unnecessary restraint
ADD TO RESEARCH FOLDER VIEW

SECTION 6
Notification of cause of arrest and rights of suspect
ADD TO RESEARCH FOLDER VIEW

SECTION 7

(c) by order of a court.

6. View Relevant Cases

(1) Except when the suspect is in the actual course of the commission of an offence or is pursued immediately after the commission of an offence or has escaped from lawful custody, the police officer or other persons making the arrest shall inform the suspect immediately of the reason for the arrest.

(2) The police officer or the person making the arrest or the police officer in charge of a police station shall inform the suspect of his rights to:

(a) remain silent or avoid answering any question until after consultation with a legal practitioner or any other person of his own choice;

(b) consult a legal practitioner of his choice before making, endorsing or writing any statement or answering any question put to him after arrest;

(c) free legal representation by the Legal Aid Council of Nigeria where applicable: Provided the authority having custody of the suspect shall have the responsibility of notifying the next of kin or relative of the suspect of the arrest at no cost to the suspect.

Arrest in lieu prohibited

Relevant Cases close

EZE v. FRN (2018) Pg. 31 View

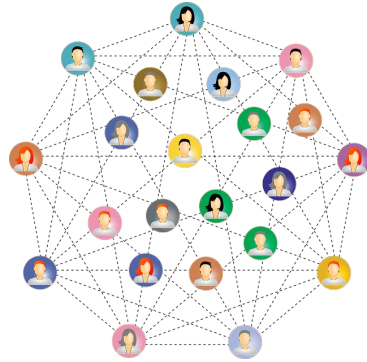
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STATE v. HABILA (2020) Pg. 32 View

STATE v. MUSA (2020) Pg. 31 View

“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

Abraham Lincoln



HUMAN INTELLIGENCE ALONE IS NO LONGER ENOUGH

A combination of Business Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence

THE AGE OF GENERATIVE AI IN LEGAL RESEARCH



- Generative AI refers to a type of artificial intelligence that has been trained to identify patterns and relationships within massive datasets and generate entirely new content such as texts, images from the data it was trained on.

Examples of Generative AI Tools

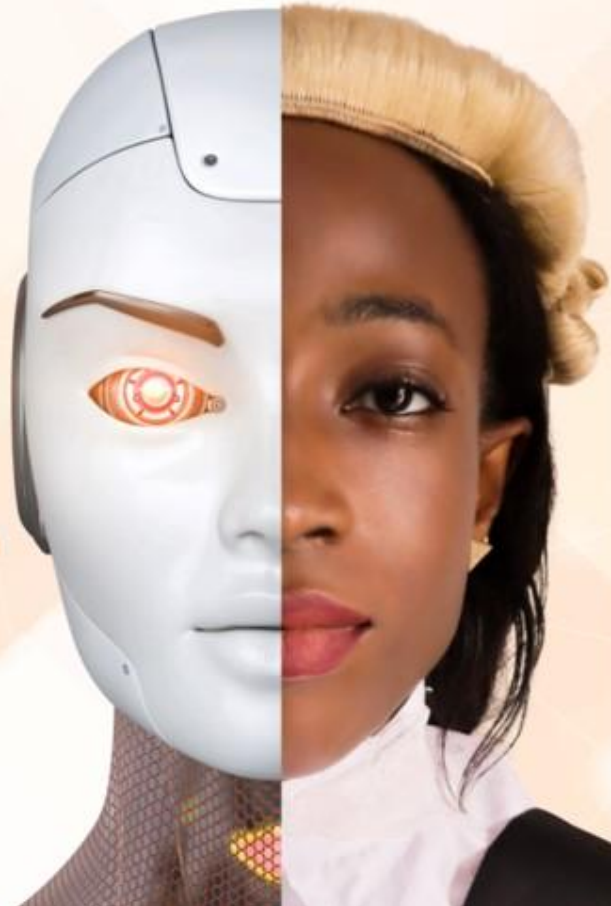
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- CoPilot



