



Why Law Firms Need a Private AI Strategy

Protect what your firm knows. Put it to work.

For Managing Partners, CIOs, CISOs and Legal Technology Leaders

Your firm's most valuable AI asset isn't the model. It's everything your firm already knows.

The strategic question is no longer whether attorneys will use AI. It is how the firm can give them useful, approved AI capabilities while maintaining control over sensitive client data, proprietary work product and institutional knowledge.

THE EXECUTIVE ISSUE

AI is rapidly changing legal work, but the information that makes AI valuable is also the information law firms protect most carefully. Privileged communications, litigation strategy, contracts, client records, research and decades of attorney work product can create enormous value when made accessible to AI - and enormous risk when used without the right boundaries.

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Protect the Domain

Maintain control over where sensitive information is stored, processed and accessed - without making uncontrolled data movement the price of AI adoption.

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Unlock Firm Intelligence

Make approved briefs, precedents, contracts, research and prior work easier for attorneys to discover and reuse.

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Preserve Strategic Flexibility

Use private models for sensitive workloads while allowing controlled access to approved external models when appropriate.

DATA SOVEREIGNTY IS MORE THAN GEOGRAPHY

For a law firm, sovereignty means maintaining meaningful control over where information resides, how it is processed, who can access it and which models are allowed to interact with it.

Ask this first

Where does our data go? Who can access it? What is retained? Which models can process it? What remains under firm control?

The CavalryAI point of view

The objective is not to protect data from AI. It is to put the firm's data to work with AI while maintaining control over it.

Don't Send Your Data to AI. Bring AI to Your Data.

Private AI changes the architecture by bringing AI capabilities closer to the information the firm already controls, while preserving policy, permissions and governance around that information.



WHAT THIS ENABLES

Knowledge intelligence Attorneys can search approved firm knowledge conversationally and trace insights back to the source material.	Matter and contract analysis AI can assist with document review, comparisons, summarization and issue identification while professional judgment remains in control.
Permission-aware collaboration Existing access controls and ethical walls should remain effective in the AI layer. AI should never become a shortcut around information permissions.	Institutional continuity Prior work, precedent and experience become easier to discover, helping the firm preserve and compound knowledge over time.

THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IS ALREADY INSIDE YOUR FIRM

AI models will continue to change, and sophisticated models will be available to nearly every firm. What competitors cannot simply purchase is your firm's accumulated experience, work product, precedent, processes and client knowledge.

The firms that create durable advantage will not simply be the firms that use AI. They will be the firms that use their proprietary knowledge with AI most effectively - and most responsibly.

START WITH ONE PROBLEM WORTH SOLVING

CavalryAI Private AI Assessment

We work with leadership and IT to identify one high-value legal workflow, map the data and security requirements, and explore what a Private AI architecture designed around your firm could look like.

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