

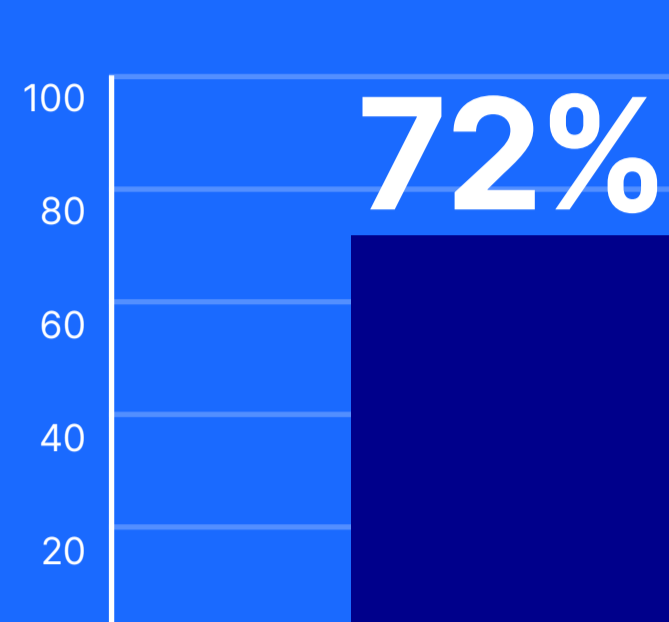
Why the CIO is legal's secret weapon

Today's modern general counsel (GC) requires the Chief Information Officer's (CIO) technical expertise to select the right departmental solutions and manage organizational data risk.

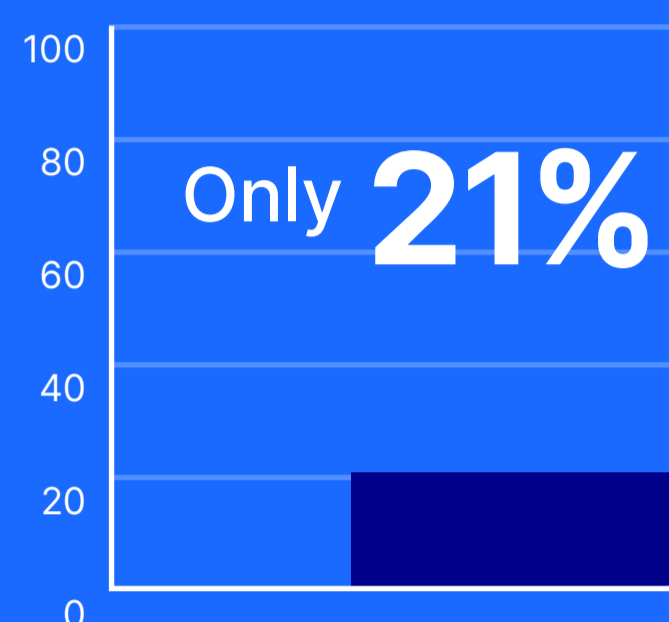
Executing legal's departmental priorities



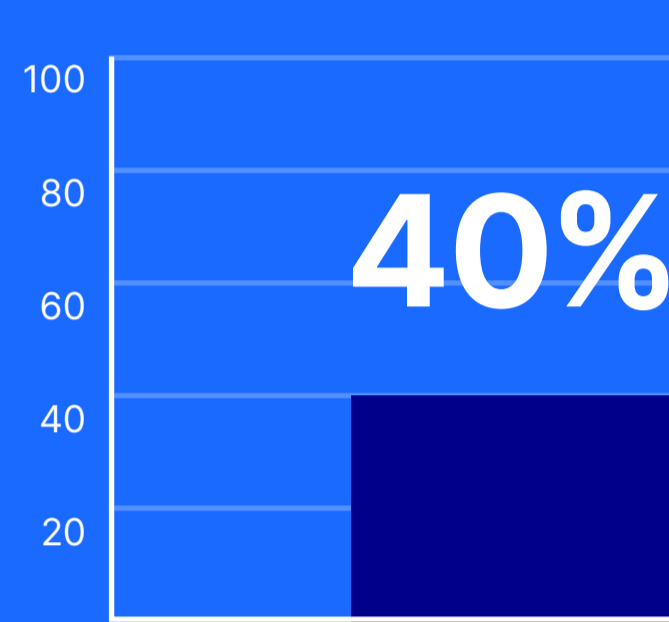
A strategic advisor and advocate:



of GCs say CIOs play a critical or important role in delivering on departmental legal innovation strategy



