

Litigant

— Where litigants stand.

Built by litigants, for litigants. Researched against 1,000+ forum posts and shipped to production.

SECTION 01

The problem and the gap

What people face. What the market ignores.

80% of family cases have at least one party going it alone.

80%

of private family law cases in England and Wales have at least one party with no lawyer.

MoJ Family Court Statistics Quarterly, 2024

39%

of cases now have neither party represented. In 2013 that figure was 13%.

MoJ FCSQ. Threefold increase post-LASPO.

40%

unmet legal need in family law. The highest of any legal category.

Legal Services Board Legal Needs Survey 2023, n=17,688

110–135k

new litigants in person every year, in family court alone.

Trinder et al. (2014). MoJ LSLIP evaluation 2023.

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY SAY

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I have read everything online and I still do not know what to do in my situation.

Mumsnet Legal Matters Litigant. Investor teaser. April 2026. Confidential.

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I cannot afford a solicitor anymore. I am preparing to represent myself next week, because I know it will not have any result.

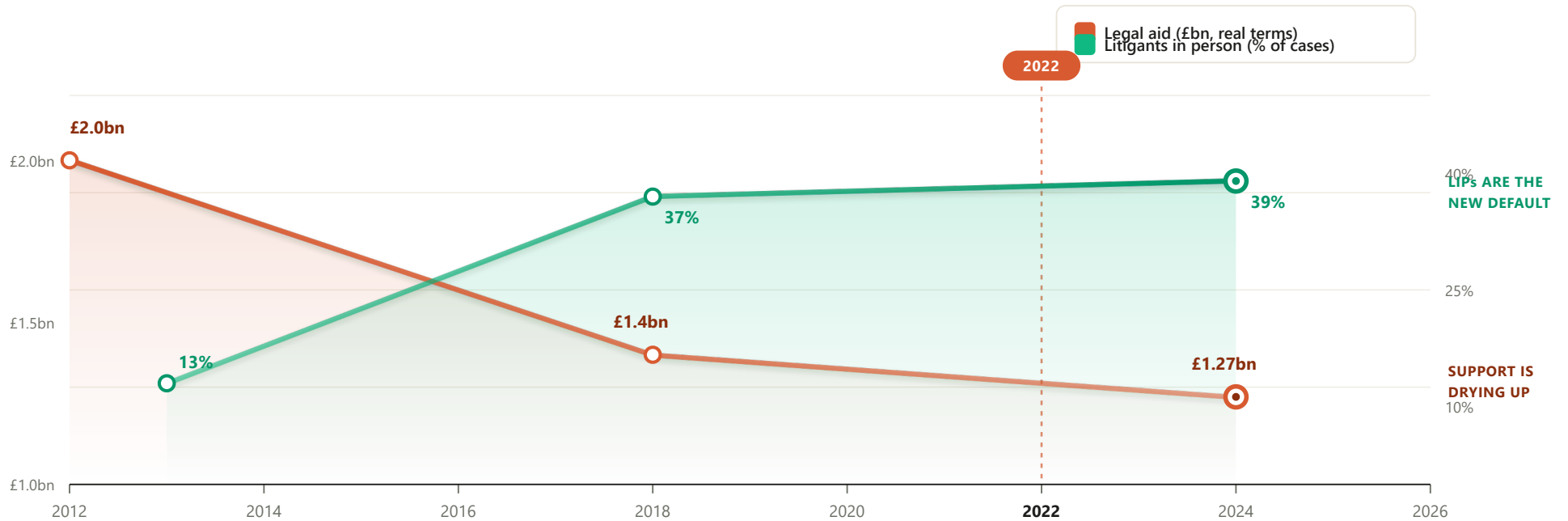
Mumsnet Legal Matters

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I will be self representing because I cannot afford legal representation. The other party has a solicitor.

Dads With Kids

Two structural shifts. One inflection point.



AI 2022 inflection: GPT-4, Claude, Next.js, Supabase.
Tools that needed a 20-engineer team and £5M to build are now buildable by a focused operator.

The first generation of LIPs forced into self-representation are now on their second case. The behaviour is set. The market is real. The tools are finally possible.

