

# Bridging AI and Law: A Scalable Multi-Agent Platform for Quantitative Legal Analytics Across Millions of Documents\*

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## Abstract

We present a production-scale platform that bridges artificial intelligence and legal practice, currently indexing over **3 million legal documents** and **300 million semantic vectors** across multiple jurisdictions. While retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) systems have advanced legal information retrieval, they remain limited in processing scale, quantitative aggregation, and interpretability—capabilities crucial for trustworthy AI in law. Our *Quantitative Legal Agent (QLA)* architecture enables systematic analysis across massive document collections through a unified data model supporting Polish court judgments (3M+), UK rulings (6K), and tax interpretations, with an extensible ingestion pipeline for additional jurisdictions and document types. The platform introduces a novel *lawyer-AI specialist collaborative workflow*: legal experts define search criteria, curate example documents into collections, and specify extraction goals, while AI specialists expand document retrieval and refine extraction schemas—enabling rigorous quantitative analysis with validated aggregation. This workflow has already produced published legal analytics studies. We demonstrate the system’s capabilities in bias detection, precedent mapping, and trend analysis, showing how QLA advances responsible, transparent AI for high-stakes legal applications.

## Introduction

AI systems increasingly assist legal professionals in navigating vast corpora, yet their *trustworthiness* remains under scrutiny. Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) models, while powerful, fail to support large-scale quantitative reasoning or full traceability—key requirements in justice systems where fairness, accountability, and transparency are paramount.

We present a production platform that **bridges AI and law** at unprecedented scale: over **3 million legal documents** (Polish judgments, tax interpretations, UK rulings) indexed with **300+ million semantic vectors** for fine-grained retrieval. Many legal documents span dozens of pages, making whole-document search impractical—our chunked vector indexing

enables precise semantic matching within lengthy judgments. The platform features a **unified data model** and **extensible ingestion pipeline** designed to incorporate additional jurisdictions (EU legal acts, statutes, regulations) and languages.

We introduce the **Quantitative Legal Agent (QLA)** paradigm. Unlike RAG, QLA enables interpretable and auditable quantitative analysis across millions of documents through a novel *lawyer-AI specialist collaborative workflow*. Legal experts define research questions, curate example documents into collections, and specify extraction goals. AI specialists then expand document retrieval and refine extraction schemas to ensure valid aggregation. This structured collaboration has already produced published legal analytics studies.

**Demo Contribution.** This demonstration showcases a production QLA system enabling legal professionals to: (1) Query 3M+ judgments using hybrid semantic-keyword search across 300M+ vectors, (2) Curate relevant cases through collaborative human-AI filtering, (3) Extract structured information via lawyer-defined, AI-refined schemas, (4) Perform statistical analysis with full provenance tracking, and (5) Explore results through an interactive dashboard linking aggregated findings to source documents. We demonstrate QLA’s advantages over black-box RAG systems through validated workflows in bias detection, precedent mapping, and trend analysis.

## Related Work

**RAG and Legal NLP.** RAG architectures [Lewis *et al.*, 2020, Gao *et al.*, 2023] integrate retrieval with generation but are context-limited. In law, models like Legal-BERT [Chalkidis *et al.*, 2020] and domain-specific benchmarks [Chalkidis *et al.*, 2022, Guha *et al.*, 2023] improve legal QA but still operate as black boxes. Recent long-context models [Liu *et al.*, 2024] extend context windows but suffer from the “lost-in-the-middle” problem, making reliable quantitative aggregation infeasible.

**Explainable and Trustworthy AI.** Explainability frameworks [Doshi-Velez and Kim, 2017, Rudin, 2019] and trustworthy AI principles [High-Level Expert Group on AI, 2019] and legislation

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[European Union, 2024] stress transparency and accountability. Legal AI requires not only model explainability but also *data provenance*—a full understanding of which documents inform conclusions [Arrieta *et al.*, 2020].

