



LensenMcGavin AI

AI Literacy for Lawyers CPD

Empowering your people to understand and
use AI safely, ethically, and with confidence

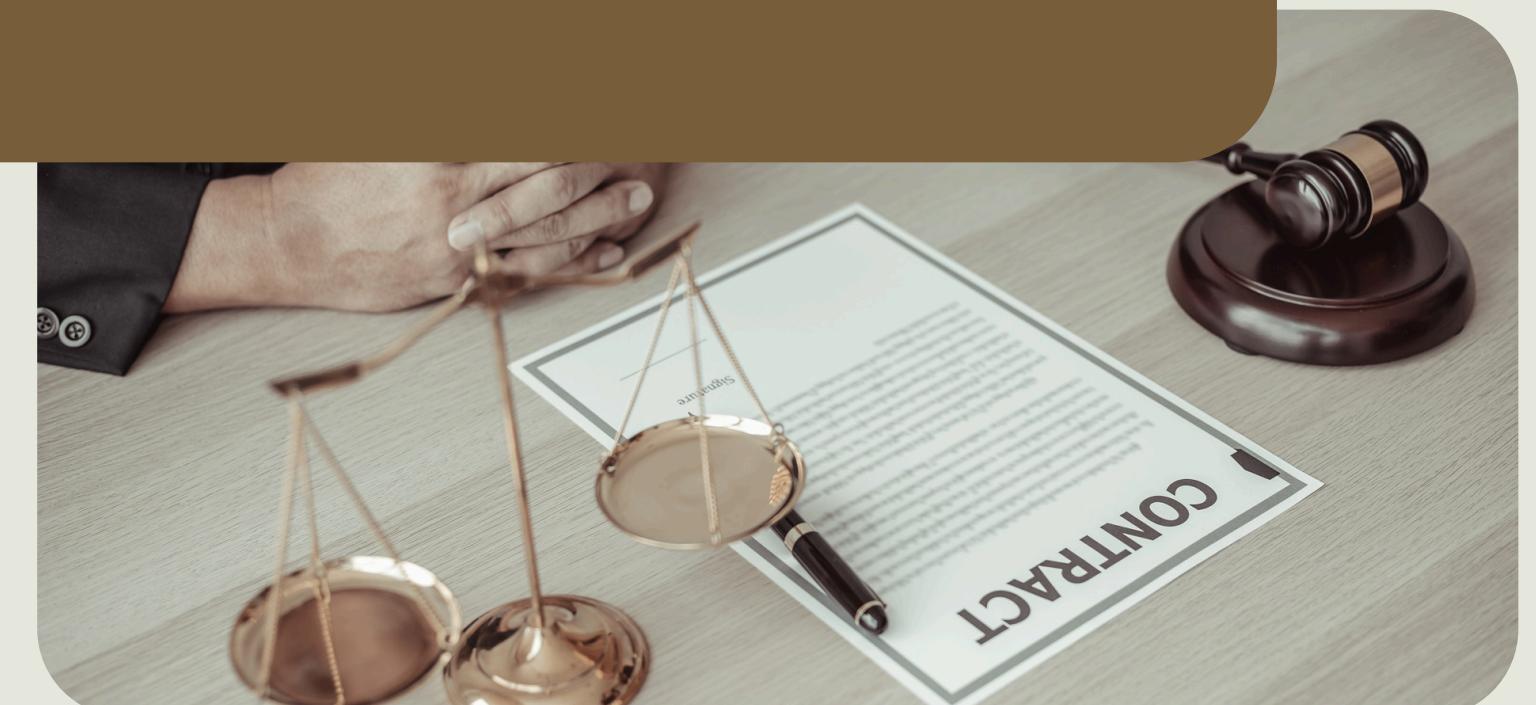
AI is becoming increasingly relevant in legal practice, yet there are few CPD offerings available.

Lawyers are feeling pressure from their clients, partners, and external vendors to adopt AI tools. Lawyers, judges, and the State are beginning to grapple with the implications of AI in the courtroom.

Yet, there are many examples of lawyers being reprimanded for presenting submissions with false and AI-generated citations. That's partly because citations are easily verifiable, but there are other AI-derived errors appearing in submissions as well, such as incorrect AI calculations and reasoning errors.

New Zealand lawyers need to thoroughly understand these tools to grasp their strengths and weaknesses.

To avoid these pitfalls and to maximise the benefits of AI, lawyers need to rapidly upskill and develop their confidence and AI competency. Our CPD training will provide you with a competitive advantage in modern legal practice.



Our Team



Dr Andrew Lensen is a Senior Lecturer and AI researcher at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, where he specialises in explainable and interdisciplinary AI. His research examines the social and ethical implications of AI, with applications in diverse domains, including the law. Andrew regularly appears in the media, commenting on AI. As part of LensenMcGavin AI, he provides advice to both public and private sector organisations.



Chris McGavin, LLM is a technology professional with a Master's degree in law focused on AI regulation. His expertise encompasses global AI policy efforts, including the EU AI Act and New Zealand's policy landscape. He previously worked at the Brainbox Institute, where he led projects such as the Global Index on Responsible AI, and Aotearoa's AI policy tracker.



Dr Andrew Chen works at the intersection of digital technology and ethics. He has applied his technical background to the ethics of digital contact tracing, facial recognition, and public sector use of algorithms. He was most recently Chief Advisor: Technology Assurance at New Zealand Police, where he wrote the organisation's policy on acceptable use of generative AI.



Available Modules

AI Law 101: Fundamentals for Lawyers

This module seeks to answer the question “What is AI?” in approachable terms by introducing basic concepts and principles. The module covers both predictive AI and generative AI, with examples in a legal context.

AI Law 102: Using Generative AI and Legal Interpretability

How can AI be applied in legal contexts, from the courts to the boardroom? Participants will develop baseline competency in GenAI use and prompting, understanding when and why these tools produce good and poor outputs.

AI Law 103: Critical Issues in the Law — AI and the Court

This module considers how new AI tools may bring in new evidence in court rooms settings, how that may challenge our conceptions of admissibility, and challenges participants to apply legal principles in new technology contexts.

AI Law 104: Critical Issues in the Law — AI and the Boardroom

This module covers how AI may influence decision-making and introduce new forms of risk and liability, and considers standard terms that may become necessary to mitigate against AI-introduced errors for lawyers and their clients.

AI Law 105: AI vs BS — What every legal professional needs to know

This module is designed to help legal professionals engage critically with the hype surrounding AI, understanding its real capabilities and limitations, as well as looking forward to the future.

Delivery and Pricing

Modules can be provided as standalone sessions (2 hours), with half (4 hour) or full-day (8 hour) courses available upon request.

Each session includes some pre-course reading or short videos, interactive exercises (e.g. group discussion, case studies, simulation, scenario-based problem solving), and a reflective component to align with CPD requirements. We limit participant numbers to ensure a high degree of interactivity and quality.

In-person single module: \$250/participant – capped at 30 per session.
Online single module: \$200/participant – capped at 50 per session.
Half and full-day courses by negotiation.





Register Now!

Our team are skilled science communicators and educators, focused on helping Aotearoa New Zealand adopt AI responsibly and equitably.

We are running courses in the first half of 2026 — tell us:

- which modules are most relevant to you
- where we should run these courses

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