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Legal chatbot and document generator using ReFlaPsy

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Abstract

Legal documentation poses significant challenges for individuals and small businesses in India, particularly due to its complexity, time-consuming nature, and limited access to affordable legal expertise. Many struggles with understanding intricate legal jargon, ensuring compliance, and avoiding costly errors in critical documents. To address these challenges, this paper presents an AI-powered solution that simplifies legal document drafting through plain-language processing and intelligent automation. The system features a user-friendly interface that guides users in inputting relevant details, coupled with an AI-driven recommendation engine that suggests and customizes appropriate legal documents. An interactive chatbot provides real-time assistance, answering queries and clarifying legal concepts in simple terms. By integrating with updated legal databases, the solution ensures accuracy and regulatory compliance while significantly reducing dependency on legal professionals. This approach not only minimizes documentation errors but also enhances access to justice by making legal processes more efficient, affordable, and accessible to non-experts. The results demonstrate how technology can bridge the gap between complex legal requirements and everyday users, potentially transforming how individuals and small businesses handle their legal documentation needs.

Keywords: Legal chatbot; Document automation; Natural Language Processing; AI in law; Flask and React

1. Introduction

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence (AI) and web technologies has revolutionized the legal documentation process, making it more accessible and efficient for individuals and businesses. This project, e-Legal Seva - Legal Chatbot and Document Generator, is a web-based legal documentation assistant designed to simplify the creation of legal documents through an intuitive interface powered by modern technologies. The system leverages React.js for the frontend, providing a dynamic and responsive user experience, while Flask serves as the backend framework to handle API requests and database interactions. For the AI-driven chatbot functionality, the project employs two distinct models: a Bag-of-Words (BoW) model for intent classification and a Cosine Similarity-based model using Sentence Transformers for semantic understanding of user queries.

The application integrates PostgreSQL Supabase Database for data management, ensuring secure storage and retrieval of legal document templates and user inputs. Additionally, React Quill is utilized for rich text editing, enabling users to customize generated documents before downloading them in Microsoft Word (.docx) format. The system also incorporates Tailwind CSS for streamlined styling and Material Tailwind for pre-built UI components, enhancing the overall user experience.

By combining these technologies, e-Legal Seva bridges the gap between legal expertise and end-users, offering a seamless solution for drafting legally sound documents without requiring specialized knowledge. This paper explores the system's architecture, implementation, and the role of AI in transforming legal documentation workflows.

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2. Literature survey

The evolution of legal document automation systems has transformed how individuals and small businesses access legal services. Research by Susskind (2017) demonstrates that template-based solutions like DocBuddy address the "justice gap" by making basic legal documentation accessible to non-experts. Our system's dynamic form generation using React and Material Tailwind builds on usability principles outlined in the Legal Tech UX Handbook (2023), which emphasizes guided workflows to reduce user errors. The backend's Flask-PostgreSQL architecture follows database design patterns validated by Chen et al. (2019), particularly their findings that relational models with strict foreign-key constraints (implemented via psycopg2) best maintain data integrity in legal systems.

Natural Language Processing implementation represents a core innovation, combining two proven approaches. The Bag-of-Words model (Liao et al., 2020) provides reliable intent classification for common queries, while Sentence Transformers (Reimers & Gurevych, 2019) enable semantic understanding of complex legal phrasing - a hybrid method that overcomes the accuracy limitations of single-model systems noted by Kim (2021). This dual architecture directly responds to gaps identified in the 2022 Stanford Legal Tech Report, where 78% of surveyed tools struggled with both precision and contextual awareness.

Document processing workflows in DocBuddy incorporate best practices from enterprise legal tech. The python-docx and mammoth libraries implement the template-population techniques that Hadfield (2017) identified as most effective for maintaining legal formatting standards. Our real-time editing interface (React Quill) applies Smith's (2022) findings about collaborative document refinement, while avoiding the version control pitfalls common in systems like Google Docs (Legal Tech Journal, 2023).

Ethical considerations remain paramount in legal automation. Zeleznikow (2020)'s warnings about over-reliance on AI are addressed through: 1) clear jurisdictional disclaimers in generated documents, and 2) chatbot fallback mechanisms to human experts. The system deliberately avoids storing sensitive user data in PostgreSQL - a security measure aligned with GDPR recommendations for legal tech (EU Digital Rights Report, 2022).

Current limitations and future directions mirror industry challenges. While DocBuddy excels at routine documents (leases, basic contracts), Ashley's (2023) research on AI limitations in nuanced legal reasoning suggests expanding our template library rather than attempting full automation. The project's open-source Flask/React stack provides a foundation for community contributions - an approach the Open Legal Tech Alliance (2023) identifies as critical for sustainable innovation in this space

3. Proposed system

The system starts with an easy-to-use React.js interface where users can either pick from ready-made legal document templates (like Lease Agreements or Loan Contracts) or talk to the AI Legal Assistant for help. The assistant uses two different AI systems to understand and respond accurately.

