Empowering Legal Research: The Impact of Digital Archives and Databases Over Time

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Abstract: *The evolution of legal research has been profoundly influenced by the advent of digital archives and databases, transforming traditional manual search methods into efficient, technology-driven processes. This paper explores the historical development of legal research, tracing its shift from physical law libraries to AI-powered digital platforms. It highlights the benefits of digitalization, including increased accessibility, enhanced research efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and improved legal accuracy. However, challenges such as data overload, subscription costs, and cyber security concerns persist. The future of legal research is poised for further advancements with the integration of artificial intelligence, blockchain technology, and open-access platforms. These innovations promise to make legal research more accessible, accurate, and globally interconnected. This study underscores the significance of digital transformation in empowering legal professionals, scholars, and policymakers, ensuring a more efficient and data-driven approach to legal research.*

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