The usage of artificial inteligence in the legal practice

Abstract

This thesis deals with the phenomenon of artificial intelligence and its use in the the legal practice, as well as its impact on the related legal profession. The main objective of the thesis was to evaluate the current regulation of artificial intelligence at both the general and professional level in this country and around the world.

Artificial Intelligence, or better said, the artificial intelligence system, is undoubtedly a topical and widely discussed topic that has rapidly come into the public consciousness in the last three years and has the potential to change the current majority of economic sectors as we currently know them. Its media coverage and often deliberately offensive article headlines, however, have often led to questions such as "won't I lose my job because of AI", even in professional circles? "Why should I use AI?"

Thus, the main methodology used in this paper is empirical research into the AI systems phenomena, and the subsequent application of the findings to existing AI-based legal tools. I will thus attempt to answer the question of whether AI is a threat or rather an opportunity for the future of advocacy, and how it should be approached.

The thesis also deals with related issues, i.e. phenomena such as forum shopping, protection and processing of personal data through the lens of the GDPR or professional confidentiality obligations, or winkling, i.e. the unauthorised provision of legal services by AI.

Given the dimensions of this phenomenon, I will draw on pragmatic and gnoseological insights from across legal orders, which are often relevant and applicable also within the Czech legal order. The thesis concludes by shaping concrete steps on how to work with individual AI systems in the practice of advocacy in order to comply with the relevant legal and statutory provisions as well as EU law.

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