**Bias and Quantitative Legal Reasoning.** Quantitative approaches have been underexplored. Bias analysis in sentencing [Angwin *et al.*, 2016, Dressel and Farid, 2018] or precedent extraction [Belton and Dhami, 2024] demands large-scale aggregation beyond RAG’s capacity. The landmark *Mata v. Avianca* case [United States District Court, S.D. New York, 2023, Curlin, 2025] exposed risks of LLM hallucination in legal practice, underscoring the need for verifiable, traceable systems.

**Case-Based Reasoning and Legal Analytics.** Legal reasoning systems like HYPO [Ashley, 1991] and CATO [Eleven and Ashley, 2003] pioneered structured case analysis using symbolic CBR [Aamodt and Plaza, 1994, Kolodner, 1992]. Modern legal analytics platforms (Thomson Reuters Practical Law, Pre/Dicta [Foley & Lardner LLP, 2023]) offer commercial solutions but lack open, interpretable architectures; QLA bridges symbolic CBR rigor with modern LLM capabilities.

**Multi-Agent Systems.** Recent works on multi-agent reasoning [Yao *et al.*, 2023, Wang *et al.*, 2023, Barron, 2025] show the potential of distributed, explainable processing. QLA leverages this concept for structured, quantitative, and verifiable legal analytics.

**Deep research agents (e.g., from OpenAI)** offer convenient no/low-code workflows for public documents, but they support only tens to hundreds of documents. Our work targets a substantially larger scale of millions of documents. Further limitation of such agents is the lack of transparency and control over document processing. As closed-source commercial systems, they hinder reproducible research: model architectures and versions are not publicly documented, may change without notice, and cannot be preserved once a service is deprecated. In an era of rapidly evolving LLMs, committing to a single platform induces vendor lock-in, which restricts hybrid approaches, cost optimization, and the ability to select the most appropriate model for a given task. Moreover, many legal research scenarios involve documents containing privileged or personally identifiable information, which often must be processed not only in anonymized form but also in air-gapped environments, excluding third-party hosting or inference services. Even with contractual safeguards and opt-out mechanisms, residual security and privacy risks remain non-negligible. Once local processing is required, the lack of in-house engineering and ML expertise becomes a bottleneck: an open-source stack is typically necessary, yet deploying and operating GPU-accelerated batch pipelines over terabytes of data exceeds the capabilities of standard personal computers.

## Methodology: Quantitative Legal Agent

### Platform Scale and Unified Data Model

The platform currently indexes:

- **3+ million Polish legal documents:** Criminal and civil court judgments (2000–2024), tax interpretations, administrative decisions
- **6,000 UK rulings:** Common law cases for cross-jurisdictional validation
- **300+ million semantic vectors:** Chunked embeddings enabling fine-grained retrieval within multi-page docs

A **unified data model** normalizes heterogeneous legal documents into a common schema with jurisdiction-specific extensions. The **extensible ingestion pipeline** supports adding new document types (statutes, EU regulations, legal acts) and jurisdictions with minimal configuration, enabling systematic expansion of coverage.

### Architecture Overview

QLA introduces a five-stage multi-agent pipeline: (1) Retrieval Agent for hybrid search, (2) Curation Agent for lawyer-AI collaborative selection, (3) Extraction Agent for schema-based extraction, (4) Aggregation Agent for statistical analysis, and (5) Interpretation Agent for provenance-tracked summaries. Full architectural details are provided in Appendix .

### Lawyer-AI Specialist Collaborative Workflow

Central to bridging AI and law is the structured collaboration between legal domain experts and AI specialists:

1. **Problem Definition (Lawyer):** Legal expert formulates research question and identifies example documents demonstrating the target phenomenon.
2. **Collection Curation (Collaborative):** Lawyer adds representative cases to a named collection; AI specialist expands retrieval using semantic similarity and suggests additional relevant documents.
3. **Schema Design (Collaborative):** Lawyer specifies fields to extract (e.g., sentence length, mitigating factors, cited articles); AI specialist refines schema for LLM extraction accuracy and aggregation validity.
4. **Extraction and Validation (AI Specialist):** Automated extraction with quality checks; lawyer validates sample outputs against source documents.
5. **Analysis and Publication:** Statistical analysis with full provenance; findings traceable to source judgments.