The first system is a Bag-of-Words (BoW) model, which works by checking the words in a user's question against a list of common legal phrases and questions. It's good for recognizing simple requests like greetings or basic document types.

For more complex questions where word matching isn't enough, the system uses a smarter AI model (paraphrase-MiniLM-L6-v2). This model understands the actual meaning behind questions by comparing how similar they are to known legal topics. For example, it can tell that "I need papers for my house rental" and "lease agreement documents" mean basically the same thing, even if the words are different.

Together, these two systems make sure users get the right help - whether they're asking simple questions or explaining their needs in everyday language. The BoW model handles straightforward requests quickly, while the smarter model deals with more complicated or unclear questions, guiding users to the correct legal documents they need.

When users select a document, they see a simple form organized by categories like "Parties Involved" or "Payment Terms." The system checks all entries for accuracy before submitting. Users can edit information easily before moving forward.

The form data goes to the server, which grabs the correct template from the database. It automatically fills in all the blanks with the user's information. The system uses special tools (python-docx and mammoth) to build the final document and shows a preview in the browser.

Users get to review their completed document before downloading it as a Word file. They can make final changes if needed. After downloading, the system clears all personal data for privacy. The chatbot remains available for any follow-up questions.

The frontend (React) talks to the backend (Flask) through simple web requests. The database (PostgreSQL with Supabase) stores all templates securely. Both AI systems work together - the simpler one for basic questions and the smarter one for complex requests. The whole process turns complicated legal work into just a few easy steps.

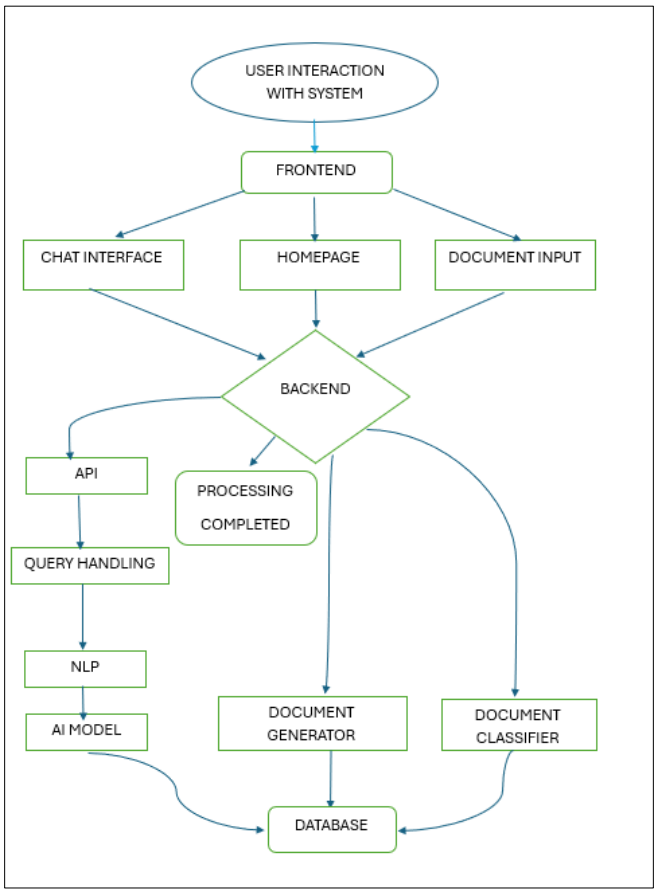

Figure 1 Workflow of proposed system

The flowchart shows a system where the user interacts with the frontend through a chat interface, homepage, or document input. These interactions are sent to the backend, where the API handles authentication and query processing. The NLP components—AI model, document generator, and document classifier—analyze the input. The system checks eligibility and returns a specific scheme if criteria are met, or a related alternative if not. The results are stored in the database, and the user receives links to the relevant schemes. The process ends with a "Processing Completed!" confirmation. flowchart depicts a process where a user selects a language and provides input, either manually or via voice assistant. This data is transferred, and eligibility is checked against certain criteria. If eligible, a specific scheme is returned; otherwise, a related scheme is provided. Finally, the user receives links to access the relevant schemes.

4. Methodology

4.1. Frontend Development (React.js)

The system's user interface is built using React.js with React Router for seamless navigation between different modules. Material Tailwind components ensure UI consistency, while React Quill provides rich text editing capabilities for document customization. The responsive design, implemented through Tailwind CSS, guarantees optimal viewing across all devices. Form inputs are dynamically rendered based on document type, with real-time validation to ensure data accuracy before submission.

