

**Report of the New Technology Commission.  
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There were 5 items on the Agenda:

1. The Law Firm of the Future Competition-the draft rules for participants.
2. How can AI facilitate e-Justice programme?
3. European Parliament Proposal for Regulations on Promoting Fairness and Transparency for Business Users of online intermediation services
4. AI Lawyer in Rollce-Royce case.
5. How could New Technologies improve training for junior lawyers?

The NT Commission reviewed the draft rules of the „LAW FIRM OF THE FUTURE” Competition for young lawyers, the Competition to be held at the Wrocław Bar Association on 7 th September.

As this is the initiative of the two Commissions the rules will be sent to the Future of the Legal Profession Committee and to the FBE Presidency for acceptance.

The Commission also discussed the European Parliament Proposal for Regulations on Promoting Fairness and Transparency for Business Users of online intermediation services and all the members unanimously agreed that the instrument should be implemented since both lawyers and their clients are active online platform users and there should

be rules regulating the providers of the online platforms, especially with respect to professional secrecy and data storage in case of for example the referral platforms.

As the next point the Commission focused on the possible use of different IT solutions in the e-Justice programme. There is a need to develop a European level solution for the service of documents and identification of lawyers in electronic court procedures, also using the CEF Building Block eDelivery. In order to reinforce the quality of cross-border judicial processes and their compliance with the rules of procedure, such a mechanism could also provide information on the applicable rules of procedure, forms and time limits etc.

Moreover all European lawyers should have the access to court files and personal data in court files via electronic legal filing/electronic legal communication which is a proper instrument for lawyers to get relevant information in cases when a lawyer ensures the rights of victims. There is also a need to develop a single platform through which the evidence would be available, in a secured way for all relevant parties (such as judges, law enforcement authorities, lawyers or other relevant stakeholders).

Last but not least the members of the Commission would like to draw your attention to the so-called Rolce-Royce case which involved reviewing 30 million documents.

and it turned out that the technology used the AI lawyer was up to 80% cheaper than using outside counsel to review those documents and identify legally privileged material.

The NT commission will continue to work on these issues.

