

PLATFORMS, APPS AND OMNIBOTS

alternate views on the future of legal research

For: Manitoba Bar Association – Legal Research Section

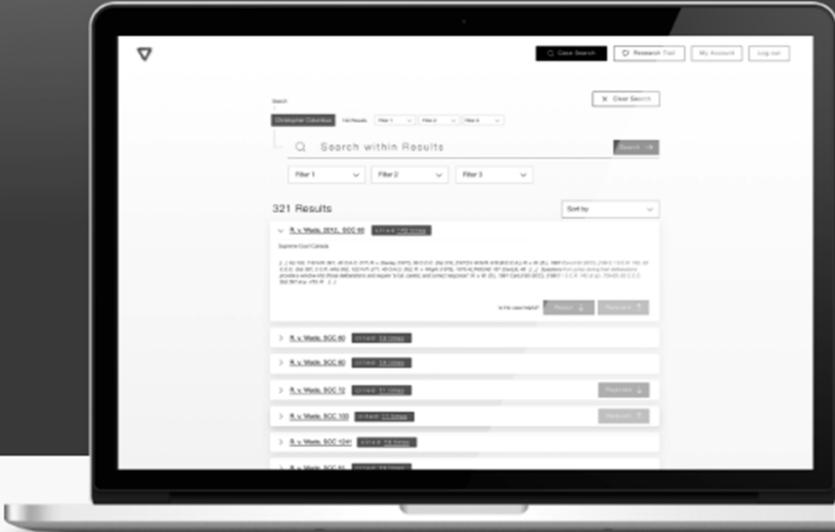
Colin Lachance, Maritime Law Book

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Maritime Law Books

- Alberta Reports, started 1976
- British Columbia Appeal Cases, started 1991
- British Columbia Trial Cases, started 1999
- Federal Trial Reports, started 1986
- Manitoba Reports (2d), started 1979
- New Brunswick Reports (2d), started 1968
- Newfoundland & Prince Edward Island Reports, started 1970
- National Reporter, started 1973
- Nova Scotia Reports (2d), started 1969
- Ontario Appeal Cases, started 1984
- Ontario Trial Cases, started 1996
- Saskatchewan Reports, started 1979

www.compass.law



The screenshot shows the Compass Law website interface on a laptop screen. At the top right, there are navigation links: "Case Search", "Research Trail", "Browse by Topic", and "My Account". The main header features the "compass" logo with the tagline "by Maritime Law Book". Below the logo, the text reads: "We're about to combine 47 years of history as a case law publisher with the latest technologies to guide your research in new and exciting ways. Change is coming. Come with us." A "Learn more" button is positioned below this text. The laptop screen displays a search results page with a search bar, filters, and a list of 321 results.

Just Me

Just Here

Just Us

Everyone,
Everywhere

In a recent post on Slaw, Sarah Sutherland observes:

“...there is a desire to make legal research easier, and as technology improves this is becoming a reality”

“...requirements for things like researchers being familiar with the contents of all available indices or titles in particular online services is declining”

Nonetheless, her point was not to indulge this desire or to applaud the decline, but to do the opposite. That is, to “wonder what is lost when systems create an illusion of ease around things that are actually quite complicated.”

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User feedback – (change is hard)

“limiting searches is [now] a time consuming iteration of opening boxes with drop-down menus”

“I have heard from several lawyers and secretaries about their frustration with and dislike of the new search interface, and I have to agree.”

