Teaching Legal Tech is Not Optional


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**Reviewer’s Summary:**

In this article, Lawson highlights the need for attorneys to have access to, knowledge of, and competent practice of technology for effective legal practice. These requirements come in the form of rules of procedure, rules of professional responsibility, and increasing norms within the legal community and legal practice. Unfortunately, there are substantial barriers, including lack of uniform training, lack of funds to attend high quality training, and lack of opportunities for rural or solo practitioners. Ultimately, law librarians provide a useful ally and resource that attorneys should consult to make their practice all the more effective.

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