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Alexandra Andhov

Hello and welcome to the Copenhagen Legal Tag Lab - Podcast, where we address innovation and the law from three angles: people, technology, and business.

Today we are here and the faculty of law at the University of Copenhagen. Together with Berdien van der Donk, an academic. Nick Hawtin, legal tech expert. Léonard Van Rompaey, an academic. And myself, your host, Alexandra Andhov, an academic and teacher at the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen.

First of all, thank you for joining us. This is our first podcast where we are going to talk about a little bit why the world needs another podcast.

So, Léonard, I'm turning to you. Why are we doing this?

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Léonard Van Rompaey

I think, generally, the reason why we launched the Copenhagen Legal Tech Lab in the first place and the podcast, is our kind of direct link to the public and general people in Denmark.

What we're trying to do is we are trying to take the legal industry lawyers also possibly researchers in the field to the future and that that regards both in terms of the practice, they do the fields of law. They have to engage with the technologies that they have to be familiar with whether it's AI or Blockchain or IOT, or you name it.

And also trying to introduce the legal industry to the technologies they can use in order to facilitate the practice of law.

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Alexandra Andhov

I like what you're saying about the technologies that the legal industry can do, right? And we call this often legal tech.

But sometimes it's too many things that actually can become legal tech. Nick, how do we define it? How do we, kind of, put the legal tech in the box? Do we want to put legal tech in the box?

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Nick Hawtin

Well, it's a big box. It's a big box. And some of the tools are specific to lawyers and specifically to legal people. But an awful lot of it is just really simple digitisation. And so, legal tech covers everything on technology that has to do with the analysis, application and interpretation of law. Everything from small stuff: like parking, all the way up to A.I., all the way up to Supreme Court justices using various tools to support their work.

Some of the tools are specific to this industry. Most of them are not.

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Alexandra Andhov

Okay. So we will be talking about all these kind of different tools. We will talk about their use within the industry. But not only within the industry, but also for the greater public. For the people, and how people can use these tools actually to enforce their rights and to learn about their obligations, etcetera.

But as you might know, and as I said at the beginning, we are here at the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen. So we're starting here in Denmark, right? So, Berdien, tell us why we are starting here in Denmark.

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Berdien van der Donk

Well, as you as you said, of course, we are located here at the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen. So then looking at Denmark was a natural choice.

But I think also the Danish society in itself is a very digitalised one. You can buy property signing your online contract with a digital signature; that's all allowed, its facilitated in society.

But there's still a lot to be gained, and we hope that looking at innovation in in Denmark can lead or serve as a jumping board to other jurisdictions that maybe can be inspired by how Denmark treats this.

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Alexandra Andhov

Yes, indeed, Denmark has been ranked as one of the most digitised jurisdictions or countries around the world. So, to bring this kind of angle towards legal industry, which is oftentimes perceived as very traditional and not that innovation prone precisely in this kind of ecosystem, is hopefully the right starting point.

I think that we tried to do with this first podcast a little bit of introduction a little bit of why and what we are going to do? I hope that this stays clear with all of you. And we hope that you decide to listen to us as we go on. I promise you; we have very interesting topics coming up. So, thank you for listening. And this is the Copenhagen Legal Tech Lab — Podcast.

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