

Expression of Interest: LawtechUK Advisory Board Members and Ambassadors

Duration: Appointments will be for the duration of the programme (November 2026 – March 2029). The Ministry of Justice reserves the right to bring an appointment to an end before this date where circumstances change, including for example: where an individual is unable to continue in the role or develops a conflict of interest that cannot be appropriately managed.

Remuneration: The roles will be unremunerated.

1. The LawtechUK Advisory Board

The Ministry of Justice is seeking to appoint members to the LawtechUK Advisory Board.

LawtechUK is the Ministry of Justice's flagship programme to support innovation across the legal services sector. Since 2019, the programme has helped accelerate the development and adoption of legal technology across England and Wales, supporting legal businesses to innovate, improving access to legal services and strengthening the UK's position as a global leader in legal services.

The programme is entering a [new phase of delivery](#) from November 2026 to March 2029. To support this next phase, we are establishing new advisory arrangements to ensure that government and the successful grant recipient benefit from independent expertise, constructive challenge and practical delivery advice.

The Board will provide strategic oversight and expert advice on programme delivery. It will help ensure that the programme delivers maximum impact, represents value for money and remains aligned with government priorities.

The Board will advise:

- Ministry of Justice officials responsible for the programme.
- The successful LawtechUK grant recipient where appropriate.

The Role of the Board

The Board's primary purpose is to provide independent advice and constructive challenge on the delivery of the LawtechUK programme.

Members will work collaboratively with government and the grant recipient to support successful programme delivery rather than directing operational activity.

The Board will:

- Review and provide challenge on annual delivery plans.

- Advise on programme priorities and emerging opportunities.
- Review programme performance, outcomes and impact.
- Support effective engagement across the legal innovation ecosystem.
- Provide specialist advice on workstreams through one-to-one engagement with the delivery provider where appropriate.
- Help ensure programme activity remains aligned with government objectives and delivers value for money.

The Role of Board Members

Board members will be expected to:

- Bring independent expertise and informed challenge.
- Share insight from their own professional experience and networks.
- Support effective delivery of the programme through practical advice.
- Champion innovation across the legal services sector.
- Maintain high standards of integrity, impartiality and confidentiality.
- Declare and appropriately manage any conflicts of interest.

Members will act in a personal capacity and not as representatives of their organisations.

Time commitments

Board members should expect to commit:

- One Board meeting approximately every two months (normally hybrid, with occasional in-person meetings).
- Preparation time for meetings, including reviewing papers.
- Occasional one-to-one engagement with Ministry of Justice officials or the grant recipient on specific workstreams where relevant to their expertise.

Person Specification

Essential Criteria

Applicants should be able to demonstrate:

- A strong track record of leadership within their field.
- Significant expertise relevant to one or more of the Board's membership profiles.
- Experience of advising or influencing strategic programmes, organisations or partnerships.
- The ability to provide constructive challenge and independent judgement.
- Excellent communication and collaborative working skills.
- A commitment to supporting innovation within legal services.
- An understanding of the importance of diversity of perspectives and inclusive decision-making.
- The ability to commit sufficient time to the role.

- High standards of integrity and confidentiality.

No individual commercial interests may be advanced through membership of the Board.

Membership Profiles

We expect the Board to consist of between four and six members. We are seeking a balanced mix of expertise rather than one member to each profile. Interested individuals are welcome to demonstrate experience across more than one area.

Lawtech Founder / Scale-up Representative	Should have experience of founding, growing or scaling a successful lawtech business. They should be able to demonstrate: • Experience bringing innovative legal technology products or services to market. • Understanding of the challenges facing growing lawtech businesses. • Insight into investment, commercialisation and scaling. • Strong networks across the UK lawtech ecosystem.
Legal Services Innovation Representative	Should be senior innovation leaders within a law firm or legal services organisation. They should demonstrate: • Experience leading technology-enabled transformation within legal services. • Understanding of emerging legal technologies, including AI. • Experience driving organisational change and technology adoption. • Knowledge of the opportunities and barriers facing legal service providers.
SME Legal Services Representative	Should have experience of supporting or representing small and medium-sized legal service providers. They should demonstrate: • A strong understanding of the operational challenges facing smaller firms. • Experience of technology adoption within SME legal practices. • Insight into the barriers preventing wider innovation across the sector. • Knowledge of the support required to improve digital capability.