Where the money went, 2024 to 2026.

<p>H Harvey Harvey \$11B · 100k lawyers · \$190M ARR AI for BigLaw: contracts, due diligence, litigation.</p>	<p>Legora Legora \$5.55B · 750 firms · \$100M ARR Legal workflow AI for law firms.</p>	<p>Lawhive Lawhive \$116M · \$35M+ ARR · 7x YoY AI-native UK law firm.</p>	<p>casetext Casetext Acquired by Thomson Reuters Legal research for lawyers.</p>	<p>Spellbook Spellbook \$50M Series B Contract drafting in Word.</p>	<p>EvenUp EvenUp \$1B+ valuation Personal injury demand letters.</p>
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Meanwhile, legal aid lost £728M. 59% of providers are gone. Eligibility moved from 80% in 1950 to 20% today.

Where LIPs go for help today.

Verbatim from forum threads and user feedback.

<p>GOV.UK <i>"Thin guidance. Outsources help to charities."</i> Forum consensus, Mumsnet & MoneySavingExpert</p>	<p>advicenow <i>"Truly invaluable, but does not address my specific case."</i> User feedback, Advicenow guides</p>	<p>Mumsnet <i>"Get a solicitor. Seriously."</i> Most common single piece of advice</p>	<p>Litigant One platform. Triage. Decode. Build a chronology. Practise cross-exam. Prepare disclosure. Get hearing-ready. Built for the side of the courtroom that is structurally growing. <hr/> One commercial platform purpose-built for LIPs.</p>
<p>reddit /r/LegalAdviceUK <i>"Lots of opinions. Most are wrong."</i> r/LegalAdviceUK, observed pattern</p>	<p>Citizens Advice <i>"30-minute call slots. 6-week waiting list."</i> CAB user reports, 2024-25</p>	<p>YouTube <i>"Random barristers. No structure. No system."</i> Common LIP search behaviour</p>	

SECTION 02

What we have built

Five tools shipped. The infrastructure that makes them possible.

The operating system for people representing themselves in court.

Court Summons Notice

From: Leicester Magistrates' Court

You have been summoned to court for unpaid Council Tax and need to respond to avoid a liability order

Action needed

WHAT THIS DOCUMENT IS

This is a notice from Leicester Magistrates' Court telling you that Harborough District Council has summoned you to court for unpaid Council Tax. The council is asking the court to grant a liability order against you.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

A liability order is a legal document that gives the council stronger powers to collect

Document Decoder. Court letter to plain English in seconds.

Welcome back. Tell me about something that happened, include a rough date if you can, and we'll build from there.

my ex sarah and I met in 2022, around easter. we started dating 3 months later but then things got bad around christmas time. I went to the police around valentines day 2023 and told them what was going on. im john btw

Your Timetable. Tell us what happened, we build the structure.

Your Timetable

Build your case chronology. Courts rely on clear timelines, so keep yours accurate and up to date.

18 events 1 person 0 evidence

Timeline completeness: 38% (Getting started - 3 of 8 checks passed)

Conversation in progress: Continue telling us what happened to add more events.

Timeline | Calendar | List | People | Evidence | Themes

All Insights: Find timeline gaps, Welfare checklist mapping

3 months after meeting, around July 2022

Relationship milestones: Court dates

Cross-Exam Prep. Practice the questions you'll actually face.

Your categories

Your situation Key dates, children, mediation status. NOT STARTED	Your home The family home and its mortgage. NOT STARTED	Your other property Buy-to-lets and second homes. IN PROGRESS
Your pensions Every pension scheme, both of you.	Your income Your income and your partner's.	Your outgoings Monthly spending, category by category.

Financial Settlement Navigator. The full divorce process, organised.

Your projected timeline

Starting from 25 April 2026. Children arrangements in England and Wales. These are estimates, not guarantees. Your actual dates will depend on court availability and case complexity.

Legal limits: Based on recent cases

Estimated total: 3 months to 7 months (13-28 weeks)
Average timescales from Ministry of Justice data for England and Wales. Updated quarterly.

May 2026 to May 2026 -1-2 weeks
Mediation

Projected Timeline. What the next year actually looks like.

