

# **Legal Technology Market Update**

**FALL 2020** 

# **Legal Technology Market Update—Fall 2020**

Dear Clients and Friends,

Houlihan Lokey is pleased to present its Legal Technology Market Update for fall 2020. We hope that you and your families remain safe and healthy. We have continued adapting to this fluid market and are busy helping our clients navigate financing, M&A, and other strategic alternatives. Please reach out to any of us if you would like to connect or brainstorm regarding any current needs or sector topics.

We have included industry insights, select recent transaction announcements, and a public markets overview to help you stay ahead in our dynamic industry. We hope you find this update to be informative and that it serves as a valuable resource to you in staying abreast of the market.

We hope you enjoy this report, and please reach out if you have any questions. We look forward to staying in touch.

Regards,





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**Legal Technology Subsectors Covered** 

E-Discovery

**Litigation Technology** 

**IP Management/Research** 

**Document Management** 

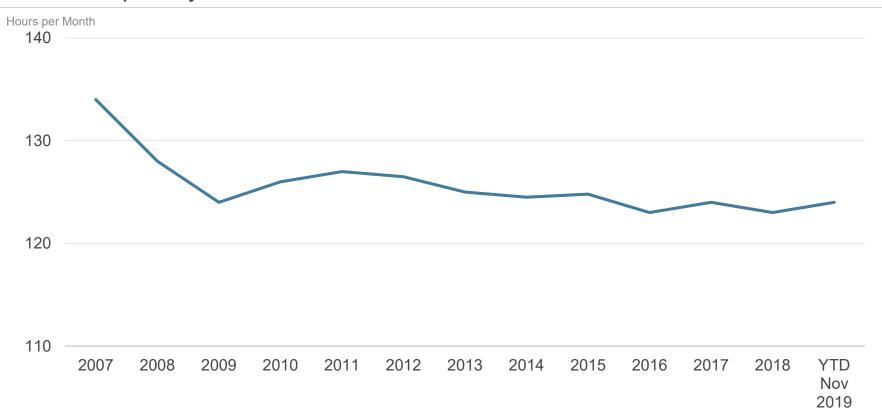
**Contract Management** 

**Compliance Software** 

**Information Governance** 

After the Great Recession, in-house legal departments developed primarily to reduce the costs of outside lawyers.

#### Hours Worked per Lawyer<sup>(1)</sup>



Total outside counsel spend shifted from ~70% of legal dollars spent pre-GFC to ~50% today.

<sup>(1)</sup> Thomson Reuters Peer Monitor.

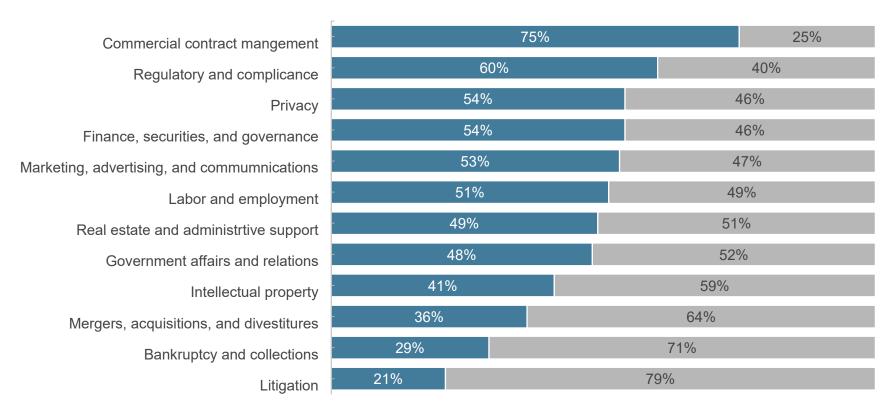
We expect this trend to continue based on recent survey data and dollars will shift from people to technology.

