



Latest news and lawtech updates from the SRA Innovate team

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All the latest news and lawtech developments from the SRA Innovate team.

SRA Innovate events in 2024

This year our free innovation events took place in Manchester and Leicester. Panel discussions focussed on opportunities, potential benefits and pitfalls of adopting AI in the legal profession.

[Watch on-demand \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/news/events/on-demand-events/)

Innovate at Legal Geek

We are attending both UK Legal Geek events in 2024. In June we joined 1,000 SME and mid-size law firms for Legal Geek Growth, presenting on the main stage. We will also be at Legal Geek's two-day conference in October.

[More information on Legal Geek Conference \[https://www.legalgeek.co/conference/\]](https://www.legalgeek.co/conference/)

Report looks at pros and cons of AI in law firms

[The latest in our Risk Outlook series \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/research-publications/artificial-intelligence-legal-market/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/research-publications/artificial-intelligence-legal-market/) looks at how AI is impacting the legal services sector. The report outlines current and potential future developments, and what firms may need to think about in each area to help them assess if and how they might be affected.

Read the latest Lawtech Insight

[Lawtech Insight \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/news/lawtech-insight/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/news/lawtech-insight/), produced by the Solicitors Regulation Authority, pulls together the latest news and opinions on technology and innovation in the legal sector and beyond.

Solving legal issues through technology



The latest funding grant from the Regulators' Pioneer Fund (RPF) will explore how online dispute resolution can help tackle the unmet legal need of individuals, consumers and small and medium-sized enterprises. In a push to make the UK the world's most innovative economy, the RPF was launched back in 2018 by the Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy. The RPF gave regulators and local authorities grants to speed up innovation in their respective areas.

[Read more \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/innovate/solving-legal-issues-technology/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/innovate/solving-legal-issues-technology/)

SRA secures grant to develop dispute resolution approaches

We have been awarded a grant from the latest round of the Regulators Pioneer Fund (RPF). The money will fund a project to explore ways to increase the use of technology-enabled dispute resolution to help individuals and businesses resolve legal issues, without the need to go to court.

[Read our report on addressing inequalities in access to justice \[https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/research-publications/addressing-inequalities-access-justice/\]](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/research-publications/addressing-inequalities-access-justice/)