For people who cannot afford lawyers. Solicitor costs run £8,000 to £40,000 per family case. The free charity layer is thin and not case-specific.	For people who do not trust them. Repeat LIPs (second and third case) opt out of the legal market by choice as well as by cost.	For people who would rather not need them. Most family disputes are not legally complex. They are procedurally complex. We solve the procedural problem.
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Upload anything from court. What you want means



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Live output: a Magistrates' Court summons explained in plain English, with the action and deadline highlighted.

What this document is.

Identifies the court, the type of order, the deadline, and the consequences. The user does not need a glossary, the page does the translating.

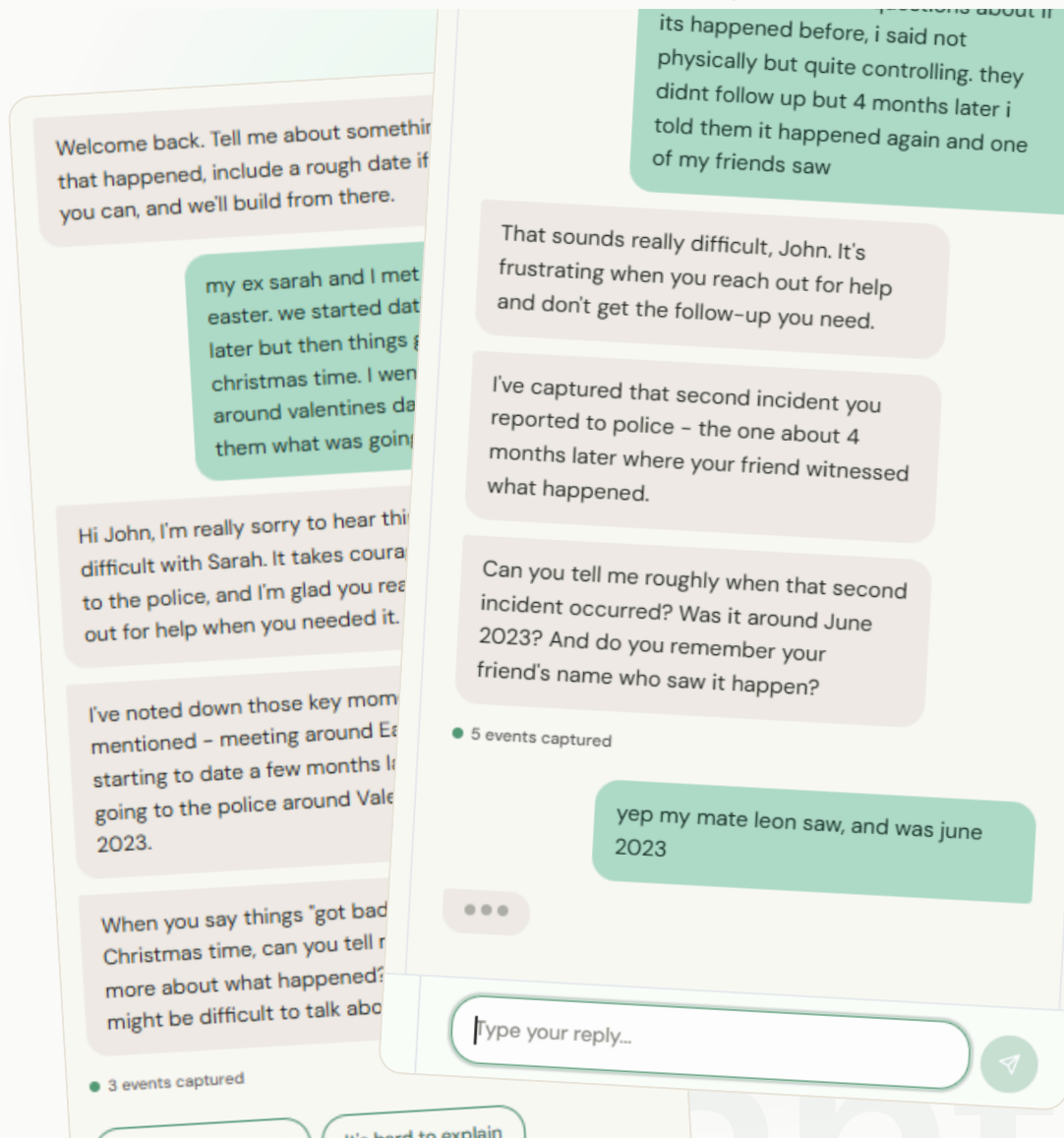
What it means for you.