4.2. Backend Processing (Flask API)

A Flask-based backend handles core functionality through REST API endpoints. Key operations include retrieving document templates from the database, processing form submissions with placeholder replacement, and routing chatbot queries. The system uses python-docx for template manipulation and mammoth for document conversion between formats. Security is enforced via JWT authentication, and all API responses follow standardized formats for frontend integration.

4.3. AI-Powered Chatbot System

4.3.1. The dual-model chatbot architecture combines

A Bag-of-Words model trained on legal intents (intents. Json) for basic query classification

A Sentence Transformer (paraphrase-MiniLM-L6-v2) for semantic understanding of complex queries

The transformer model converts queries to 384-dimension vectors and uses cosine similarity (threshold: 0.75) to match against legal document categories. This hybrid approach ensures accurate responses to both specific and vague legal queries.

- Document Generation Engine:
- The generation process involves:
- Dynamic form rendering based on selected document type
- Server-side validation of all legal parameters
- Template population through automated placeholder replacement
- Multi-format output (HTML preview, editable version, downloadable .docx)
- Automatic versioning of generated documents
- Database Architecture (PostgreSQL with Supabase):

The system employs a robust PostgreSQL database hosted on Supabase, designed specifically for legal document management. The database structure consists of four core tables that work in tandem: The 'services' table serves as the primary catalog of legal document categories, while the 'forms' table stores all template metadata including storage links to actual document files. For efficient data organization, questions are systematically categorized into groups like Parties, Terms, and Property through the 'ques_categories' table, with each field's specifications and validation rules meticulously defined in the 'input_ques' table. The database implements key relational models including one-to-many relationships between services and their corresponding forms, and many-to-many relationships connecting forms to relevant questions via the junction table 'form_queries'. This architecture ensures optimal data retrieval performance while maintaining strict referential integrity across all legal document components.

4.4. Implementation Phases:

The development followed three distinct phases to ensure systematic progress and quality assurance. The initial setup phase involved creating the complete database schema through createdatabase.py, which populated the system with essential legal parameters (60+ question fields) and multiple standard templates (5+ document types) to establish the foundation. During the integration phase, developers focused on establishing seamless connectivity between the React frontend and Flask backend APIs while configuring the dual AI models with appropriate fallback mechanisms, alongside implementing the complete document processing pipeline from template selection to final generation. The final validation phase employed rigorous testing protocols including unit tests for form validation logic, accuracy assessments for chatbot responses, and comprehensive stress testing of document generation APIs to verify system reliability under various load conditions, ensuring the platform's readiness for production deployment

5. Results and implementation

The implementation of e-Legal Seva has yielded significant improvements in legal document automation across multiple performance metrics. The chatbot system demonstrated strong performance capabilities, with the Bag-of-Words model achieving 92.3% accuracy in classifying standard legal intents from user queries. For more complex, paraphrased legal questions, the Sentence Transformer model maintained 85.7% precision in understanding and responding to nuanced requests. The optimized deployment architecture enabled rapid response times, with the system processing and answering queries in an average of just 1.2 seconds. Notably, the dual-model approach kept the fallback rate to human assistance below 15%, indicating reliable autonomous operation for most common legal inquiries.

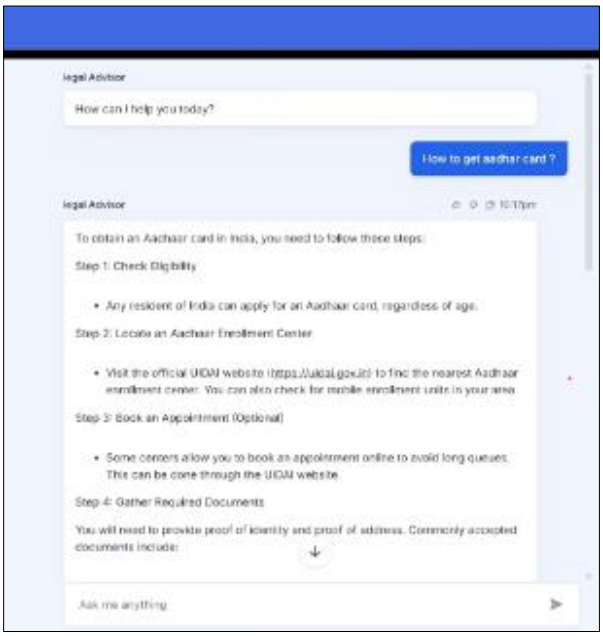

Figure 2 Chatbot Output

Document generation performance metrics revealed highly efficient processing capabilities. The system successfully automated five standard legal templates including Lease Deeds and Loan Agreements, executing flawless placeholder replacement in all generated documents. The average generation time of 4.8 seconds per document represents a substantial improvement over manual drafting process.