#### Q: "In the next three years, how do you expect the following budget items to change?"(1)

	Decrease by More Than 10%	Stay the Same (+/- 10%)	Increase by More Than 10%
Staff salaries	4%	66%	29%
Legal IT systems/ software	1%	56%	43%
Non-law-firm service providers	4%	75%	21%
Outside counsel spend	25%	48%	26%

15 years ago, nearly 80% of all work was done via outside counsel; technology has shifted the balance of power.



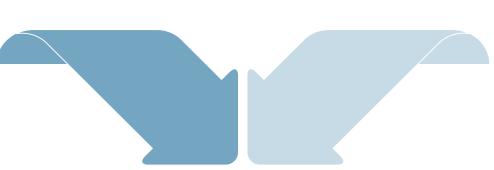


More in-house work requires more automation, which in turn demands new entrants in software.

Information and data governance is not natural for a lawyer, yet a modern GC plays a critical role in data policy.

### **Explosion of data**

- Data doubling every 12– 18 months.
- New, unstructured data types to manage.
- Storage growth is outpacing IT budget.



#### Data everywhere

- 67% of users have three or more computing platforms.
- Mobile, virtual, cloud joins physical.
- Mobile endpoints are unprotected.

# Too much data to govern effectively

#### Real-time access

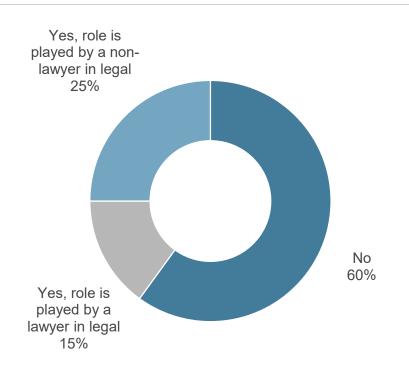
- Always-on applications, users.
- Consumerization drives expectations.
- Availability continuity move to forefront.

# **Increased scrutiny**

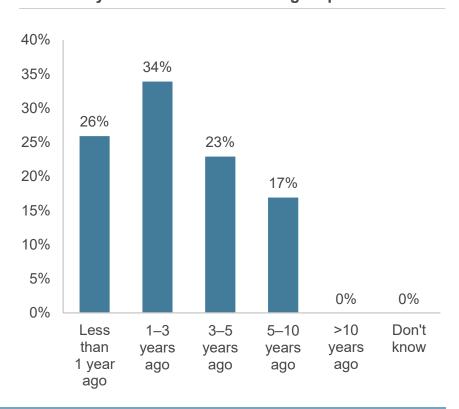
- Escalating industry and government regulations.
- Litigation increasingly involving ESI.
- Internal information mining needs.

GCs are increasingly giving way to legal ops staff who interface with the C suite to make resourcing decisions.

#### Does your department have a legal ops manager?<sup>(1)</sup>



#### When did you form a stand-alone legal ops team?(1)



Transition has a long way to go, as only a quarter of companies have adopted and more than 50% created in the last three years.

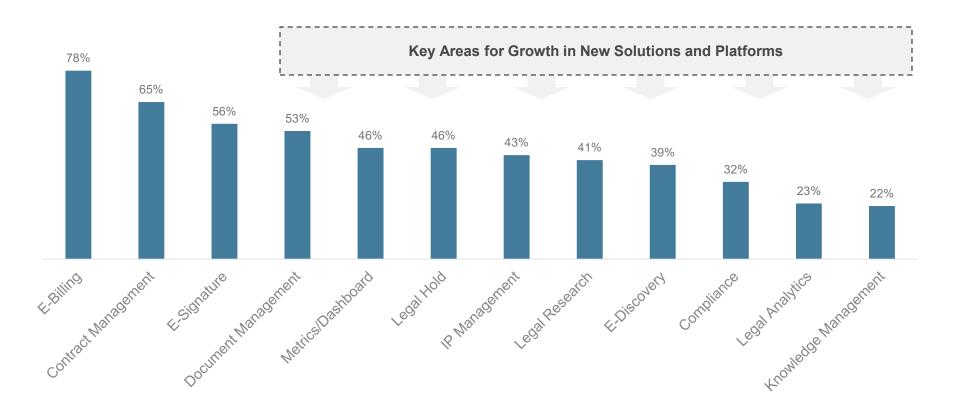
Early data suggests that legal ops is working and driving efficiency for early adopters.

