

## PRACTICAL AI FOR PROFESSIONALS: TOOLS, PROMPTING AND WORKFLOWS

THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026 – 13:30 – 16:45

**Registration:** 13:00

**Venue:** Marsham Court Hotel, 3 Russell Cotes Road, Bournemouth BH1 3AB

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**Cost:** £60 Solicitor Member; Associate Member; Trainees (Solicitor, Cilex & Apprentices)  
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**Booking Reference:** 681

**CPD:** 3

**SRA Competence:** B <https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/competence-statement/>

**This hands-on session will cover:**

- **What AI is good for (and where it goes wrong): quick, practical dos & don'ts**
- **Which platforms to use for which tasks (e.g., ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Gemini/Claude/Perplexity—how to choose)**
- **How to write prompts that work: simple repeatable frameworks**
- **Working with documents safely: redaction/sanitisation, confidentiality, and “what not to paste in”**
- **Moving from Personal to Enterprise AI**

**Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop for the hands-on exercises.**

**Speaker:**

**Akber Datoo** is co-chair of the Technology and Law Committee at the Law Society of England and Wales and a Professor of the School of Law and Technology departments at the University of Surrey, teaching Cyberlaw, AI and FinTech. He is founder and CEO at D2 Legal Technology (D2LT) [www.d2legaltech.com](http://www.d2legaltech.com) a global legal data consultancy advising firms on the use of technology and data to unlock business value through legal change. D2LT is the AI Transformation partner for the Law Society of England & Wales, working with its members on how to best incorporate AI in both the business and practice of law. In 2019, Akber was recognised as “one of the top ten market shapers” in the FT Intelligent Business Awards. Akber is the author of the Wiley practitioner text, “Legal Data – Banking & Finance”, and co-editor of the Wiley “LegalTech Book”. He has both experience as a technologist, having initially worked as an IT developer at UBS, before requalifying as a lawyer and working at Allen Overy. Akber graduated with first class honours in Computer Science at Cambridge University.

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