Translates "you have failed to pay" into "the court is treating this as unpaid". Removes the 1860s legalese that paralyses LIPs.

Words you might not know.

A live glossary of every term used: liability order, summons, enforcement agent. No tab-switching, no Wikipedia rabbit holes.

Tell us what happened. In your own words.



Plain English in.

Users describe what happened the way they'd tell a friend, not the way a lawyer would write it. No forms, no jargon, no anxiety about getting it "right".

Empathy as standard.

The AI acknowledges difficult experiences before pushing for detail. Users feel heard, not interrogated. The tone has been validated by McKenzie Friends and an early tester preparing for FHDRA.

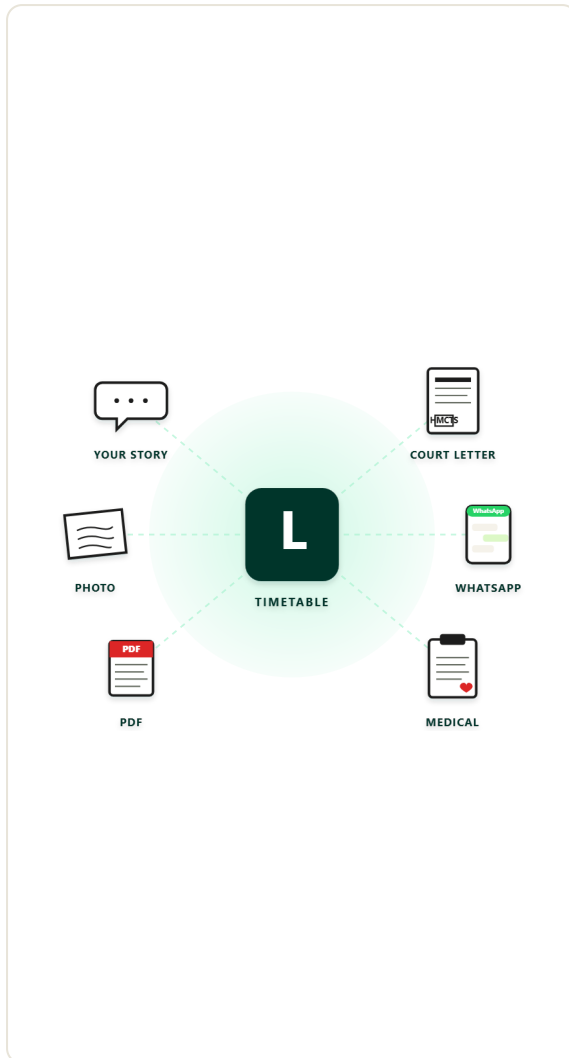
Events captured automatically.

Behind every message, structured events are being built: dates, people, themes, evidence flags. The user just talks. The chronology forms itself.

5 events captured in 4 messages. No forms. No legal jargon. No solicitor.

Talk through your story. Walk out with a barrister-ready bundle.

1 · INPUTS



WhatsApp screenshots. Court letters. Photos of handwritten notes. Plus your story in plain English.

2 · STRUCTURED

The screenshot shows a structured timeline interface. At the top, the word 'Timeline' is partially visible. Below it, a section titled 'Witness' contains the text 'of 8 checks passed'. A 'Progress' section follows with the text 'what happened to add more events.' Below this is a navigation bar with tabs for 'List', 'People', 'Evidence', and 'Themes'. Further down, there are sections for 'are checklist mapping' and 'ound July 2022'. At the bottom, a section titled 'Ident' contains the text 'violence occurred, witnessed by John's friend Leon'.

Structured into a timeline that courts actually want.