	Large Companies (More Than \$10B Revenue)	Mid-Size Companies (\$1B–\$9.9B Revenue)	Small Companies (Less Than \$1B Revenue)
Average External Expenditure	\$84M	\$21M	\$4M
Average Internal Expenditure	\$91M	\$17M	\$5M
Average Legal Expenditure as a Percentage of Revenue	0.5%	1.0%	2.7%

Large companies are the employers of legal ops are seeing more efficiency in their spend, despite spending much more than their smaller corporate peers.

There is a lot of white space for next-generation adoption for "picks and shovels" tools and point solutions.

#### Percentage of corporate legal departments with implemented systems and tools<sup>(1)</sup>



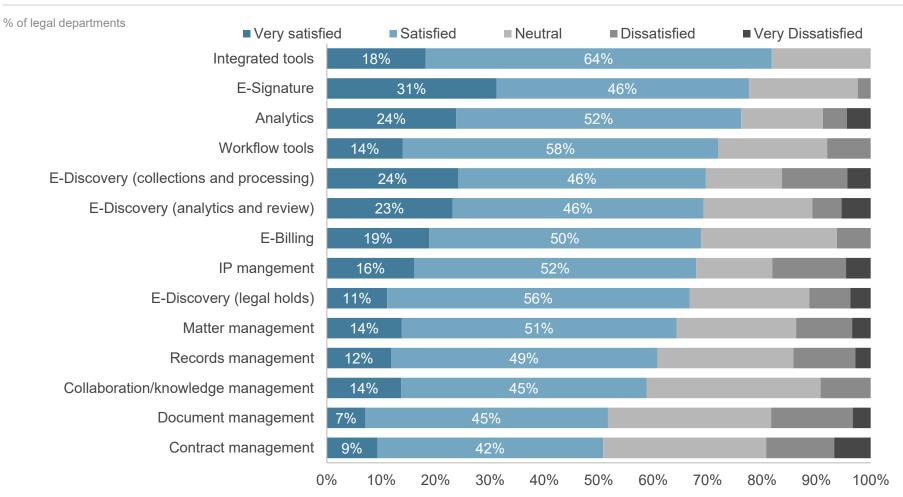
E-billing, contract management, and e-signature workflow and automation have paved the way for others.

(1) CLOC 2019 State of the Industry Survey.

# As a Result, Significant New Markets Are Here

The biggest opportunities are correlated to where solutions address real pain points.

#### System Satisfaction by Key Legal Technology Area



# Significant Q3 Transaction Spotlights, Many Accomplished by Our Team

#### Mitratech Acquisition of Tracker Corp.



**Description:** Acquisition will equip Mitratech

to help organizations overcome the challenges of increased government scrutiny, remote

workforces, inefficient

immigration management, and painful and costly manual

staffing processes.

Announce Date:

7/31/2020

Enterprise Value (\$M):

Confidential

#### **Corsearch Acquisition of TrademarkNow**



**Description:** The addition of

TrademarkNow's intelligent, online platform will give Corsearch customers fast, integrated options for the screening, searching, watching, and protection of trademarks.

Announce Date:

8/21/2020

Enterprise Value (\$M):

Confidential

#### **Reveal Acquisition of NexLP**



**Description:** 

The acquisition of NexLP marks a significant step forward for the e-discovery industry, positioning Reveal as a next-generation market leader that achieves better outcomes and discovery

insights faster.

Announce

8/11/2020

Date:

**Enterprise** Confidential

Value (\$M):

#### **Clarivate Acquisition of CPA Global**

Description:

Together, CPA Global and Clarivate will form a true end-toend solution that covers the

entire innovation and IP lifecycle and provides customers with seamless access to richer content and broader capabilities

as they execute on their innovation and IP strategies.

