Emerging technology trends

Deloitte sees clear examples of global businesses where the Legal function is at the forefront of digital innovation:

Through a linked data list, Blockchain enables efficient recording of transactions between parties and may be considered secure by design. Deloitte has identified various domains for its application.

Systems are taking advantage of AI to create highly standardized documents such as non-disclosure or confidentiality agreements, and robotic process automation (RPA) for highly detailed but lower value, step-by-step tasks. Chatbots can provide easy access to information and make contracts interactive.

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