3 · EXPORTED

The screenshot shows a list of exported documents. The first item is 'Court chronology', described as a 'Landscape A4 table with Date, Event, and Evidence columns. The standard format courts expect.' The second item is 'Scott Schedule', described as a 'Table with your allegations and a blank column for the other party respond. Used in fact-finding hearings.' The third item is 'Witness statement (.docx)', described as an 'Editable Word document with numbered paragraphs, one per event and a statement of truth. Open in Word to fill in the details.' The fourth item is 'Spreadsheet (.csv)', described as 'Every event as a row in a spreadsheet. Open in Excel, Numbers or Google Sheets to sort, filter, or share.' The fifth item is 'Full barrister pack (.zip)', described as 'Everything zipped: chronology PDF, Scott Schedule, witness statement .docx, cast list and evidence index CSVs. Hand this to your barrister or solicitor.'

Exported as the documents you actually need.

Court chronology. Scott Schedule. Witness statement. Spreadsheet. Full barrister pack.

From a conversation. Generated locally in your browser. Nothing leaves the device.

What does the next year actually look like?

Projected timelines based on Ministry of Justice data, refined against recent case patterns.

litigant.org.uk/tools/projected-timeline

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- May 2026 to May 2026 ~1-2 weeks**
Mediation
Book a MIAM
A Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting is required before most court applications. Contact a local mediator to book yours.
WHAT YOU NEED TO DO
 - ✓ Find a mediator near you on the Family Mediation Council website
 - ✓ Book the earliest available appointment
- May 2026 to May 2026 ~2-4 weeks**
Mediation
Attend your MIAM
Meet with the mediator. They will explain your options and assess whether mediation could work. If not.

Personalised to your case.

Children arrangements vs financial remedy vs domestic abuse: different timelines, different steps. The system reads the situation and routes the user.

Two views.

Legal limits (the maximum the system allows) or based on recent cases (what actually happens). Most LIPs do not know either number.

Actionable, not informational.

Each step has a "What you need to do" checklist. Forms to fill, fees to pay, documents to gather. No vague advice.

Saveable.

One click to save to the user's timetable. Then deadlines and reminders run automatically.

The view of the system that LIPs have never had.

The full divorce financial process. Organised, completed, exportable.

Financial Settlement Navigator

Case

Not advice. Every situation is different. For advice on your specific circumstances, consider speaking to a [family solicitor or mediator](#).

Case

SEPARATED	CHILDREN
Not set	Not set

You have entered so far

	PARTNER'S	JOINT	DEBTS
99	£29,000	£320,000	-£150,000

[Continue where you left off: Your situation](#)

Categories

Your situation	Your home	Your other property
Key dates, children, mediation status.	The family home and its mortgage.	Buy-to-lets and second homes.
NOT STARTED	NOT STARTED	IN PROGRESS

My financial case

NET POSITION

£318,999

ASSETS	DEBTS
£468,999	£150,000

MONTHLY OUTGOINGS

£0

BREAKDOWN

- Your situation
- Property
- Pensions
- Income
- Outgoings
- Savings & investments
- Debts
- Business
- Other assets

DISCLOSURE READINESS

The user knows their net position, completion state, and Disclosure Readiness in one view.

Your categories

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Key dates, children, mediation status.	The family home and its mortgage.	Buy-to-lets and second homes.
NOT STARTED	NOT STARTED	IN PROGRESS

Your pensions	Your income	Your outgoings
Every pension scheme, both of you.	Your income and your partner's.	Monthly spending, category by category.
IN PROGRESS	IN PROGRESS	NOT STARTED

Your savings and	Your debts	Your business interests






Nine categories. Ten guided sections. Form E ready.

Your full position at a glance.
Net position, assets, debts, monthly outgoings. Live as you complete categories.

Disclosure Readiness score.
The user knows what is complete and what is missing before they file. New to the consumer market.

Form E generated automatically.
From entered data, not a blank PDF the user fills alone in the dark.

Built on infrastructure that did not exist three years ago.