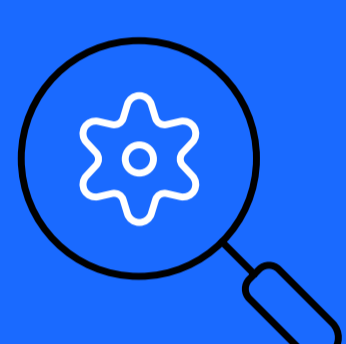
of GCs reported a high level of collaboration with IT to support legal technology initiatives



of GCs indicated a lack of IT advocacy prevents them from implementing technology



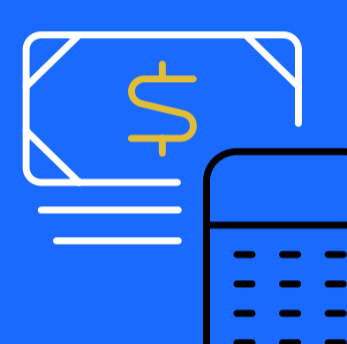
A technical expert legal relies on to:



Identify the right technology options



Map solution needs to existing systems



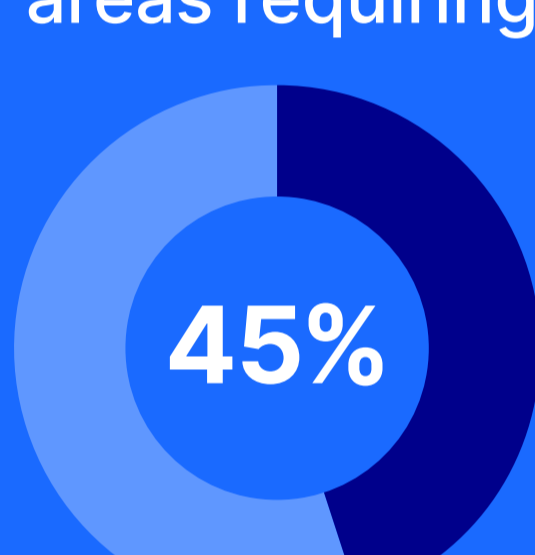
Evaluate the full value of technology options



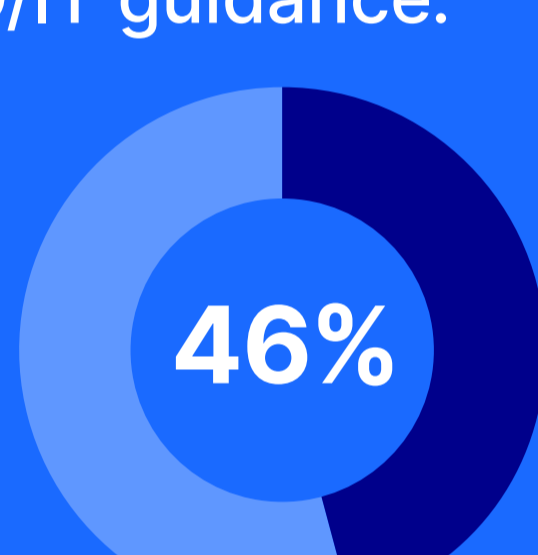
Support user acceptance

A cross-functional partner to support compliance and information governance

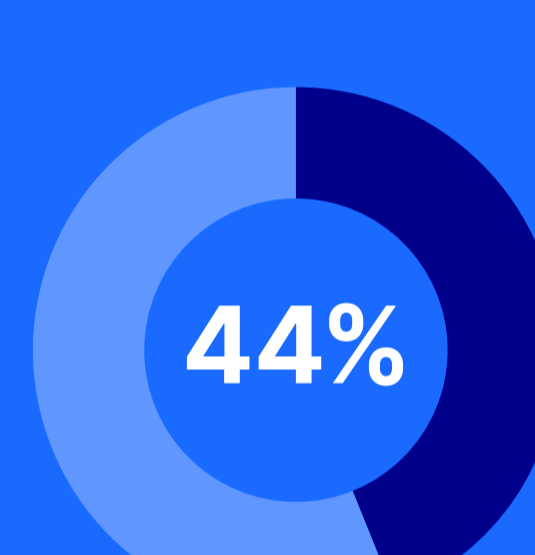
Key areas requiring CIO/IT guidance:



