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AI in Practice - A Day in the Life of a Barrister

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CPD Questions and Answers Paper

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Introduction

These questions accompany the video of the New Zealand Bar Association | Ngā Ahorangi Motuhake o te Ture's Webinar, *AI in Practice - A Day in the Life of a Barrister*. The webinar was held on 20 March 2026.

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This paper contains a quiz for you to complete after you have viewed the video. The answers follow the questions. You do not need to return the quiz to us but should keep a copy for your CPD records.

Recording

The webinar recording can be accessed <https://vimeo.com/1176764365?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

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Our presenters

Gary Davis, Barrister



Gary has a broad civil and commercial litigation practice, and is regularly instructed on contract disputes, tort claims, building disputes, debt recovery matters, bankruptcy and liquidation applications, and equitable claims. He has appeared as counsel in the Court of Appeal, High Court, District Court, arbitrations and mediations, and in various tribunals and quasi-judicial bodies. He has also been appointed amicus curiae/counsel to assist the court.

Alastair Fernandes



Alastair is the Product Manager for LexisNexis NZ. Responsible for the generative AI product Protégé™, Lexis+, Lexis Advance and Argument Analyser. He works across the Pacific with various global teams to develop products and features that are localised to the NZ market.

Carolyn Freeman



Carolyn came to LexisNexis from a background in adult education. Since then, she has built expertise in legal research training, supporting a diverse range of professionals across the country in interactive training sessions on Lexis products.

Known for her ability to simplify technical and complex material, Carolyn delivers tailored, practical, and engaging learning experiences, both online and in person, designed to meet the unique needs of every user.

CPD Questions

- 1) Which pressure was identified in the webinar as a major day-to-day challenge for barristers?
 - a) Limited access to professional development
 - b) Managing heavy caseloads and competing deadlines
 - c) Reduced courtroom advocacy opportunities
 - d) Increasing compliance reporting requirements
- 2) What feature of Lexis Plus AI most attracted Gary Davis to begin using it?
 - a) Automated billing and accounting
 - b) Predictive litigation outcomes
 - c) Natural-language legal research with verifiable case citations
 - d) Automatic document filing with the courts
- 3) How does Lexis Plus AI reduce the risk of hallucinated or fabricated case law?
 - a) By linking responses to verified LexisNexis primary and secondary sources
 - b) By disabling follow-up questions
 - c) By relying solely on overseas case databases
 - d) By limiting users to pre-approved templates
- 4) What is the key benefit of AI-generated follow-up questions within Lexis Plus AI?
 - a) They replace the need for legal analysis
 - b) They automatically amend pleadings
 - c) They anticipate relevant next legal issues based on the initial query
 - d) They limit the scope of research results
- 5) Which drafting capability was demonstrated during the webinar?
 - a) Automatic court filing of documents
 - b) Drafting letters with the ability to refine tone and language
 - c) Generating invoices and billing schedules
 - d) Drafting legislation and regulations
- 6) Why did Gary Davis emphasise the need to review AI-generated work before using it?
 - a) Because AI output is never accurate
 - b) Because courts prohibit AI-assisted drafting
 - c) Because professional responsibility remains with the barrister
 - d) Because AI tools cannot be used in litigation
- 7) What advice did Gary Davis give to practitioners who are new to using AI?
 - a) Avoid AI until it is fully regulated

- b) Use AI only for administrative tasks
 - c) Start small and experiment with low-risk tasks
 - d) Delegate all research immediately to AI
- 8) According to the roadmap presented, what is *Protégé Workflows* intended to provide?
- a) A replacement for legal practitioners
 - b) A single-task chatbot for legal queries
 - c) End-to-end structured legal workflows backed by citable authority
 - d) A public AI tool for general web searches
- 9) You use Lexis Plus AI to identify cases supporting a point in draft submissions. What is the next step Gary Davis consistently emphasised?
- a) Assume the AI has validated the authorities
 - b) Check how the cases are treated in CaseBase
 - c) Cite all cases provided to strengthen the argument
 - d) Ask AI to finalise the submissions
- 10) You use AI to summarise a lengthy expert report in minutes rather than hours. What is your continuing professional obligation?
- a) None, because the summary was AI-generated
 - b) Only skim the summary for obvious errors
 - c) Disclose the use of AI to the court in all cases
 - d) Review the summary carefully against the original material
- 11) Based on Gary Davis's experience, how has the use of AI affected pricing and billing practices?
- a) No change is required
 - b) It reinforces pure time-based billing
 - c) It may require a shift toward value-based or hybrid pricing
 - d) AI use must always be itemised separately on invoices
- 12) A junior asks whether AI can "do the research so they don't have to think about it." What response best reflects the webinar's message?
- a) Yes, AI replaces the need for legal judgment
 - b) AI should only be used for clerical tasks
 - c) AI cannot be used for legal research
 - d) AI reduces workload, but professional judgement remains essential

CPD Answers

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CPD Verification and Recording

We have estimated that watching this webinar, reading the paper and completing the questions, will potentially take most practitioners **one hr (1.0 hrs)**. However, this may not equate to the actual amount of time that you have spent in completing this module. The onus is on the practitioner to decide whether learning that is relevant to his or her identified learning needs has occurred and, if so, to count the time spent towards the required hours of activities.

We remind you that you are required to reflect on the CPD activities you have undertaken. Take a minute to think about the activity you have just finished. Then answer the following questions.

Please keep this form for verification purposes.

Name of Learning Activity:

AI in Practice - A Day in the Life of a Barrister (CPD 1.0 hrs)

Learning Objectives:

Possible Learning Objectives from this presentation could be:

- Everyday use of the LexisNexis AI Platform in a responsible, professionally defensible manner
- How LexisNexis AI can support barristers at key stages of legal work including considerations of:
 - security
 - efficiency
 - clearer communication
 - professional judgement
 - ethical obligations
- LexisNexis AI and AI in general and how it can be integrated into day-to-day workflows

1. What knowledge/skills/insights etc did you gain from this activity? List the points:

a)

b)

c)

2. How might you implement what you have learned in your practice?

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3. Comment on the ways in which the activity achieved the proposed outcomes and any gaps or areas of confusion that may remain.

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4. What else do you need to learn to improve your practice in this area and how might you achieve this?

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