“you and I, and others like us, aren’t CanLII’s target users because most of the users aren’t expert researchers. So point and click, drop down menu system is one solution for the non-experts because they’re likely to be accustomed to looking for ribbons, or bars, or menus, that they can click on for another series of menus”

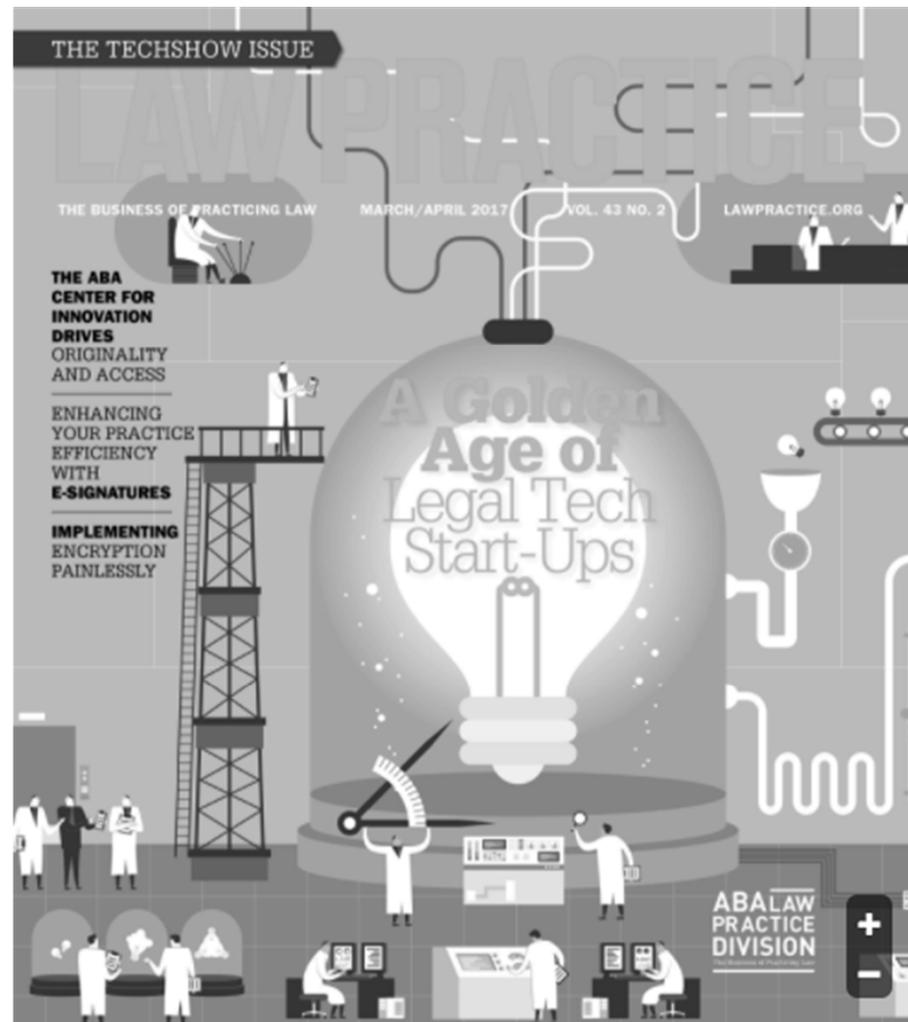
Suppliers and Customers can see things differently