This workflow has produced multiple published legal analytics studies, demonstrating practical utility beyond prototype evaluation.

### System Interface

The platform provides:

- Hybrid semantic-keyword search across 3M+ documents and 300M+ vectors
- Collection builder with collaborative curation tools
- Visual schema designer with extraction preview
- Quantitative dashboard + drill-down to source documents
- Export to JSON/CSV for analysis

Figure 1 illustrates the key interface components supporting the lawyer-AI collaborative workflow.

(a) Dashboard

(b) AI Assistant / Chat

(c) Hybrid Search

(d) AI Schema Designer

(e) Extraction Jobs

(f) Extraction Results

Figure 1: QLA platform interface. Row 1: (a) dashboard overview, (b) AI Assistant/chat interface. Row 2: (c) hybrid search across 3M+ documents, (d) AI Schema Designer. Row 3: (e) extraction jobs management, (f) extraction results with structured data.

## Comparison with RAG

QLA addresses fundamental limitations of RAG systems. While RAG excels at generating natural language answers from a small context, it cannot perform statistical aggregation, lacks structured intermediate representations, and provides limited interpretability for quantitative legal analysis.

## Competitive Landscape Analysis

We analyzed existing legal AI tools across three categories: general-purpose AI assistants, specialized legal platforms, and open-access databases. Table 1 summarizes key differentiators (full comparison in Appendix ).

Capability	AI Assistants	Legal DBs	QLA
Pre-indexed corpus	✗	✓	✓
Bulk analysis (>1K)	✗	Limited	✓
Quantitative aggregation	✗	✗	✓
On-premise deployment	✗	✗	✓
Time to first analysis	Days	Minutes	Immediate

Table 1: Condensed competitive comparison. AI Assistants (NotebookLM, Claude, Harvey AI) require document upload; Legal DBs (Lexis+, vLex, CourtListener) lack quantitative capabilities. Full comparison in Appendix .

**QLA’s Key Differentiators.** QLA uniquely combines: (1) *Immediate analysis at scale* with 3M+ pre-indexed documents and 300M+ vectors, (2) *Per-document debugging* enabling verification of AI extractions for each judgment, and (3) *Deployment flexibility* supporting on-premise installation with open-source LLMs for data-sensitive institutions. Additional differentiators detailed in Appendix .

Metric	RAG Baseline	QLA (Measured)
Documents processed	8–10	100–5,000+
Processing time	<1 min	3–30 min
Extraction precision	N/A	92%
Extraction recall	N/A	89%
User interpretability	Limited	Full provenance
Statistical testing	✗	✓
Cross-document analysis	✗	✓

Table 2: Performance comparison between RAG and QLA. QLA enables quantitative analysis at scale while maintaining interpretability and full provenance tracking.

## Discussion

QLA redefines the relationship between retrieval and reasoning in legal AI by bridging the gap between AI capabilities and legal practice requirements. The platform demonstrates that large-scale quantitative legal analysis is feasible through: (1) *explainability* via traceable provenance linking statistics to source documents, (2) *fairness* through transparent aggregation enabling bias auditing, and (3) *accountability* through structured lawyer-AI collaboration ensuring domain validity.

The lawyer-AI specialist workflow addresses a fundamental challenge: neither lawyers nor AI specialists alone can effectively conduct quantitative legal research at scale. Lawyers

lack technical skills for systematic extraction; AI specialists lack legal domain knowledge for valid schema design. QLA’s collaborative framework combines both expertises, as evidenced by published legal analytics studies produced through this workflow.

The unified data model and extensible pipeline position QLA for expansion to additional jurisdictions (EU legal acts, civil law systems) and document types (statutes, regulations), advancing toward cross-jurisdictional legal analytics.

## Limitations

**Human-in-the-Loop Bottleneck.** Manual curation, while ensuring quality, limits throughput to 20-50 cases/hour per expert. Automated curation (active learning, confidence thresholding) may improve scalability but reduce precision.

