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Lenczner Slaght's SCC Leave Project Receives Precedent Innovation Award

Precedent Magazine recognizes Lenczner Slaght's SCC Leave Project among the most innovative people, projects and ideas that are improving the legal profession. We are the only firm to have won this award three consecutive years.

In March 2021, we made data-driven decision-making a key part of our litigation strategy with the launch of Lenczner Slaght Data-Driven Decisions. This program allows us to advocate for and advise clients based not just on our judgment and analysis of applicable case law, but also based on research and empirical data.

Click here to read Precedent Magazine's interview highlighting our SCC Leave Project with the leaders of our program, Paul-Erik Veel and Katie Glowach.

What makes Data-Driven Decisions innovative?

To date, we have collected and analyzed three proprietary datasets not previously available in legal, with several others in progress. Our SCC Leave Project, in particular, is a dataset containing information on over 1,500 leave application decisions spanning several years. Using that data, we developed machine learning models in-house that can accurately predict both the likelihood of getting leave and how long it will take for that leave decision to be released. These machine learning models allow us to provide quantitative information to clients who are considering whether to bring a leave application or are responding to one. Learn more about our datasets here.

What makes Data-Driven Decisions unique?

Vendors have the technical expertise to develop datasets and algorithms that will provide relevant information to clients. However, law firms can then take that information and apply it in their legal advice to clients. Our Data-Driven Decisions program and legal and data expertise allows us to do both.

We hope Data-Driven Decisions continues to facilitate a dialogue about how to make better, faster decisions for clients using legal data analytics.

About Precedent Innovation Awards

The Precedent Innovation Awards showcases people, projects and ideas that are improving the legal profession by rethinking long-held traditions. The award winners have either improved the workplace, reduced costs or increased access to justice.