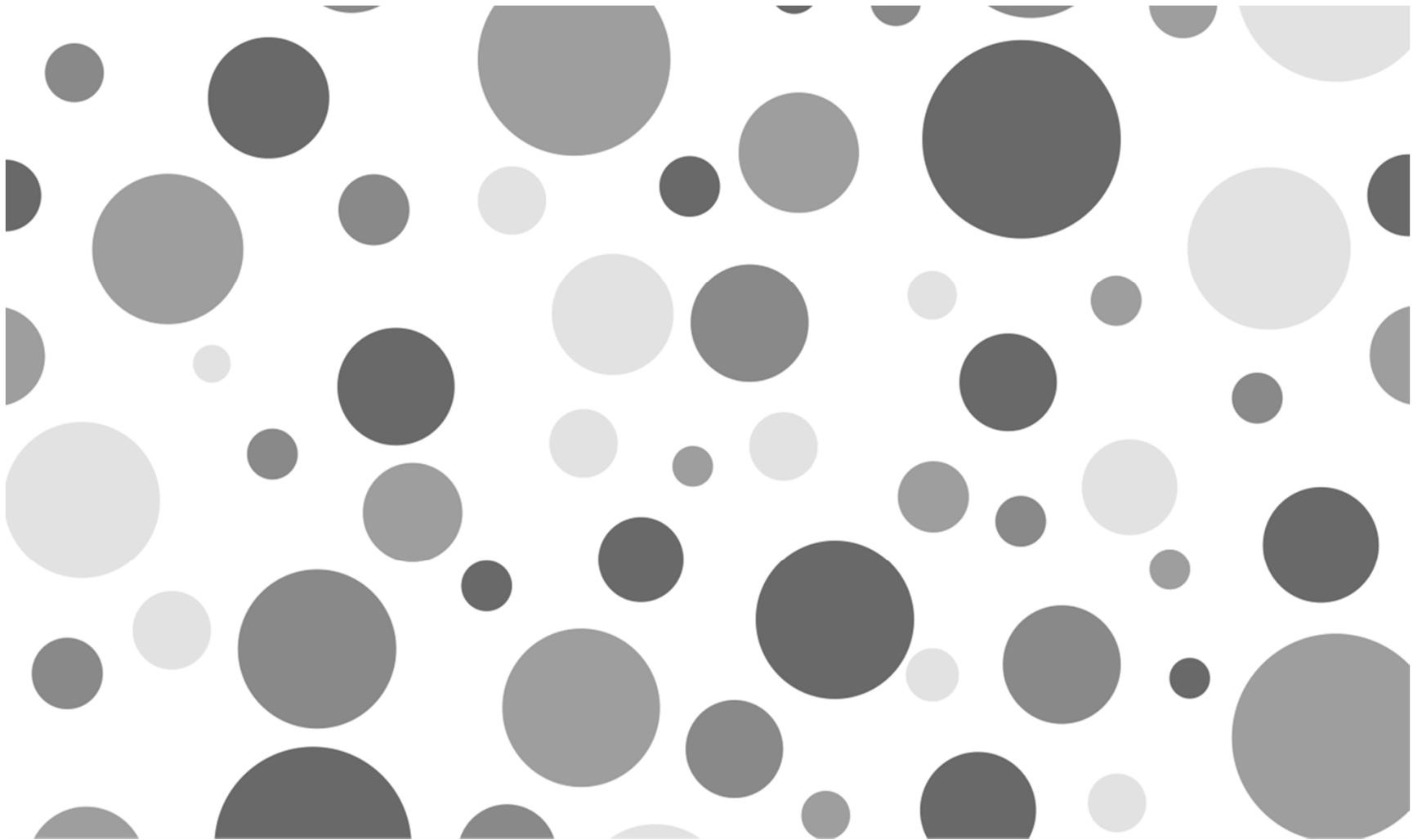


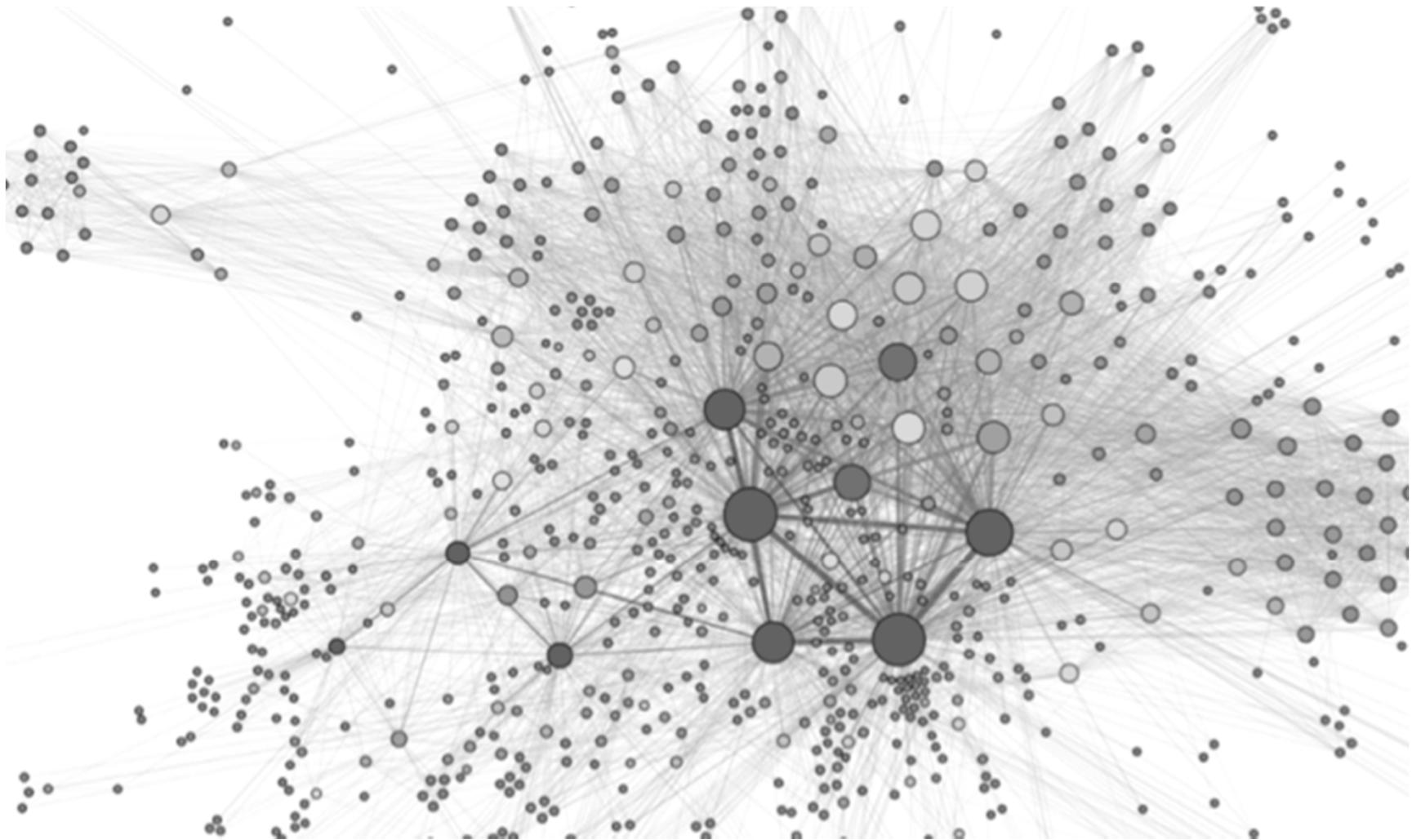
The future?



It's here







Google Home

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What do the Big 2 offer?

- Research Tools
- Specialized publications and reports
- Legal data and knowledge
- Advisory services
- Workflow platforms
- Media and events