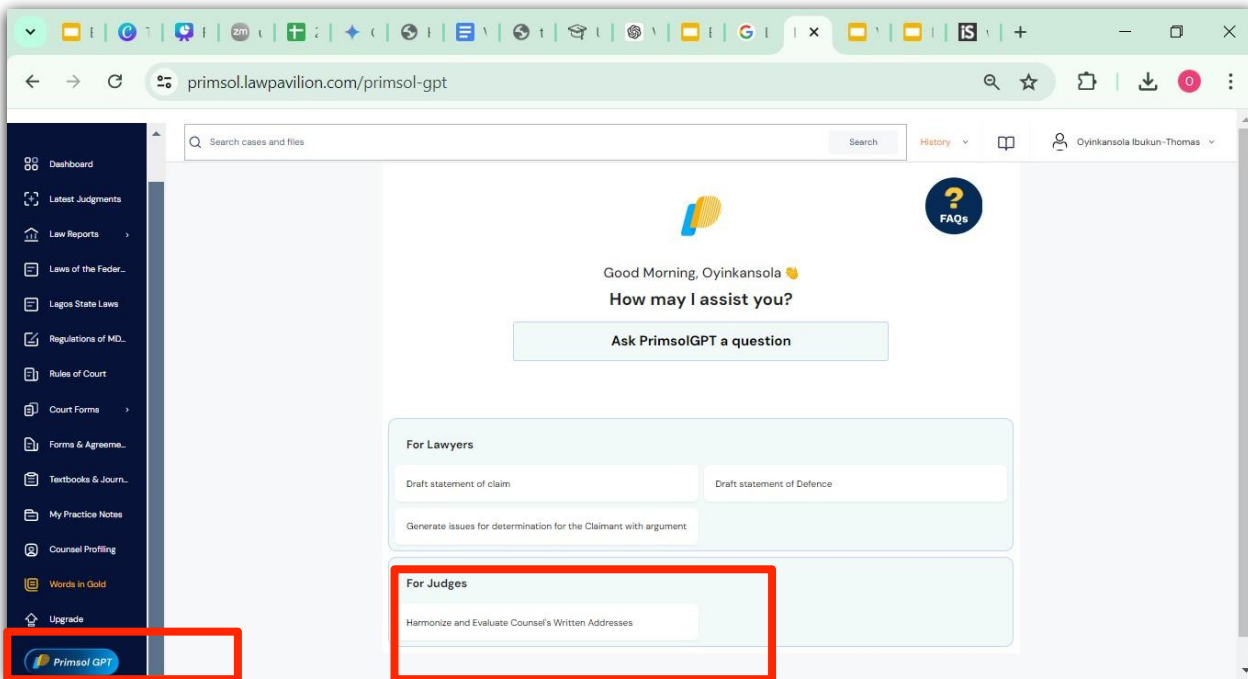
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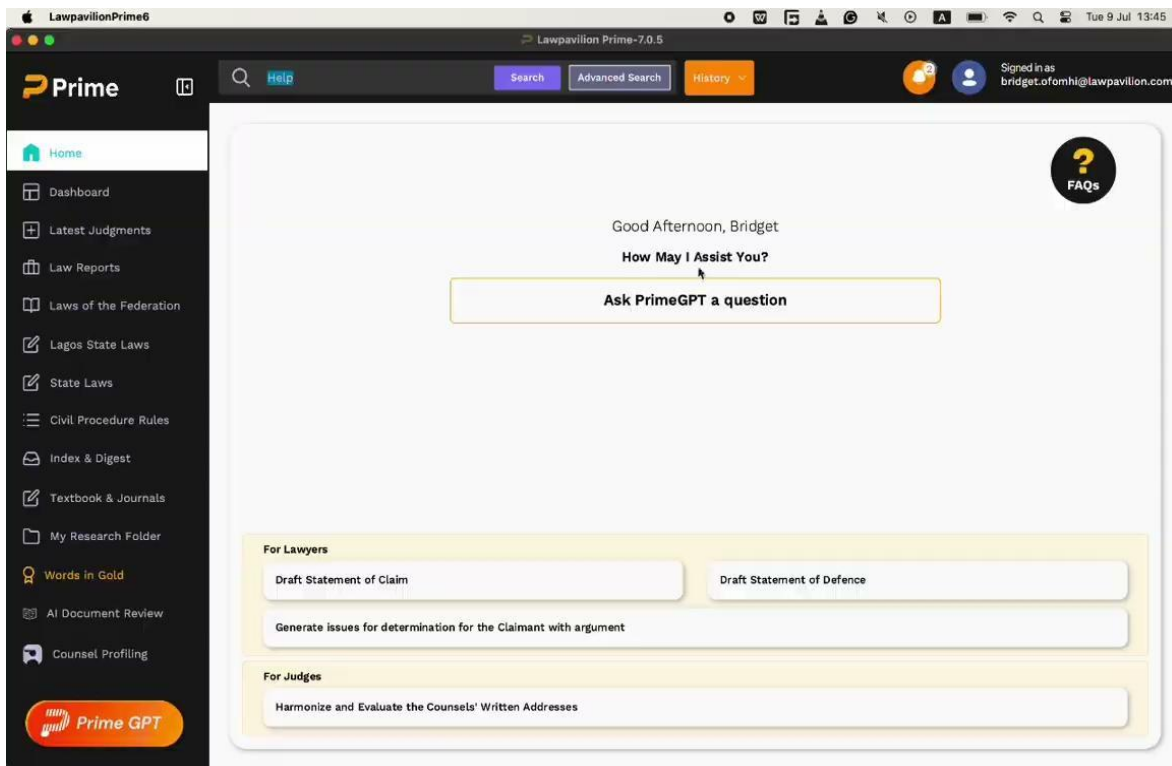
JUDGEMENT DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM



