

Based on my expertise, the legal sector¹ seems to be one of the last areas that resist project management. Even though it has to face the VUCA² environment, changing clients' demands and talent needs.

During the investigation of the background and root causes of this phenomenon, several difficulties arose as follows:

- there is not enough statistical data.
According to statistics, legal services are often grouped with accounting and advisory services by organisations such as OECD³, Eurostat⁴, and Hungarian Central Statistics Administration (KSH). In this regard, the category of Legal Activities means legal service (legal advice and representation) and activities of notaries as well. Regarding this regulation, the statistical data group includes only a small portion of the legal sector.
- This is a formerly not examined topic.
From the project management's side, academics and professionals investigated other industries, project management in general, and legal support, protection or compliance. From the legal side, colleagues have dealt with legal research, legal document management and rate structures. A lack of literature was defined on the characteristics of project management in the legal sector.
- There are special factors e.g., logic, language, attitude, society, and strictly confidential organisational process assets.

It is not just another thesis to examine an interesting topic but

- the first research on this topic,
- utilising a new way of thinking (combining legal background and project management knowledge),
- preparing an own questionnaire – to explore barriers, challenges, drivers, impacts, expectations, requirements,
- by the call of a restricted audience of selected professionals.
- In the thesis, several topics were identified for further research,
- and clues provided to understand the legal sector.

Undoubtedly this topic is not as fashionable as for example AI or agile, but based on the findings, project management can find the path to the legal sector to initiate its methodologies and knowledge areas in a completely new field.

¹ the business-focused part of the legal ecosystem: law firms, legal departments, alternative legal service providers, legal innovator and legal tech companies

² volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous environment

³ Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development <https://www.oecd.org/>

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>