Platform life

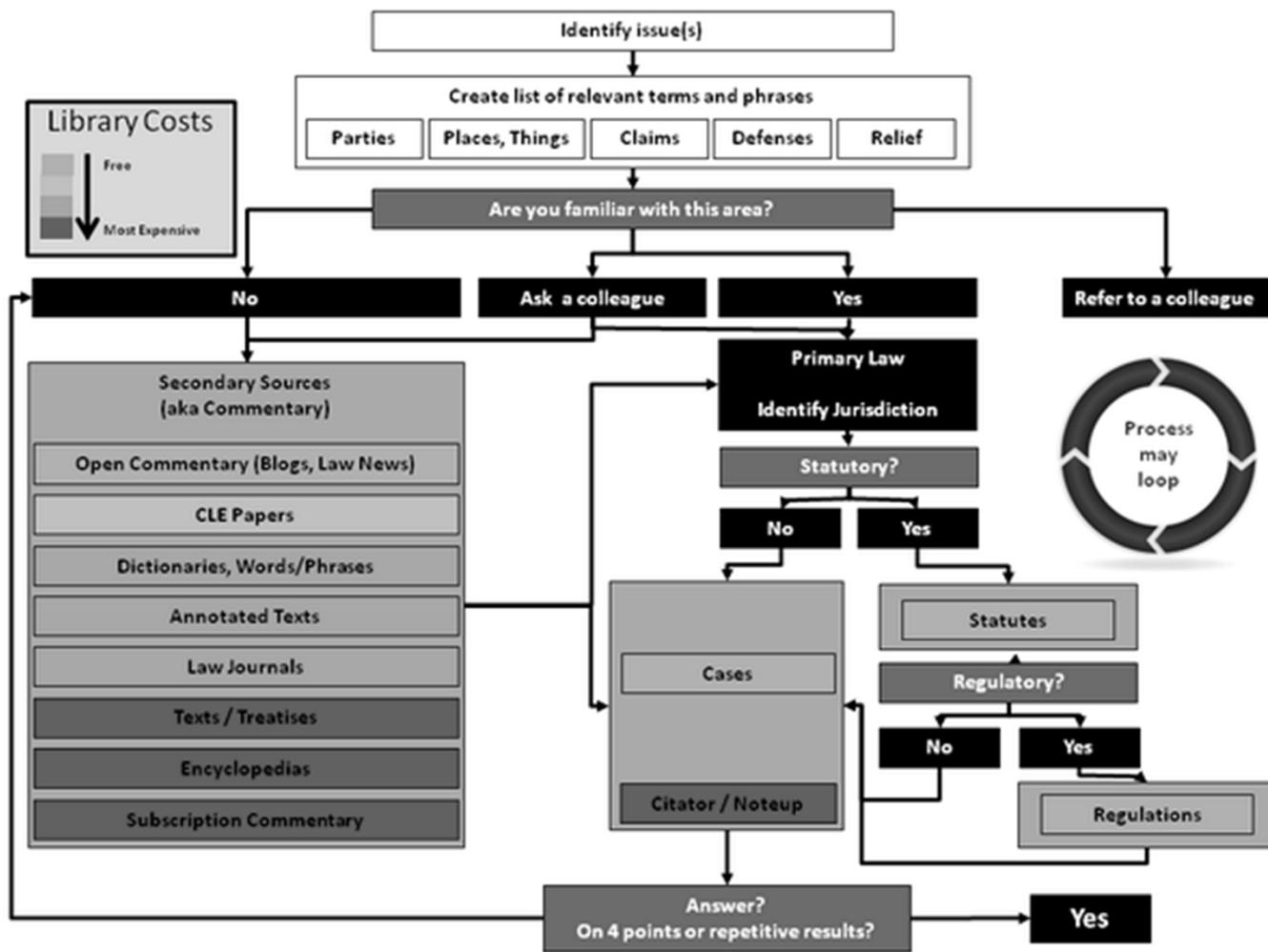


CROSS-SELLING

The Law Publishing Business Is Finished

by Robert McKay

Delusion only lasts for so long but at a certain point all the indicators cannot be ignored; law publishing, as a business in its own right has run its course; it's pretty much over, if not necessarily, according to the caselaw, in the toilet.



