BLG expands long-standing Thomson Reuters partnership with firmwide rollout of CoCounsel

After a comprehensive evaluation, BLG selects CoCounsel to power responsible, integrated AI workflows for legal research, drafting, and document analysis across the firm.

Canada (December 3, 2025) - Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) has expanded its multi-decade partnership with Thomson Reuters by adopting CoCounsel firmwide. Building on BLG's use of Westlaw and Practical Law, CoCounsel provides lawyers and legal support teams with integrated AI capabilities for research, drafting, and document analysis.

Recognizing that client expectations are evolving, BLG is committed to anticipating client needs and exploring new approaches to legal work using emerging AI capabilities. This means reimagining workflows to free up lawyer time for complex problem-solving and strategic work, enabling teams to rethink how matters are handled and drive greater value for clients. By embracing AI, the firm is positioning itself for more agile client service in a rapidly evolving environment. To support these efforts, BLG needed tools that could handle growing work volume and sophistication without compromising quality.

The firm also identified a talent imperative: today's emerging legal professionals expect to work with advanced AI tools that will shape the future of legal practice and empower them to do their best work. To continue attracting forward-thinking talent, BLG needed to demonstrate its leadership in responsible AI adoption by giving professionals access to the right tools and training to elevate their impact and redefine exceptional client service.

As part of its firmwide AI strategy, BLG undertook a comprehensive evaluation of AI solutions, piloting CoCounsel through multiple versions. This hands-on evaluation gave BLG confidence that Thomson Reuters was building something transformative.

BLG selected CoCounsel for three reasons:

- **Integration and workflow fit:** CoCounsel integrates with Westlaw and Practical Law to create a single, trusted legal ecosystem based on authoritative Canadian legal content. Everyone at the firm can access these AI capabilities—lawyers, law clerks, paralegals, and members of business services teams.
- **Governance and responsibility:** Thomson Reuters' guardrails, security practices, and Trust Principles align with BLG's standards for client confidentiality and responsible AI use.
- **Product maturity and roadmap:** CoCounsel's demonstrated performance, together with Thomson Reuters' evolution as a legal technology company, gave BLG confidence in a platform that will continue to evolve.

"We see this technology as fundamentally transforming how legal work gets done," said David Di Paolo, National Managing Partner & CEO of BLG. "It allows our lawyers to spend their time on the high-impact, complex problem-solving that clients really need from us."

BLG's decision is grounded in a purposeful and holistic review process and a value creation framework designed to support long-term adoption and maximize the positive impact of the firm's AI investments.

"Clients are asking great questions about how AI can drive efficiency, and we see a powerful opportunity to advance how we deliver value for them," added Di Paolo. "With CoCounsel, we're stepping into a future of new possibilities, equipping our professionals with the right tools to meet rising expectations while positioning us to attract the next generation of legal talent."

With CoCounsel, BLG deepens its relationship with Thomson Reuters and brings authoritative AI to its teams—enhancing speed, quality, and client service. As one of only two national, full-service Canadian law firms to partner with Thomson Reuters on this technology, BLG is helping to define legal industry transformation.

Learn more

To see how CoCounsel supports responsible AI adoption for leading firms like BLG, visit thomsonreuters.ca.

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