	AI Anthropic Claude (claude-sonnet-4-6)	Reads court letters, drafts plain-English explanations, turns testimony into structured chronologies. Under 5p per request.
	FRONTEND Next.js 14, React, TypeScript, Tailwind, Vercel	Server-rendered. Instant page loads on a phone at 11pm. Deployed on Vercel Pro.
	BACKEND Supabase: Postgres, Auth, Storage, Realtime · EU AWS	Row-level security on every table. Auth handled. Hosted in the EU. No server farm to manage.
	PAYMENTS Stripe (live Q2 2026)	Subscription billing handled. Standard tier £20, Premium £45. Webhooks into Supabase.
	OBSERVABILITY PostHog EU Cloud	Privacy-safe product analytics. No third-party trackers on sensitive flows.

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Operator shipping product
No agency, no co-founder politics, no time wasted

5
Tools shipped in 12 months
All in production, all built directly with Claude Code

£0
Spent on devops, agencies, or external dev work
Vercel + Supabase + Stripe collapse the build cost

Tools that needed a 20-engineer team in 2020 take a focused founder in 2026. The infrastructure that powered the legal AI gold rush also makes affordable consumer legal tools possible for the first time.

Built for the most sensitive moments in people's lives. Engineered to match.

DATA RESIDENCY AND REGULATION

UK GDPR compliant

Data protection by design from launch. ICO registration in place.

Hosted in the EU

Supabase (Postgres, Storage, Auth) on AWS eu-north-1.

PostHog EU Cloud

Privacy-safe product analytics. No third-party trackers on sensitive flows.

SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

Row-level security

On every Supabase table. Each user only ever sees their own rows.

Encryption everywhere

AES-256 at rest. TLS 1.3 in transit. Managed key rotation.

Magic-link or Google

No plaintext passwords. Auth handled by Supabase, not in-house.

USER SAFETY

Quick Exit on every page

Visible since v1. Single tap leaves the site for a neutral destination.

Domestic-violence safe browsing

No persistent banners. No alarming notifications. Clear from the URL bar.

One-click account deletion

No human review, no waiting period. The button does what it says.

REGULATORY LINE

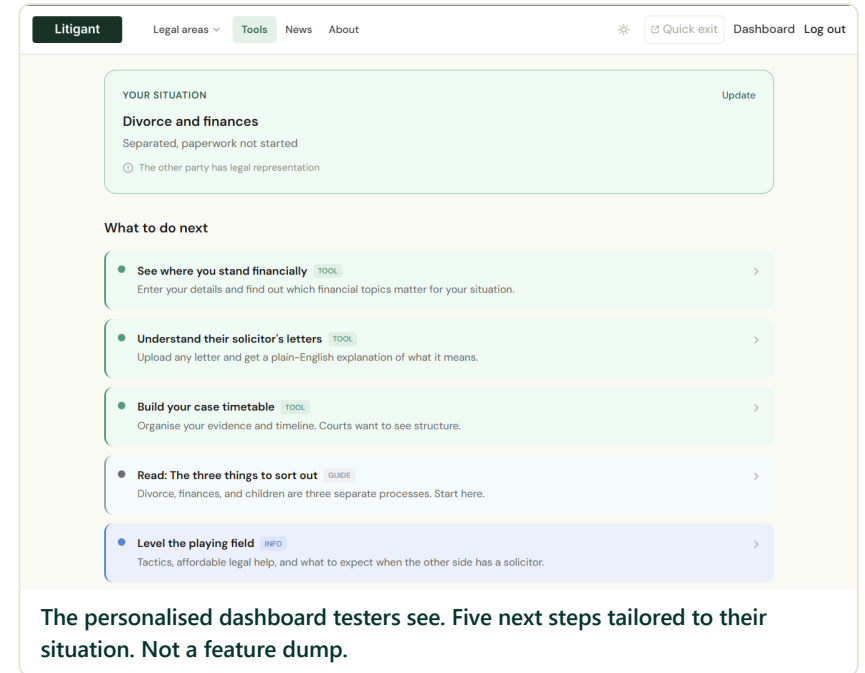
Litigant provides legal information, not legal advice. We engaged the SRA Innovate team early to confirm boundaries. The product is designed so that no feature crosses into reserved legal activities. We are not a regulated legal services provider, and we do not need to be.

Trust is the product. Sensitive data, handled with the discipline that matters.

Built from feedback. Validated against real users.

“Aaron validated the chat box, the conversational tone, and the question quality.”