7/29/2020

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Clarivate

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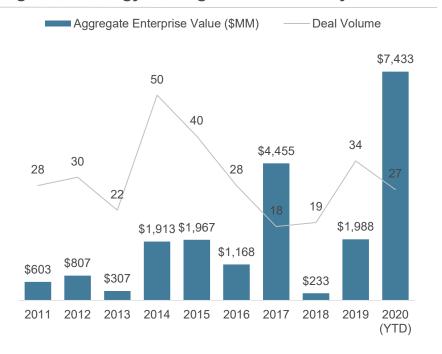
Date:

Enterprise ~\$7,000

Value (\$M):

# Strong M&A Dynamics Across Legal Technology With Strategic Acquirers

#### Legal Technology Strategic M&A Summary (2010–2020YTD)



- Steady deal volume over the past 10 years.
- Consolidation of mature legal technology companies driving higher aggregate deal value YTD.

#### **Select Strategic M&A Activity**

Date	Acquirer	Target	EV (\$M)
7/29/2020	Clarivate Analytics	CPA GLOBAL°	\$7,000
2/27/2020	DocuSign	<b>S</b> eal	\$188
09/23/2019	reveal	MINDSEYE	N/A
4/16/2019	₩ coupa	<b>⊚</b> exari	\$215
1/31/2019	opentext*	Catalyst	\$75
1/28/2019	Dropbox	▼ HELLOSIGN  a Dropbox Company	\$230
7/31/2018	DocuSign	springcm	\$220
7/26/2017	opentext*	GUIDANCE (G)	\$240
7/27/2016	DTI	ebio	\$1,000
6/2/2016	opentext*	RECOMMIND.	\$163

# **M&A Case Study for Mitratech**

Mitratech growth through M&A showcases a key underlining trend across the legal technology landscape: platforms utilizing bolt-on acquisitions to build out adjacent capabilities and new customer bases.

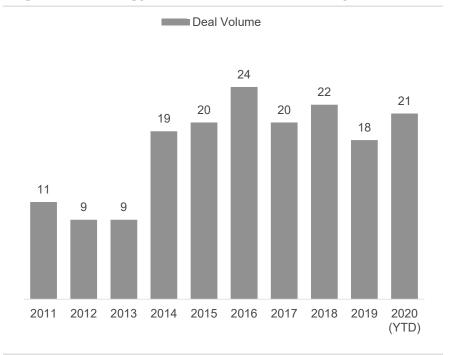
# **MITRATECH**

Legal Department Management	Legal Spend Management	Enterprise Legal Management	E-Billing	Risk/ Compliance	Governance, Risk, and Compliance	Workflow Automation	"Shadow IT" Monitoring	"Shadow IT" Monitoring	I-9 Compliance
Lawtrac	BRIDGEWAY	Case <b>Track</b>	<b>VIEW</b> ABILL	CMO®	<b>≱</b> HITEC	THINKSMART	ClusterSeven	Pg	I <b>III</b> i Tracker
1/07/2014	7/07/2015	8/24/2015	3/09/2016	6/21/2016	8/01/2016	4/23/2018	1/29/2020	6/22/2020	7/31/2020
<ul> <li>Lawtrac provides legal management software solutions for corporate inhouse legal departments.</li> <li>The acquisition expanded Mitratech's offerings to mid-sized legal departments.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bridgeway provides legal management solutions for legal spend and matter management.</li> <li>The acquisition created strength in Mitratech's government offerings while expanding its SaaS capabilities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The acquisition shored up</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Viewabill provides corporate clients with real-time insight into their law firms' activities and time by integrating with the firms' time and billing systems.</li> <li>The acquisition filled a void in Mitratech's legal spend management offerings.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CMO provides teams a centralized, holistic overview of an organization's compliance obligations and business risks.</li> <li>The acquisition allowed Mitratech to increase its offerings in mitigating legal, regulatory, and compliance risk.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hitec is a leader in governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) and information governance software.</li> <li>The acquisition complemented Mitratech's existing legal and compliance solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ThinkSmart is a leading provider of digital transaction management (DTM) software.</li> <li>The acquisition added a workflow automation engine to extend reach across the entire enterprise.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ClusterSeven provides a solution for discovering, managing, and monitoring "Shadow IT."</li> <li>The acquisition provided Mitratech with an end-to-end solutions suite aimed at elevating companies' data privacy and information governance efforts.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CPMG provides vendor risk management and enterprise risk management solutions.</li> <li>The acquisition added managing vendor risk capabilities to Mitratech's expansive risk and compliance management tools.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tracker provides I-9 compliance and immigration management solutions.</li> <li>The acquisition supported Mitratech's push into legal and compliance solutions.</li> </ul>

