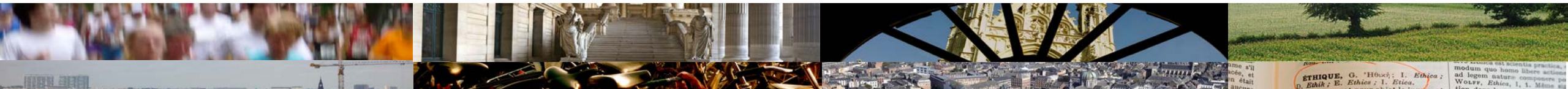


THE VIRTUAL LAW FIRM

Digitalisation : how does it affect the lawyers

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Preliminary remark

- Lawyer 4.0 has a broad meaning
- A personal experience



Practical organization

- Full digitalization of all documents
- Reconsidered tasks of administrative staff
- Shared cloud
- Shared calendar
- Shared client lists and time sheet

Practical organization (consequences)

- No personal office
- Elaborating politics of network and best friends
- Elaborate politics of CSR and SDG's
- Ecological label



Advantages and disadvantages (see paper)

Paradigm shift

- Relation between lawyers
- Relation with clients



Are the deontological rules appropriate ?

- Code of Conduct for European lawyers (CCBE)
- Code of Conduct cloud computing
- Paper about AI
- ...

Often : additional restrictions

Rules to change ?

- Physical office with the necessary infrastructure to receive a client
- Referral fees and sharing of fees
- Prohibition of external equity in laws firms
- Prohibition of integrated association with other professions



Other challenges

- Use of legal platforms (legal services provided online)
 - Legal platforms organized by law firms
 - Legal platforms of third parties (quid sharing of fees?)
- Use of AI (*i.a.* predictive justice)
- Possibility to provide legal services outside the traditional framework of the legal profession



CONCLUSION