- Delve into the complexities of each case.
- Summarize the facts of the case
- Analyze the briefs from both parties.
- Identify the critical legal issues.
- Get well-supported legal opinions based on established precedents and current legislation.

This AI-powered research and analytics tool addresses the critical challenges of time-consuming judgment writing by streamlining judgment writing.

EVERY LEGAL ASSISTANT DESERVES AN AI-LEGAL ASSISTANT



- Ask your legal questions.
- Receive immediate answers backed by relevant case law and legislation.

ORGANIZATIONAL KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT



The screenshot displays the CaseManager web application interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: `casemanager.lawpavilion.com/firm/okm/results?documentMode=upload`. The application header includes the CaseManager logo, a search bar with the text "Find briefs, documents or contact by name", and navigation buttons for "SHOW TIMER", "1568" notifications, and "Activities".

The left sidebar menu is titled "NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COURT" and lists several options: Dashboard, Contacts / Clients, Calendar, Documents, **OKM** (highlighted with a red box), My Briefs, Tasks, Invoices, Mailbox, Reports, and a profile section for "YOUR FIRM" with the name "Ebun-Olu Adegboruwa SAN".

The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Uploaded Document:** This section displays a document titled "MOTION ON NOTICE". The document text includes:
 - "In the National Industrial Court
In the Lagos Judicial Division
Held at Lagos
 - NIC/LA/0234/2021
 - Between
ABC CLAIMANT/RESPONDENT
and
RST DEFENDANT/APPLICANT
 - MOTION ON NOTICE**
BROUGHT PURSUANT TO ORDER 7
RULE 8 OF THE COURT OF APPEAL RULES 2016
AND SECTION 17 OF THE COURT OF APPEAL ACT, 2006
 - TAKE NOTICE** that the Court will be moved on day of at
in the forenoon or as soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard on behalf of the above named
..... for an order of stay of Execution of Judgment of his Honourable Court delivered
on 24/9/2024 pending the hearing and determination of Appeal against the said Judgment.
- OKM Results Showing Similar Documents:** This section lists four similar documents:
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- Get Insights from Past Works
- Retrieval of Contextually Similar Documents

IMPACT OF VIRTUAL LAW LIBRARY ON JUSTICE DELIVERY



01

Access: 24/7 access to legal resources from any location.

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Speed: Efficient research contributes to timelier case processing and resolution.

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Quality: AI-powered insights ensure Judges have a comprehensive understanding of each case, leading to more informed decisions