Early tester. Used Litigant Cross-Exam Prep ahead of his FHDRA. Validated the conversational chronology builder over the Aaron-folder beta deployment.



WHAT THE SYSTEM HAS PRODUCED




5 Tools shipped to production	21 Family law guide pages live	10 Categories in the FSN dashboard <i>Phase 1 live 20 Apr 2026</i>	[X] Signups to date <i>Placeholder, James to fill</i>
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WHAT WE HEAR FROM THE MARKET

<p><i>“95% of preparation is done before you even get to court. The last 5% is at court and you really are in a</i></p>	<p><i>“Make a timeline. Stop stressing. Facts are key. Evidence to back up your argument is key”</i></p>	<p><i>“I will be self representing because I cannot afford legal representation. I would like some advice on</i></p>
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Litigant exists because every one of these problems is solvable with software.

Three commercial milestones. Then the engine transfers.

Q2 2026 	Q3 2026 	Q4 2026 
<h2>Stripe paywall ships</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Free triage stays free● Standard tier unlocks document tools● Premium tier unlocks lawyer-ready output <hr/> <p>First subscription revenue. £20 and £45 tiers go live. FSN paywalled. Conversion target 2 to 4%.</p>	<h2>B2B distribution</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Charity pilots● CAB referral routing● EAP and LEI conversations● First signed pilot by September 2026 <hr/> <p>Distribution channel that bypasses paid acquisition. Five-figure annual seat values, durable revenue.</p>	<h2>Cross-vertical expansion</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cross-exam prep merged into core● Employment scoping starts● Renters research begins <hr/> <p>One platform, multiple verticals. The cross-vertical thesis becomes visible to investors and to users.</p>

FAMILY FIRST, THEN EVERYWHERE

Family LIVE	Employment NEXT	Renters' rights PLANNED	Criminal PLANNED
<p>TODAY</p> <p>Five tools shipped. 21 guides live. Triage, document automation, evidence organiser, timeline builder, hearing prep, lawyer-ready output, all running in production.</p>	<p>Q4 2026</p> <p>Triage engine and timeline builder transfer directly. Templates change: ET1, settlement agreements, ACAS conciliation, tribunal hearings.</p>	<p>2027</p> <p>Section 21 notices, rent disputes, deposit recovery, disrepair claims. Same engine, new templates.</p>	<p>2027</p> <p>Magistrates' court only at first. Plea decisions, pre-sentence reports, character references. Different tone, same scaffolding.</p>

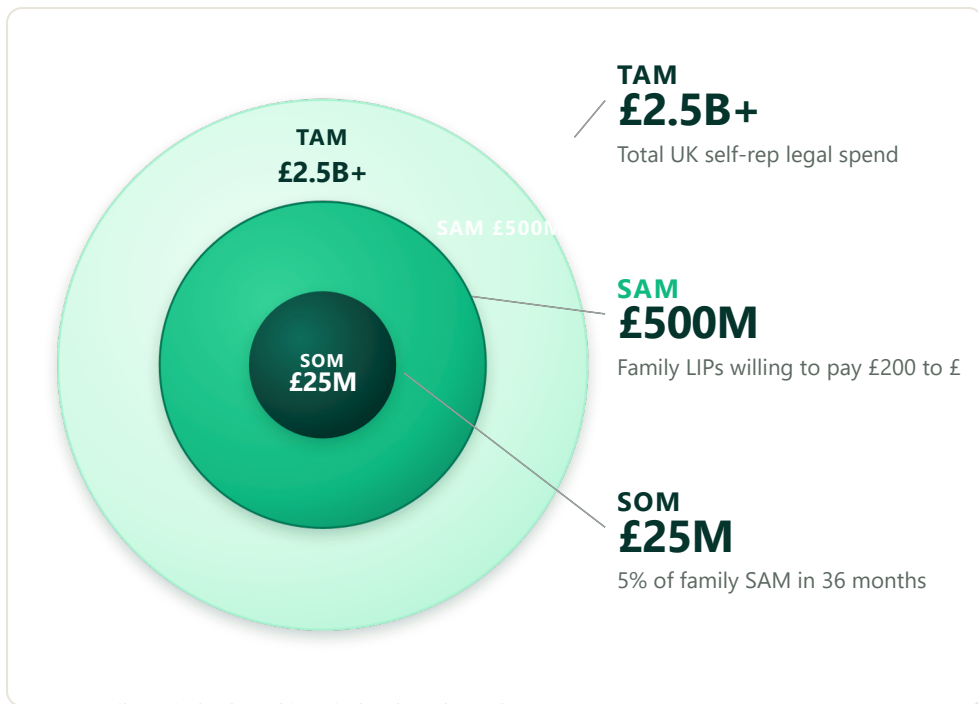
Templates change vertical to vertical. The triage engine, document automation, evidence organiser, and timeline builder do not.