Browse by Topic

Q Search Topics

A

- Actions
- Administrative Law
- Admiralty
- Aeronautics
- Agency
- Aliens

Animals
Arbitration
Armed Forces
Associations
Auctions

B

- Bailment
- Bankruptcy
- Banks And Banking
- Barristers And Solicitors

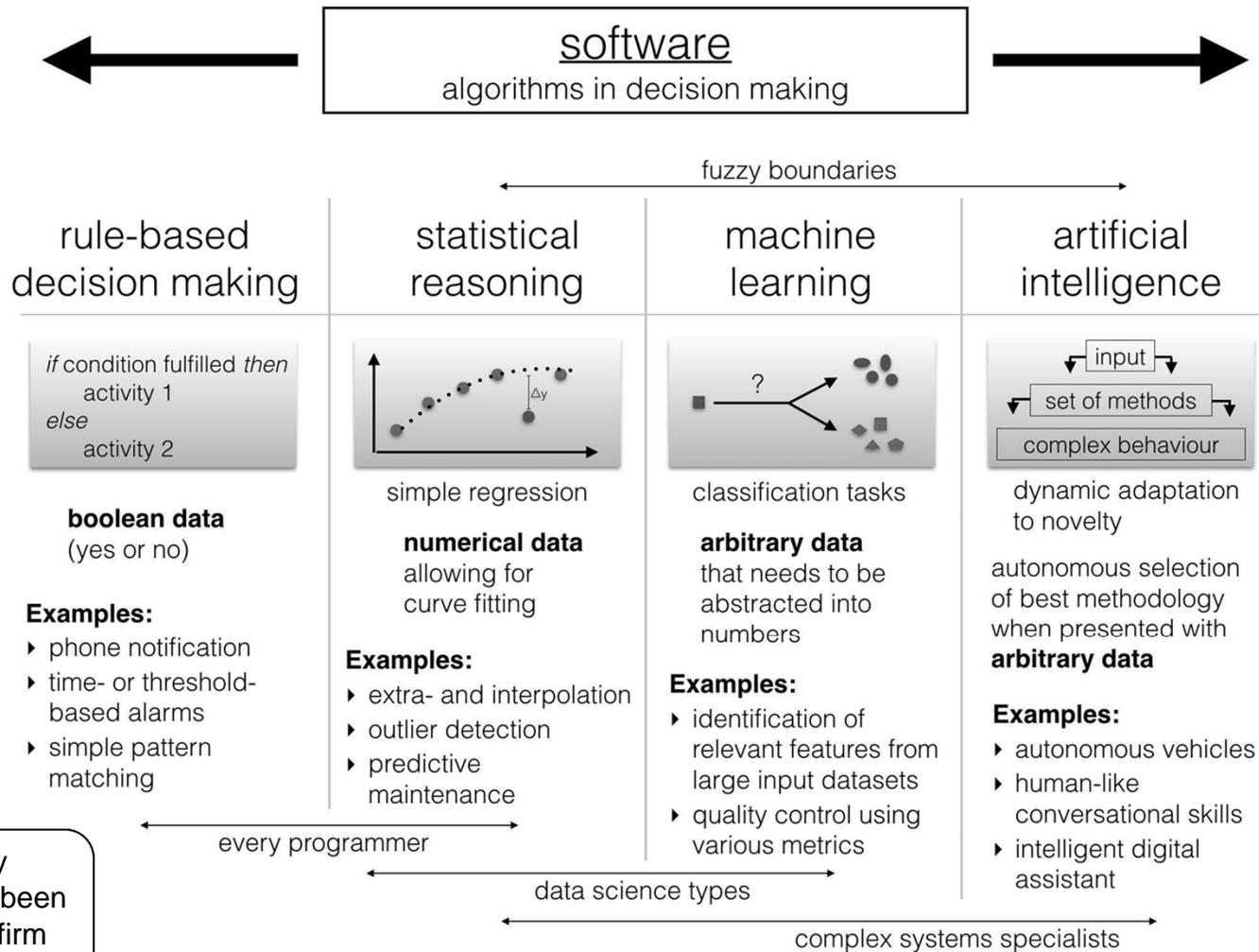
Brokers
Building Contracts
Business Law

C

- Carriers
- Chattel Mortgages And Bills Of Sale

Consumer Law
Contempt

When do the robot lawyers take over?



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