\*These are private transactions.

# Private Equity Sponsors Have Taken Notice and Accelerated Their Prioritization of Legal Technology

#### Legal Technology Sponsor M&A Summary (2010–2020YTD)



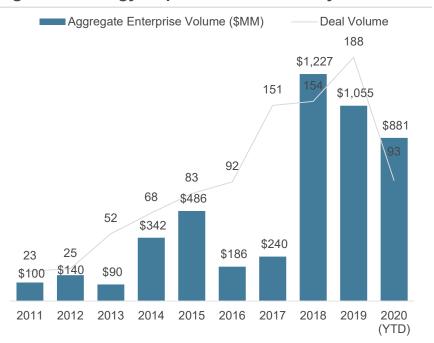
- Steady increasing legal technology M&A interest from financial sponsor buyers.
- More than \$6 billion in aggregate transaction value for sponsor-backed legal technology M&A over the past 10 years.

#### **Select Sponsor M&A Activity**

Date	Acquirer	Target	EV (\$M)
9/8/2020	Apax PARTNERS	<b>\$</b> mycase	\$193
7/20/2020	THOMABRAVO	MAJESCO	\$693
5/7/2019	∺Hg	LITERA	\$42
2/13/2019	.estorg	ANAQUA®	N/A
9/4/2018	THOMABRAVO	APTTUS	1,600
5/16/2018	Castik Capital	ipss dotnet	N/A
8/29/2017	LGP	CPA GLOBAL	N/A
7/25/2017	INSIGHT — PARTNERS —	LECORPIO	N/A
3/2/2017	CLEARLAKE	netdocuments <sup>a</sup>	\$220
7/27/2016	HARVEST OMERS	ebia	\$1,000

# Legal Technology Fundraising Activity Is Accelerating as Well

#### **Legal Technology Capital Raise Summary** (2010–2020YTD)



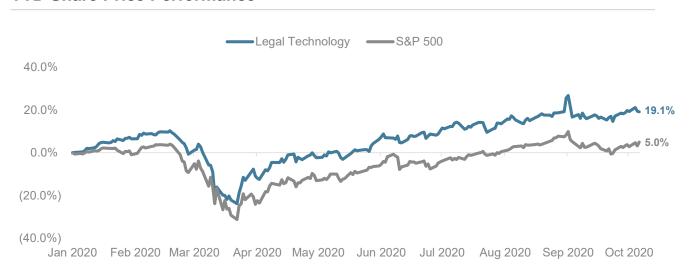
Continuously increasing investment in legal technology each year for the past 10 years.

#### **Select Capital Raise Activity**

Date	Company	Round	Deal Size (\$M)
9/10/2020	everlaw	Series C	\$78
7/20/2020	Notarize	Series C	\$34
5/12/2020	{LawGeex}	Venture	\$20
12/20/2019	FILEVINE	Series B	\$20
9/4/2019	<b>⊘</b> Clio	Series D	\$250
7/17/2019	<b>○ContractPodAi</b> *	Series B	\$55
1/24/2019	• DISCO	Venture	\$83
9/10/2018	atrium	Series B	\$65
4/27/2018	DocuSign	IPO	\$629
2/24/2016	Brainspace	Series C	\$220