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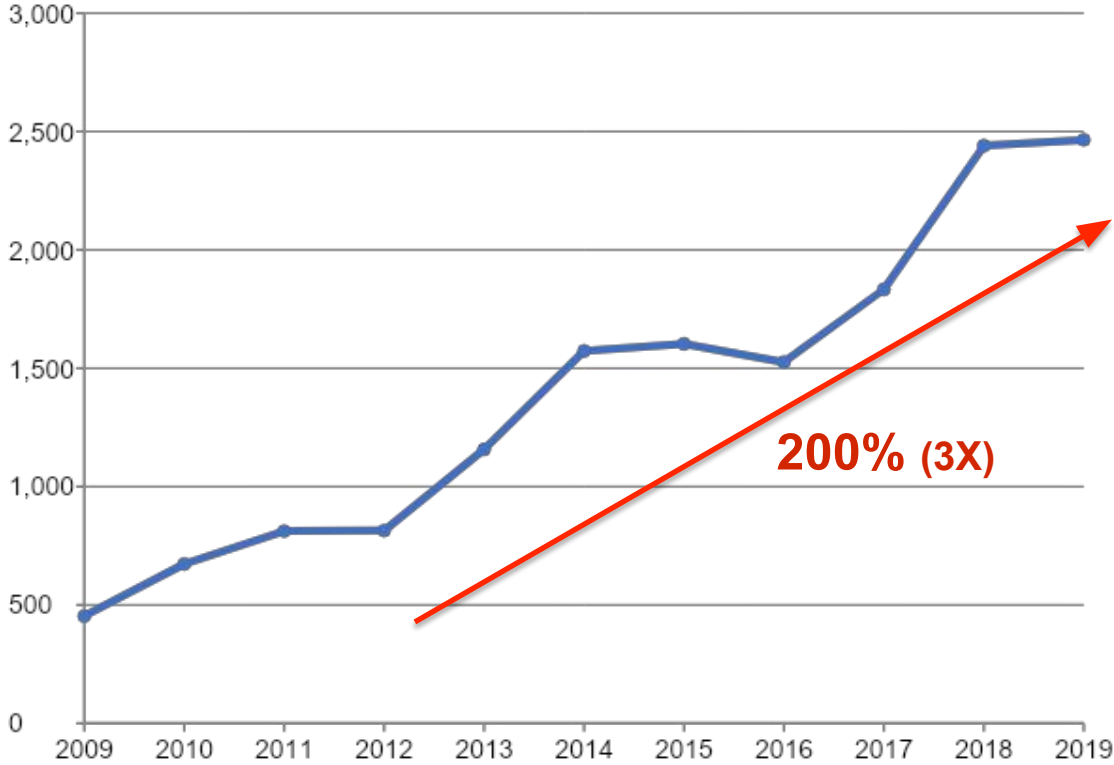
Decreased Backlogs: Faster case processing helps alleviate court backlog, leading to a fairer and more timely justice system for all.

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Increased Judicial Efficiency: Streamlined access empowers courts for faster, higher-quality rulings and reduced backlog which translates to improved court efficiency.

VISIBLE OUTCOME

**GROWTH IN THE
NUMBER OF CASES
DISPOSED AT THE
COURT OF APPEAL
ANNUALLY BETWEEN
2009 AND 2019**



CONSTRAINTS ON ADOPTION OF VLL



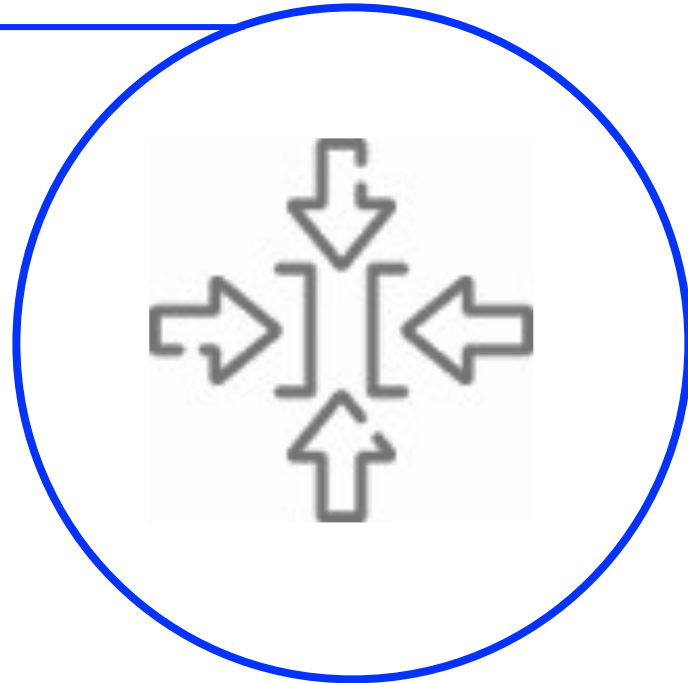
Concerns about the confidentiality of sensitive information can limit the adoption.



