Fisher Phillips Among First Law Firms in the World to Leverage Artificial Intelligence Tool WeSearch

FIRM DEPLOYS NEXT-GENERATION SEARCH TOOL THAT USES TRANSFORMER-BASED NEURAL NETWORKS TO AID IN DOCUMENT SEARCH

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Fisher Phillips, one of the country’s preeminent labor and employment law firms representing employers, has become one of the first three law firms in the world to deploy Casetext’s WeSearch, a next-generation A.I. search tool for efficiently reviewing large sets of legal documents.

WeSearch technology leverages a breakthrough in artificial intelligence called a transformer-based neural net, coupled with interpretations of massive amounts of case law and legal prose. It mirrors the way human brains can separate concepts from keywords, meaning attorneys no longer need to run traditional keyword searches; rather, they can run searches in internal document databases for specific concepts. Fisher Phillips has agreed to work with legal A.I. vendor Casetext to help refine and ultimately deploy their WeSearch tool to a larger audience.

The early returns of this technology have already impressed Evan Shenkman, Fisher Phillips’ Chief Knowledge and Innovation Officer. “Humans can say the same thing in hundreds of different ways, making traditional keyword searching and Boolean search always an inexact science,” said Shenkman. “In a traditional search, we often must ask: Did you come up with all the right words? All the right synonyms? WeSearch’s transformer-based neural networks can now let our attorneys find what they are looking for by concepts, without having to guess exactly how the words might appear on the page. It’s a real advancement in search, and a wonderful time-saver for our attorneys.”

“We are thrilled to collaborate with Fisher Phillips, one of the most innovative law firms out there, to help develop the WeSearch technology further,” said Pablo Arredondo, Casetext’s Co-Founder and Chief Innovation Officer. “Their guidance has been instrumental as we refine WeSearch.”

Fisher Phillips attorneys have already deployed WeSearch on repositories of deposition transcripts, contracts, and emails. After a successful initial beta test, Fisher Phillips is now expanding its use of the technology across various firm offices. To see a recent presentation Evan Shenkman and Pablo Arredondo gave on WeSearch, click here.

About Casetext
Casetext is a legal technology company that automates critical elements of legal practice in order to empower attorneys to provide consistently high-quality and cost-effective representation. CEO Jake Heller left practice as a litigator at Ropes & Gray to found Casetext in 2013. He was soon joined by co-founders (and fellow attorneys) Pablo Arredondo (CPO) and Laura Safdie (COO & GC). In 2016, Casetext released its comprehensive legal research platform — now used by over 8,500 U.S. law firms — which leverages A.I. technology to automate much of legal research. In 2020, Casetext made the next big leap in litigation automation with Compose: first-of-its-kind technology that automates critical, substantive elements of litigation. For more information, visit www.casetext.com.

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The employment equation is changing faster than ever, and for employers, anticipating the challenges and opportunities that come with change are critical to success. With over 500 attorneys across the country, Fisher Phillips connects employers with labor and employment talent to help them navigate unprecedented workplace disruption. Through our technology-driven approach, commitment to diversity and inclusion, and ability to serve as a trusted business partner, we provide employers with innovative solutions to their most challenging workplace matters.

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