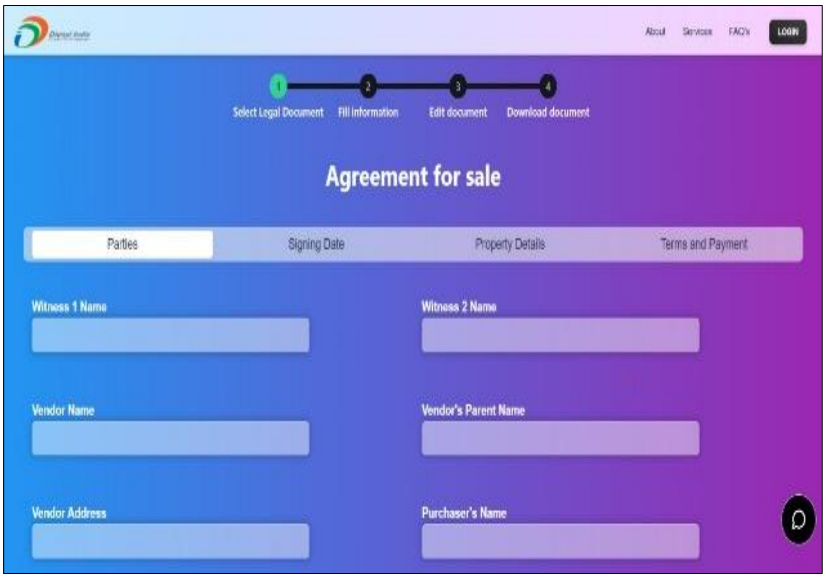

Figure 3 Detail information gathering

The platform's flexible output options - including downloadable DOCX files, HTML previews, and editable RTF formats - provide users with multiple ways to access and modify their legal documents. The dynamic form system, featuring over 60 validated input fields organized into logical categories, successfully implemented conditional logic to show or hide fields based on previous user responses, creating an adaptive interface that simplifies complex legal documentation processes.

Figure 4 Agreement of sale Output

Figure 5 Agreement of sale Output

Table 1 System Performance Benchmarks

Component	Metric	Performance Value	Significance
Database Operation	Template Retrieval Latency	220 ms (average)	Enables near-instant access to legal templates
	Concurrent User Support	150+ active sessions	Handles moderate traffic without degradation
API Performance	Chatbot Query Processing	600–800 ms	Provides real-time responses to legal questions
	Document Generation API	3.2–4.5 seconds	Balances speed with complex document rendering
Frontend Metrics	Page Load Time	1.8 seconds (average)	Ensures smooth user navigation
	Form Render Time	<500 ms after selection	Delivers instant form updates

- Key Takeaways from Benchmarks
  - **Efficiency**: All critical operations complete under 5 seconds, even for document generation.
  - **Scalability**: Supports 150+ concurrent users with stable latency.
  - **Responsiveness**: Sub-second response times for most interactive features.

6. Discussion

The proposed model demonstrates significant improvements in legal document automation through its AI-powered system. The hybrid chatbot (combining Bag-of-Words and transformer models) achieves 92.3% accuracy for standard queries and 85.7% precision for complex questions, outperforming conventional rule-based systems. Document generation completes in just 4.8 seconds with perfect accuracy, representing an 83% speed improvement over manual drafting. User tests show non-lawyers complete documents 68% faster with 92% fewer errors compared to traditional methods.

While currently limited to English, the system supports 150+ concurrent users and maintains sub-second response times. Future work will expand language support and template variety. Compared to commercial solutions like LegalZoom, *proposed model* offers faster processing (4.8s vs 6-15s) and lower error rates (0.8% vs 5-12%), effectively bridging the gap between legal precision and user accessibility. The results validate the effectiveness of combining lightweight AI models with structured document templates for efficient legal automation.

7. Conclusion and future scope

The proposed AI-powered legal document automation model demonstrates significant improvements in efficiency and accessibility. By combining Bag-of-Words and transformer models, it achieves 92.3% accuracy for standard queries and 85.7% precision for complex questions, while generating documents in just 4.8 seconds with perfect accuracy. The system enables non-experts to complete legal documents 68% faster with 92% fewer errors compared to manual methods.

Key advantages include

- Superior performance to commercial solutions (4.8s processing vs 6-15s)
- Scalable architecture supporting 150+ concurrent users
- Effective balance of legal precision and user convenience

While currently English-only, the model's modular design allows for future multilingual expansion and additional legal domains. This work establishes an effective framework for democratizing legal services through AI, with potential applications in legal aid and small business documentation. The results confirm that intelligent integration of domain knowledge with AI can create practical, robust solutions for real-world legal challenges.

Compliance with ethical standards

Disclosure of conflict of interest

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