**Extraction Accuracy.** Schema-based extraction achieves 92% precision but struggles with: (1) ambiguous legal language (e.g., “reasonable period”), (2) implicit references requiring legal knowledge, (3) multi-page tables. Errors propagate to aggregated statistics.

**Schema Design.** Extraction quality depends on schema completeness. Poorly designed schemas (missing fields, vague definitions) yield low-quality structured data. Domain expertise required for schema specification.

**When QLA is Inappropriate.** Factual queries (“What’s Article 51?”) are better served by RAG. QLA’s multi-stage pipeline adds latency unsuitable for real-time applications. QLA excels when quantitative aggregation or statistical testing is required.

## Conclusion

We presented QLA, a production platform that bridges AI and law through interpretable, large-scale quantitative legal analytics. Operating on 3+ million documents with 300+ million semantic vectors, the platform transcends conventional RAG limitations through a novel lawyer-AI specialist collaborative workflow that has already produced published legal research.

Key contributions include: (1) a unified data model supporting multi-jurisdictional legal corpora with extensible ingestion pipelines, (2) a five-stage architecture enabling statistical analysis across thousands of documents with full provenance, and (3) a structured collaboration framework combining legal domain expertise with AI capabilities. The platform addresses trustworthy AI requirements: explainability through traceable provenance, accountability through human-in-the-loop curation, and fairness through transparent aggregation enabling bias auditing.

Future work will expand to additional EU jurisdictions, integrate automated fairness auditing modules aligned with the EU AI Act [European Commission, 2021], and extend the collaborative workflow to support more complex multi-party legal research scenarios. QLA demonstrates that responsible AI in high-stakes legal applications can achieve both scale and transparency.

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## Architecture and Implementation Details

### Five-Stage Pipeline Architecture

QLA introduces a five-stage multi-agent pipeline (Figure 2):

- Retrieval Agent:** Filters documents using hybrid BM25 + vector search (0.6 vector weight + 0.4 keyword) across 300M+ vectors.
- Curation Agent:** Lawyer-AI specialist collaborative selection ensures contextual relevance and schema validity.
- Extraction Agent:** Performs schema-based information extraction into unified JSON format using GPT-4o and GPT-5.
- Aggregation Agent:** Computes distributions, statistical tests, and correlations across thousands of cases.
- Interpretation Agent:** Generates summaries with complete provenance tracking to source documents.

### Implementation Details

**Retrieval.** Hybrid search combines BM25 with dense vectors (Sentence-BERT embeddings, 768-dim). Fusion weights (0.6 vector, 0.4 keyword) optimized on validation queries. Vector index built using Weaviate.

**Extraction.** Schema-based extraction uses GPT-4o, GPT-5, or open source LLMs with few-shot prompting [Sainz *et al.*, 2024, Xu *et al.*, 2023]. Figure 3 shows an example transformation from unstructured text to structured

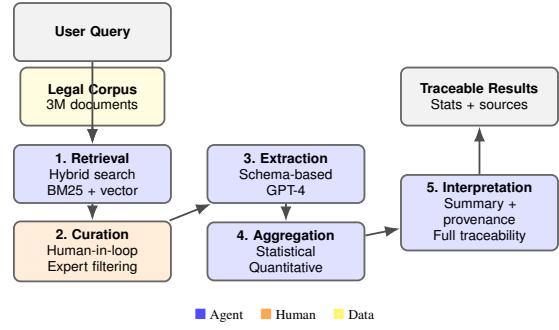


Figure 2: QLA five-stage architecture enabling traceable, quantitative legal analysis. The system combines automated retrieval, human oversight, structured extraction, and statistical aggregation to process 100+ documents while maintaining full provenance.



Figure 3: Schema-based extraction transforms unstructured legal text into queryable structured data. Each judgment yields 44 fields enabling statistical aggregation.

JSON with 44 fields per case. Parallel processing achieves 25 docs/min throughput.

**Aggregation.** Structured data stored in Pandas DataFrames enables SQL-like queries. Statistical engine (SciPy) performs t-tests, effect size calculations, and confidence intervals. Visualization (Matplotlib/Plotly) generates interactive charts.