Limited internet access could also limit the effective use of VLL.



The cost of deploying and maintaining VLL solutions could limit their availability to users



MITIGATING STRATEGIES



Prioritize Funding by allocating a budget specifically for VLL implementation.

Partnerships with tech companies and government agencies can be considered to enhance digital connectivity.

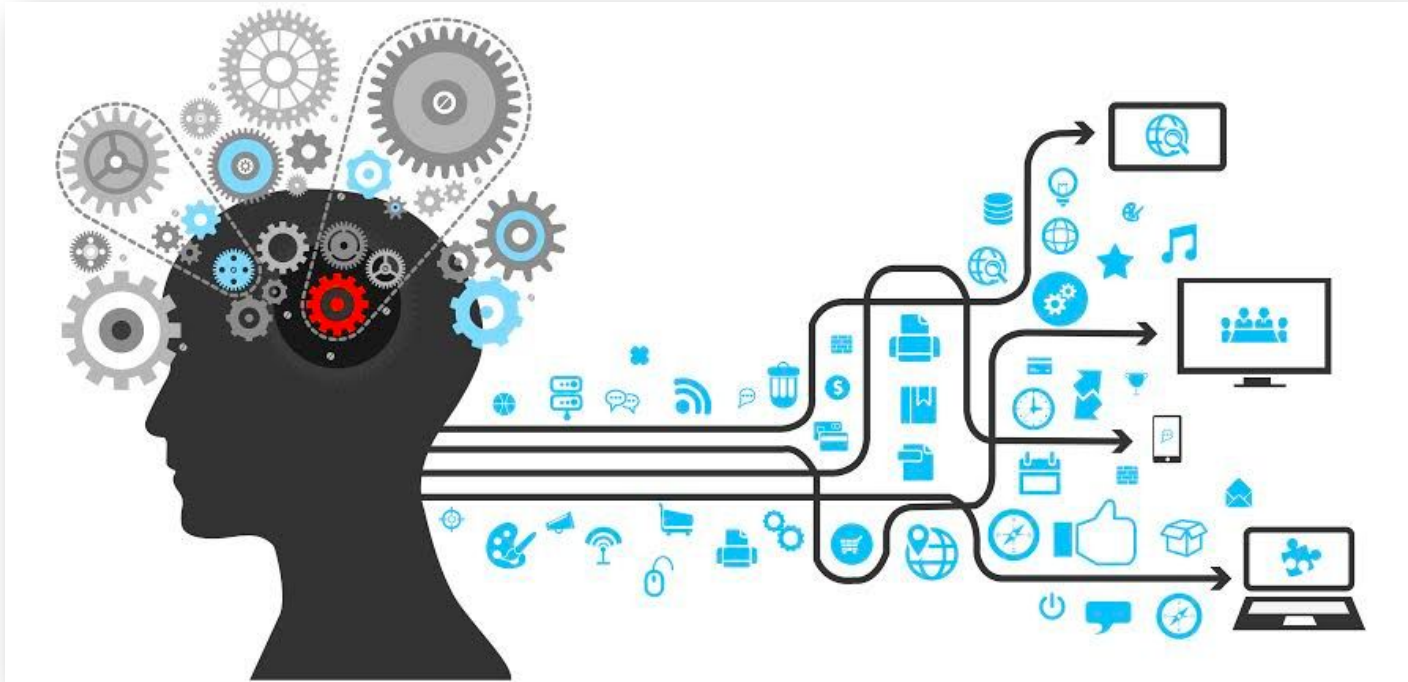
Stakeholders must ensure the timely availability of legal content to the solution providers to avoid outdated information, enhance reliability, and utility.

Establish robust cybersecurity measures and protocols. Regularly update software and conduct security audits to protect sensitive information.

Continuous training initiatives and interactive demonstrations that provide hands-on experience with the Virtual Law Library advanced research tools



EMPLOY TECHNOLOGY AS A STRATEGIC TOOL



CONCLUSION



Justice should be blind, but legal research shouldn't be. Adopting an A.I Powered Virtual Law Library will create an environment where every decision is informed, every judgement precise and every case resolved with utmost integrity.

Thank You!

