

Legal.io Adds AI Capabilities To Its Staffing and Procurement Platform

An embedded AI assistant turning fragmented legal operations data into contextual answers, so in-house teams can source talent, manage their panel, and benchmark rates with greater speed and confidence.

CHICAGO, May 11, 2026 – [Legal.io](#), the legal staffing and procurement platform for in-house legal teams, today announced new AI capabilities across its Enterprise Platform. Sitting natively within Legal.io's staffing, panel management, and rate benchmarking tools, the AI assistant gives legal operations teams a single, intelligent surface to ask questions of their data, surface insights, and act on them - without ever leaving their workflow.

In-house legal teams are under mounting pressure to bring more rigor to how legal work is resourced, priced, and tracked. Yet the information needed to make those decisions - rate cards, panel performance, historical spend, matter context, vendor relationships - sits scattered across e-billing systems, spreadsheets, and inboxes. As legal departments formalize their rules of engagement around sourcing, AI usage, and spend controls, applying those standards consistently requires a unified layer where data, context, and intelligence come together at the moment of decision.

Legal.io is designed to be that layer. Built on top of the proprietary market data that powers Legal.io's different tools within the Enterprise Platform, the new AI assistant interprets natural-language questions from legal ops professionals and returns contextual, source-linked answers drawn from the team's own data alongside Legal.io's broader marketplace intelligence.

With AI assistance embedded across the Enterprise Platform, in-house legal teams can:

- **Benchmark rates in seconds.** Ask, "How does this firm's proposed partner rate compare to similar firms on my panel and in the broader market?" and get an answer grounded in Legal.io's Rate Benchmarking data.
- **Interrogate panel performance** across firm, geography, practice areas and cost, surfacing which panel firms are delivering value and where gaps exist.
- **Move faster on sourcing decisions** by combining internal spend history with external market data to provide leverage in negotiations and recommend whether a matter belongs with panel counsel, an ALSP, or flexible talent from Legal.io's marketplace.
- **Get a real handle on rates** by summarizing rate trends, flagging anomalies, and translating rate data into narratives legal ops leaders can share with the business.

"In-house teams don't need another dashboard. They need answers." said Pieter Gunst, CEO of Legal.io. "Our AI assistant is built for the real questions legal operations leaders are asking every day: *Is this rate fair? Which firm should handle this matter? Where is our spend actually*

going? By embedding AI assistance directly into the Enterprise Platform, we're letting our customers turn their own data, plus Legal.io's market intelligence, into decisions in minutes instead of weeks."

Hannah Konitshek, COO of Legal.io, added: "Legal operations has matured into a discipline that runs on data, but most teams are still stitching that data together manually. AI assistance removes that friction. It lives inside the workflows our customers are already using, so the intelligence shows up where the decision happens - whether that's evaluating a panel firm, approving a matter, or reviewing a rate proposal."

By bringing AI assistance into the Enterprise Platform, Legal.io is extending its position as a data-first partner for in-house legal teams. One that connects talent, rates, panels, and spend in a single system, with AI acting as the connective tissue across them.

Legal.io will showcase its new AI capabilities at **CLOC Global Institute 2026 at booth #213**, May 11–14 at McCormick Place in Chicago. Attendees can [book a live walkthrough](#) here or visit the booth for a hands-on demonstration.

About Legal.io Legal.io is the legal staffing and procurement platform trusted by 150+ in-house teams to source top legal talent, benchmark rates, manage panels, and control spend. Through a combination of a global network of vetted legal talent, proprietary market data, and enterprise-grade software, Legal.io helps in-house legal teams make better-informed decisions about how legal work gets done.

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