SECTION 03

The market and the ask

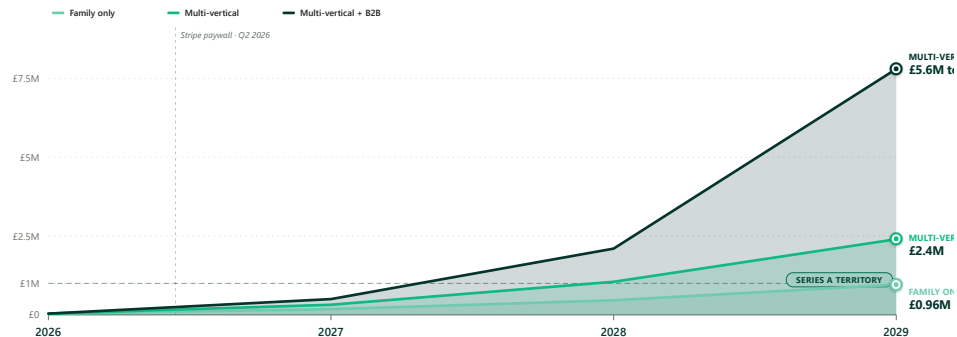
TAM, unit economics, the team, the raise.

A market the size of a SaaS vertical, priced like software.



Family vertical only. Multi-vertical and B2B layered on top.

YEAR 3 REVENUE SCENARIOS



Comparables: LegalZoom (2 to 5% conversion, \$252 ARPU); Lawhive (\$35M+ ARR, 7x YoY); Harvey (\$190M ARR).

BOTTOM-UP TAM BUILD

244,000 family court cases per year · 60% involve at least one LIP · ~146,000 LIPs per year · price £200 to £1,000 per case · midpoint £400 · family-only TAM ≈ £58.6M annual. Cross-vertical layer takes addressable spend toward £500M.

SUBSCRIPTION MODEL

Free **£0**

Triage, Document Decoder, basic guides

Standard **£20/mo**

Timeline, evidence organiser, Form E support

Premium **£45/mo**

Full case management, cross-exam prep, output pack

Sources: MoJ Family Court Statistics Quarterly; Cafcass case volume reports; project market analysis 2025.

The problem is solvable. The window is open. The operator is in place.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The tools finally exist

GPT-class models can read court letters and turn user testimony into a chronology. Next.js, Supabase, and Stripe collapse the build cost to one operator.

DEMAND

The market is desperate

110,000 to 135,000 LIPs per year in family court alone. They are already searching, posting, and paying for fragments. No coherent product exists for them.

WHITESPACE

Competition is elsewhere

Harvey, Legora, Spellbook, Lawhive. All aimed at lawyers and firms. The £16B+ legal-tech wave has skipped the consumer who has no lawyer at all.

WHY US

James, founder. 14 years in equity capital markets. Completing the PGDL law conversion. Going full time after exams in May 2026.

Sat on both sides of a capital raise. Finishing legal training to understand the product at the level of its users. Ships product directly. No agency layer, no co-founder politics, no time wasted.

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Tools shipped

21

Family law guides live

1

Operator, no agency

£0

Spent on paid acquisition

RAISING



(figure to confirm pre-meeting)

for 18 months of runway.

Plan to September 2026: 2,000 to 3,000 signups, 80 to 150 paid users, at least one signed B2B pilot.

What the money buys: a second engineer, a content lead with legal training, six months of paid acquisition to calibrate CAC, legal review for the B2B channel.

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