Data privacy management

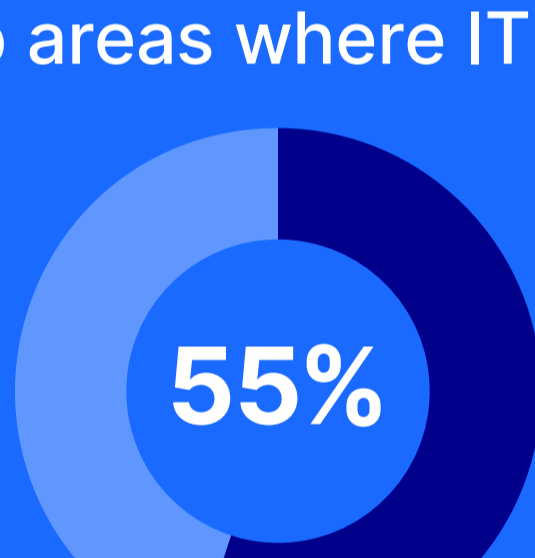


Cybersecurity planning

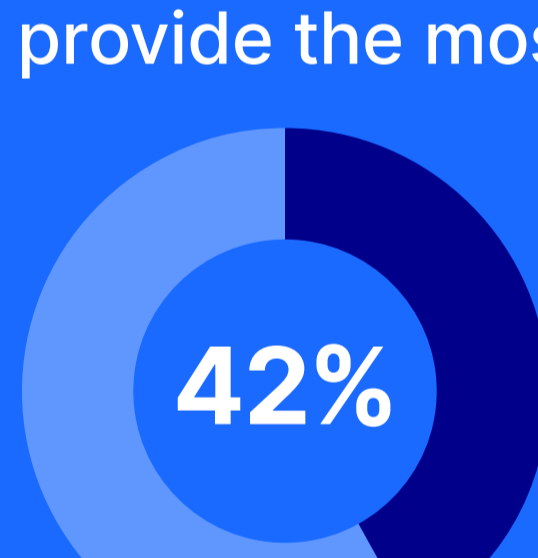


Compliance monitoring

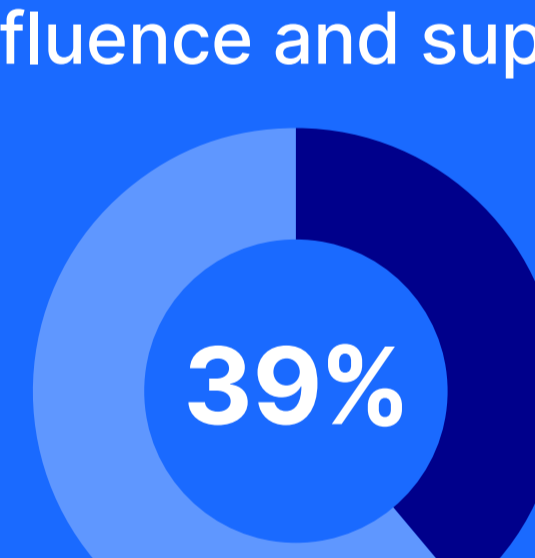
Top areas where IT can provide the most influence and support:



Data privacy management



Data collections and forensics



Information governance and records



The CIO and GC must establish a strong partnership to:

Make the right technology calls with an eye to the legal department's long-term vision



Create a high functioning, flexible legal department that delivers better staff experience and performance



Establish an information governance framework to comply with regulatory and legal obligations



1 Sources: Corporate Counsel Business Journal, The Modern General Counsel Survey, 2023. Percentages are based on 289 respondents from a variety of North American corporations. Corporate Counsel Business Journal, Legal Department Innovation Survey: How can AI modernize your practice, 2024. Percentages are based on 230 respondents from a variety of North American corporations.

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