

Millions invested to boost UK's position as a global tech leader

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- Funding will continue to support the multi-billion-pound legal services sector
- Part of Government's Plan for Change to support growth and boost the economy

The economy will benefit from a boost to legal services funding thanks to the extension of the LawtechUK programme.

The government is investing an additional £4.5 million in the programme over the next three years, bolstering the UK's position as a global leader in lawtech.

The Ministry of Justice-backed initiative supports startups developing cutting-edge legal tech - speeding up services, driving down costs, and making justice more accessible.

Last year, UK-founded lawtech companies secured a total investment of almost £189 million - up 35% from the year before.

Minister for Courts and Legal Services, Sarah Sackman KC, said:

The UK isn't just keeping pace with the global legal tech revolution - we're leading it.

With 44% of all European lawtech startups calling the UK home, they know Britain is where innovation happens.

We have no intention of slowing down, which is why we're investing £4.5 million to keep the UK at the frontier of legal technology.

The UK's legal services sector is a hidden super-power of the economy, generating more than £43 billion a year and employing more than 317,000 people across the country.

New technology has the potential to unlock greater growth, create jobs, and build a more efficient legal sector - directly supporting the Government's Industrial Strategy.

CodeBase and Legal Geek will continue to deliver the LawtechUK programme until 31 October 2026.

Beth Fellner, Director of Legal Geek, said:

We are delighted that LawtechUK has been extended by the Ministry of Justice, enabling us to continue our work alongside CodeBase to drive digital transformation in the legal sector. We are hugely proud of the positive impact that the initiative has made on boosting the lawtech sector and progressing diversity and regional growth across the

UK.

We have hosted community events across 9 different UK cities so far, and have seen a notable increase in female-founded lawtechs, many of whom successfully raised funds in the second half of 2025.

We are excited about the next phase of the campaign as we look to further develop a culture of innovation within the legal services sector and grow its vital contribution to the UK economy.

Jon Hope, CEO CodeBase said:

We are delighted to receive this seven-month extension, which allows us to continue working with Legal Geek to maintain the incredible momentum LawtechUK has built over the last three years.

At CodeBase, we operate with a 'founder first' mentality, and this bridging period ensures we can continue our vital work supporting the pioneers and entrepreneurs in the UK's legal sector without interruption. By focusing on delivery that reinforces the UK's reputation as a global leader in digital legal innovation, we are ensuring that the next generation of lawtech founders has the platform they need to scale and succeed.

More information:

- A competitive process to award the next stage of funding will be launched in due course. More information on the programme can be found here.

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