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Measuring the Impact of Artificial Intelligence Technology on Employment and the Work Environment in the Legal Industry

Thank you for your interest in the study!

My name is Maya Tang, and I'm a rising sophomore at Bowdoin studying Economics, Mathematics, and Government & Legal Studies. This summer as part of the Gibbons Summer Research Program, I am working on an independent research project on the economic impacts of generative artificial intelligence (AI) on the legal industry. This project is supervised by Dr. Tatyana Avilova in the Department of Economics.

The goal of the study is to learn about how AI has been used by legal practitioners; the benefits, challenges, and costs of AI implementation in the field; and practitioners' opinions on AI, including how it may affect different aspects of the profession such as work tasks, employment, and client interactions, among others.

Due to your expertise and knowledge in the legal field, we would like to invite you to participate in the study. The study will consist of a single interview (no more than 40 minutes). By participating, you will contribute to an ongoing effort to understand the impact of AI on the legal field. We hope that our research will help to inform work practices at legal firms and institutions in the United States.

Study and participation details

- To be eligible to participate you must (1) be at least 18 years of age; (2) have at least one year of experience working in the legal field, and (3) be currently employed in a legal occupation in the United States.
- Participation in this study is completely voluntary. There are minimal risks to participating in the study.
- We will ask questions on the use of AI, which may be a polarizing issue for some and may elicit strong emotional responses. During the study, you can skip any question that you do not want to answer or to withdraw your participation at any time.
- To protect participants' professional reputations, interviews will **not** be video or audio recorded. Your responses will be typed by the researchers during the interview and will not be linked to any personally identifiable information such as your name, email, or employer's name.
- To participate, please fill out this Calendly: https://calendly.com/mtang-bowdoin to schedule a convenient time for your interview. Your sign-up will only be visible to the researchers.

We thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, please reach out to Maya Tang (mtang@bowdoin.edu).

To obtain more information about the study or to ask questions about the research procedures, you may contact Dr. Tatyana Avilova, the faculty adviser. To express concerns about your participation or to report other problems, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at Bowdoin College (full contact information is provided on the next page).

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a subject in this study, you may contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Bowdoin College:

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       Please refer to the following study credentials:

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