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Rising to the Challenges of Today's Market

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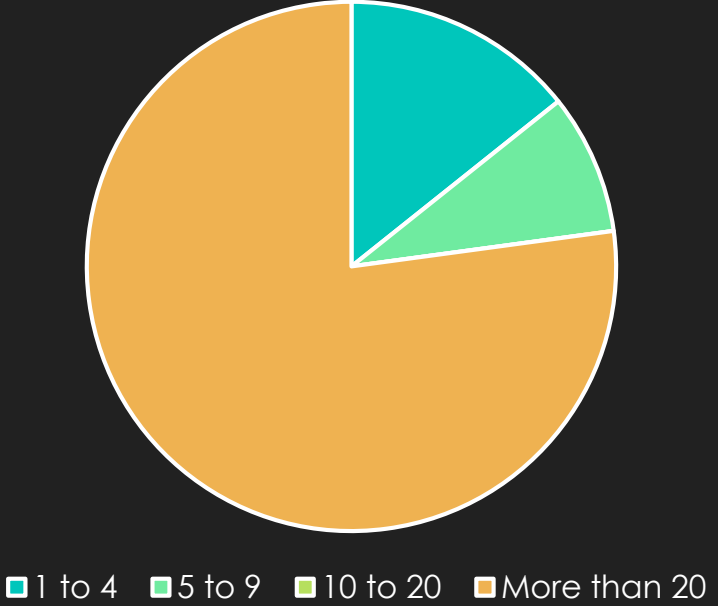
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Research Project & Rationale

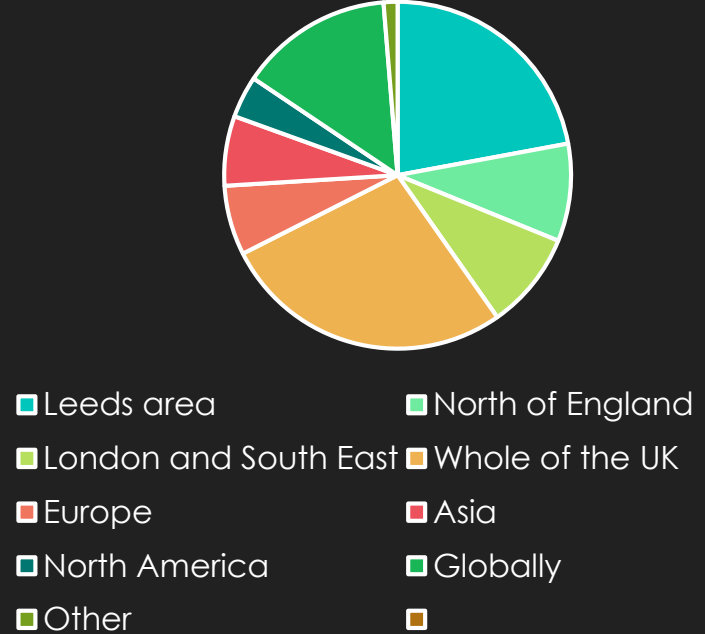
- Rise of providers of disruptive technology to the legal profession.
- Threats and opportunities of Artificial Intelligence to legal practice
- Presented within wider context of challenges
- Sample size #35

Who did we survey?

How many partners does your firm have?



In which region(s) does your firm operate (please tick all that apply)?



Focus of this paper:

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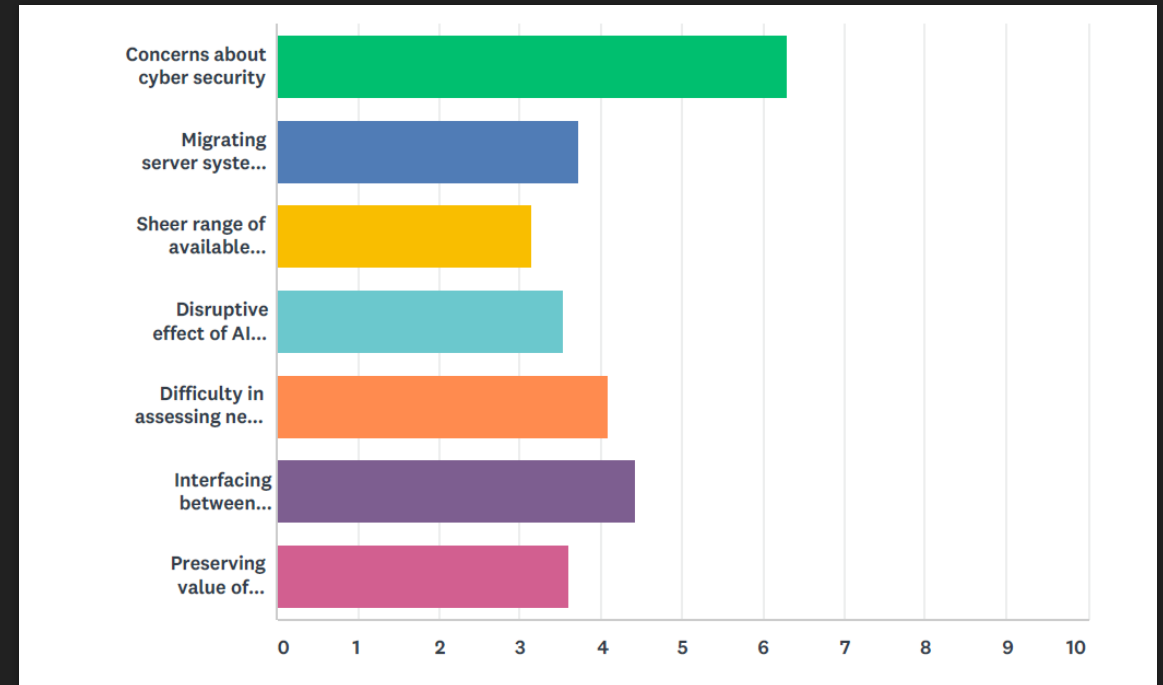
Key themes:

1. Economy and market competition
2. Staff and skills
3. Working practices including regulation

Q8 Please rank these technology challenges as they affect your firm:

RESULTS IN RANK ORDER:

1. Concerns about cyber security
2. Interfacing between different technical systems
3. Difficulty in assessing new tools before committing
4. Migrating server systems to the cloud
5. Preserving value of existing precedents on new platforms
6. Disruptive effect of AI displacing human skills
7. Sheer range of available software tools



Thinking about curriculum and skills:

1. Interfacing between different technical systems
 2. Preserving value of existing precedents on new platforms
 3. Disruptive effect of AI displacing human skills
- Teaching students about the types of legal tech
 - Building in tasks that are similar to emerging types of legal work
 - Engaging students in learning and understanding platform based business models