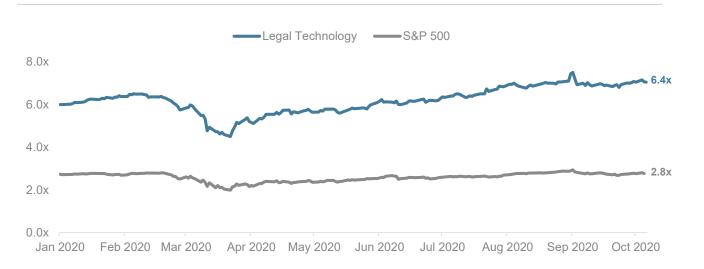
# Legal Technology Is Valued at a Premium Against the Broader Market

#### **YTD Share Price Performance**



Public markets recovered to pre-COVID-19 levels, while the legal technology index has outpaced the broader market by 15%.

#### **YTD Multiple Performance**



 Legal technology equities have continued to experience market tailwinds resulting in premium revenue multiples as compared to the broader market.

# **Public Comparable Companies—Trading and Operating Metrics**

								EV/Revenue			EV/EBITDA	
Company Name	Stock Price	52-Wk High	% of 52-Wk High	Cash and ST Inv	Equity Mkt Cap	Enterprise Value	CY 2019A	CY 2020E	CY 2021E	CY 2019A	CY 2020E	CY 2021E
RELX Group	\$21.65	\$27.25	79.5%	\$241	\$42,098	\$51,571	4.9x	5.4x	5.0x	16.2x	15.9x	13.9x
Docusign	224.05	290.23	77.2%	674	40,728	41,500	42.6	30.0	23.0	NM	NM	NM
Thomson Reuters	81.15	82.84	98.0%	1,438	40,555	43,068	7.3	7.2	6.9	39.4	22.6	21.2
Wolters Kluwer	84.04	87.22	96.4%	1,101	22,637	24,838	4.8	4.5	4.5	16.9	15.4	15.0
Clarivate	32.87	33.55	98.0%	609	10,946	21,296	21.9	18.8	17.0	NM	NM	44.8
OpenText	41.78	47.85	87.3%	1,693	11,358	14,117	4.8	4.4	4.4	15.4	12.0	11.8
Proofpoint	108.50	133.58	81.2%	973	6,153	6,117	6.9	5.9	5.1	NM	36.9	28.6
Mimecast	46.83	54.40	86.1%	199	2,942	2,987	7.4	6.3	5.4	NM	29.9	27.0
Veritone	10.31	19.67	52.4%	50	260	234	4.7	4.3	3.7	NM	NM	NM
Top Quartile					\$40,555	\$41,500	7.4x	7.2x	6.9x	22.6x	28.0x	27.8x
Mean					19,742	22,859	11.7	9.6	8.3	22.0	22.1	23.2
Median					11,358	21,296	6.9	5.9	5.1	16.6	19.3	21.2
First Quartile					6,153	6,117	4.8	4.5	4.5	16.0	15.5	14.5

					Revenue			EBITDA		R	evenue Growt	h	E	BITDA Marg	in
Company Name	Stock Price	Equity Mkt Cap	Enterprise Value	CY 2019A	CY 2020E	CY 2021E	CY 2019A	CY 2020E	CY 2021E	2018–2019A	2019-2020E	2020–2021E	CY 2019A	CY 2020E	CY 2021E
RELX Group	\$21.65	\$42,098	\$51,571	\$10,428	\$9,630	\$10,279	\$3,177	\$3,240	\$3,703	9.2%	NM	6.7%	30.5%	33.6%	36.0%
Docusign	224.05	40,728	41,500	974	1,384	1,805	(147)		256	38.9%			NM	11.8%	14.2%
Thomson Reuters	81.15	40,555	43,068	5,906	5,969	6,217	1,094	1,904	2,028	7.4%	1.1%	4.1%	18.5%	31.9%	32.6%
Wolters Kluwer	84.04	22,637	24,838	5,176	5,469	5,578	1,466	1,611	1,656	6.1%	5.7%	2.0%	28.3%	29.5%	29.7%
Clarivate	32.87	10,946	21,296	974	1,136	1,252	213	406	476	0.6%	16.5%	10.3%	21.8%	35.7%	38.0%
OpenText	41.78	11,358	14,117	2,935	3,221	3,184	917	1,173	1,198	3.2%	9.7%	NM	31.3%	36.4%	37.6%
Proofpoint	108.50	6,153	6,117	888	1,037	1,209	(25)	166	214	23.9%	16.8%	16.5%	NM	16.0%	17.7%
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Median		11,358	21,296	974	1,384	1,805	213	406	476	9.2%	13.1%	13.1%	25.1%	30.7%	31.2%
First Quartile		6,153	6,117	888	1,037	1,209	(25)	164	214	6.1%	8.7%	6.1%	19.3%	19.8%	19.5%