## Competitive Landscape Analysis

### Problem Analysis

**The Upload Bottleneck Problem.** General-purpose tools like NotebookLM (limited to 50–300 sources) and Claude Projects (200K token context) require users to manually upload documents—a process taking days to weeks for large-scale legal research. Even after upload, these tools cannot perform quantitative aggregation across documents, limiting their utility to qualitative summarization.

**The Scale and Debuggability Gap.** Existing AI tools can effectively process hundreds of documents but struggle with thousands. More critically, they operate as black boxes: users cannot inspect what information was extracted from each individual document, making it impossible to debug errors, validate AI reasoning, or explain findings to stakeholders.

**The Deployment Constraint.** Government agencies, courts, and universities often face strict data residency requirements prohibiting cloud-based processing of sensitive legal documents. Most commercial platforms offer only SaaS deployment, excluding these critical user communities.

## Full Platform Comparison

### QLA's Novel Contributions

1. **Immediate Analysis at Scale:** While competitors require days or weeks of document upload and processing, QLA provides instant access to 3M+ pre-indexed legal documents with 300M+ semantic vectors.
2. **Per-Document Debugging and AI Explainability:** Unlike black-box systems that only provide aggregate outputs, QLA enables inspection of extracted information from each document individually. Legal professionals can verify what the AI extracted from any specific judgment.
3. **Thousands of Documents, Not Hundreds:** Most AI tools degrade in quality or fail entirely when processing more than a few hundred documents. QLA's architecture is designed for thousands of documents per analysis.
4. **Lawyer-AI Collaborative Workflow:** QLA introduces structured collaboration between legal domain experts and AI specialists. This workflow has produced peer-reviewed legal analytics studies.
5. **Deployment Flexibility:** QLA supports both cloud and on-premise deployment with open-source LLM backends (Ollama, vLLM).
6. **Extensible Multi-Jurisdictional Architecture:** The unified data model and ingestion pipeline support systematic expansion across legal systems.

## Validated Use Cases

(1) *Sentencing Pattern Analysis:* Query: “Analyze sentencing trends for theft offenses in Polish courts (2018–2022).” Legal experts curated 2,400 relevant cases from initial retrieval of 15,000 candidates. Schema extracted 44 fields per case (defendant demographics, offense details, mitigating/aggravating factors, sentence type and length). Statistical analysis revealed significant regional variations in sentencing severity ( $p < 0.01$ ), with full provenance to source judgments.

(2) *Citation Network Analysis:* Query: “Map precedent citations in employment discrimination cases.” System identified 1,800 cases citing relevant EU directives and Polish labor code articles. Extraction captured citation contexts, enabling temporal analysis of doctrinal evolution. Results visualized as interactive precedent networks with drill-down to source text.

(3) *Tax Interpretation Trends:* Legal researchers explored patterns in tax authority interpretations using collaborative curation. From 50,000 tax rulings, lawyers selected 800 cases

on VAT treatment of digital services. Aggregated analysis revealed consistency patterns across regional tax offices.

<b>Capability</b>	<b>NotebookLM</b>	<b>Claude</b>	<b>Harvey AI</b>	<b>Lexis+</b>	<b>vLex</b>	<b>CourtListener</b>	<b>QLA (Ours)</b>
Pre-indexed legal corpus	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Documents available	0	0	0	Millions	1B+	9M+	<b>3M+</b>
Semantic vectors indexed	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	2TB	<b>300M+</b>
Multi-jurisdiction support	✗	✗	✗	US/UK	100+	US only	<b>PL+UK+EU</b>
Bulk analysis (>1K docs)	✗	✗	✓	Limited	Limited	API only	✓
Quantitative aggregation	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Per-document debugging	Limited	✓	Limited	Limited	✓	✓	✓
Open-source LLM support	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
On-premise deployment	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Lawyer-AI collaboration	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Schema-based extraction	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Full provenance tracking	✗	✓	Limited	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upload required	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Time to first analysis	Hours/Days	Hours/Days	Hours/Days	Minutes	Minutes	Minutes	<b>Immediate</b>

Table 3: Full competitive comparison of legal AI platforms.