Academic / Research Representative	Should be recognised experts in legal technology, innovation or related disciplines. They should demonstrate: • A strong research background in law, technology or innovation. • Understanding of emerging trends affecting legal services. • Experience translating research into practical policy or industry insights. • The ability to provide evidence-based challenge.
Access to Justice Representative	Should have significant experience of improving access to legal services through technology or innovation. They should demonstrate: • Expertise in unmet legal need and access to justice. • Experience developing or supporting technology-enabled legal services. • Understanding of the opportunities and risks associated with digital legal services. • Knowledge of user-centred service design and public interest outcomes.

Conflict of Interest

Expressions of interest should consider any interests which could give rise to an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

These may include:

- financial interests;
- employment or advisory roles;
- involvement with organisations likely to apply for, or benefit from, the LawtechUK grant;
- public positions or activities that may call impartiality into question.

Conflicts of interest do not automatically prevent appointment and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Board members may be required to manage or mitigate any identified conflicts throughout their appointment.

2. LawtechUK Ambassadors

Alongside the LawtechUK Advisory Board, we are establishing a network of LawtechUK Ambassadors to help champion the programme and support the wider growth of the UK lawtech ecosystem.

The Ambassador network will provide a flexible way for individuals to contribute their expertise and networks without the ongoing commitment associated with Board membership. Ambassadors will act as advocates for the programme and may support specific activities where their knowledge and experience can add value.

Ambassadors may be invited to:

- Promote the LawtechUK programme through their professional networks and at relevant events.
- Support stakeholder engagement across the legal services, technology, investment and academic communities.
- Provide mentoring or informal advice to participants in the programme where appropriate.
- Contribute to workshops, roundtables, judging panels or other programme activities.
- Share insights on emerging developments and opportunities within the legal innovation ecosystem.

We welcome expressions of interest from individuals who have experience or expertise relevant to legal innovation and who are passionate about supporting the development of the UK lawtech ecosystem.

Ambassadors will not have a formal governance or advisory role in relation to programme delivery and will not be members of the LawtechUK Advisory Board.

Appointments to the Ambassador network will be made by the Ministry of Justice, taking account of the range of expertise, experience, geographical representation and networks needed to support the objectives of the programme.

Eligibility

Interest is welcomed from individuals across legal services, technology, academia, business, the judiciary and the wider legal innovation ecosystem.

We particularly welcome interest from candidates with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

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How to Apply

1. Expression of Interest (Advisory Board Member)

Please submit by email to MoJLawtechgrant3@justice.gov.uk:

- A CV (maximum two sides of A4).
- A statement of suitability (maximum 750 words) explaining how you meet the essential criteria and which membership profile(s) you meet.
- A completed conflict of interest declaration.
- Confirmation of whether, if you are not appointed to the Advisory Board, you would like to be considered for the LawtechUK ambassador role.

Applicants who indicate they would like to be considered for appointment as a LawtechUK Ambassador do not need to submit a separate statement. If they are not appointed to the Advisory Board, their application will be considered for an Ambassador role. Individuals will not be appointed to both the Board and Ambassador network.

2. Expression of Interest (Ambassador Only)

Individuals wishing to be considered as a LawtechUK Ambassador should submit:

- A CV (maximum two sides of A4).
- A brief outline describing how they would be able to contribute to the programme (maximum 250 words).
- A completed conflict of interest declaration.

Selection process

Selection will be made through an open and transparent competition.

Expressions of interest will be assessed against the published essential criteria and membership profiles.

The Ministry of Justice is seeking to identify the strongest overall combination of expertise. The membership profiles describe the broad areas of expertise we are seeking rather than fixed places on the Board or as Ambassadors, and final decisions will be made to achieve the best overall balance of skills and experience.

If there are a large number of individuals who score highly in the assessment process then applicants may be invited to interview. Interviews would explore:

- experience relevant to the published criteria;

- ability to provide constructive challenge;
- understanding of LawtechUK's objectives;
- collaborative working style;
- independence of judgement; and
- approach to managing conflicts of interest.

If the quality and differentiation of written applications is sufficient, appointments will be made without interview.

The timeline

The timetable below is indicative and may be subject to change.

Closing date for expressions of interest	5.00pm Monday 5 October 2026
Interview (if required)	Mid-October 2026
Notification of outcome	Week commencing 26 October 2026
Announcement of Advisory Board and Ambassador appointments	Week commencing 2 November 2026

Contact

Please contact MoJLawtechgrant3@justice.gov.uk if you have any questions.