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#### **Corporate Finance**

	2019 M&A Advisory Rankings All U.S. Transactions									
	Advisor	Deals								
1	Houlihan Lokey	184								
2	Goldman Sachs & Co	167								
3	JP Morgan	141								
4	Morgan Stanley	122								
5	Evercore Partners	112								
Source	Source: Refinitiv (formerly known as Thomson Reuters)									

No. 1 U.S. M&A Advisor

Top 10 Global M&A Advisor

**Leading** Capital Markets Advisor

#### **Financial Restructuring**

	2019 U.S. Distressed Debt & Bankruptcy Restructuring Rankings								
	Adv isor Deals								
1	Houlihan Lokey	57							
2	PJT Partners Inc	26							
3	Moelis & Co	24							
4	Lazard	16							
5	AlixPartners	14							
Sour	Source: Refinitiv (formerly known as Thomson Reuters)								

**No. 1** Global Restructuring Advisor

**1,000+** Transactions
Completed Valued at More
Than \$2.5 Trillion Collectively

# Financial and Valuation Advisory

2000 to 2019 U.S. M&A Fairness Advisory Rankings									
	Advisor	Deals							
1	Houlihan Lokey	896							
2	Duff & Phelps	600							
3	JP Morgan	598							
4	Stifel/KBW	431							
5	Bank of America Merrill Lynch	416							
	Refinitiv (formerly known as Thomson Reuters). Announced or completed transactions.								

**No. 1** Global M&A Fairness Opinion Advisor Over the Past 20 Years

**1,000+** Annual Valuation Engagements

# Technology, Media, and Telecom (TMT)

2014 to 2019 M&A Advisory Rankings U.S. Technology, Media, Entertainment & Telecom Transactions Under \$1 Billion							
	Advisor	Deals					
1	Houlihan Lokey	198					
2	Goldman Sachs & Co	162					
3	Raymond James Financial Inc	155					
4	Morgan Stanley	154					
5	Evercore Partners	144					
Sour	ce: Refinitiv (formerly known as Thomson Reuters)						

No. 1 U.S. TMT Practice From 2014 to 2019

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**Diversified Legal** Software



Governance, Risk, and Compliance





**Legal Data Solutions** 



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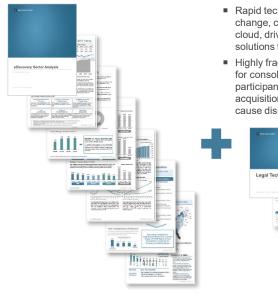
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#### **Thought Leading Research and Events**

#### eDiscovery Sector Analysis Legal Technology Market Trends



- Rapid technology advancements and change, coupled with the impact of the cloud, drive increasing demand for solutions from companies and law firms.
- Highly fragmented sector with opportunity for consolidation; larger industry participants aggressively pursing acquisitions while new market entrants cause disruption.



#### **Annual Conferences**

Presence at key industry events throughout the year.









#### **Active Ongoing Buyer Dialogue**

#### Ongoing Strategic Buyer Discussions











































# Active Dialogue With Sponsors on Legal Technology and Services













































# **How Can Houlihan Lokey Help?**

#### Legal Technology Key Focus Areas

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**IP Management/Research** 

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**Information Governance** 

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Financial Restructuring

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