Artificial Intelligence

Debevoise & Plimpton

AI Adoption Involves Many Different Areas of Law Debevoise Brings Them Together

AI in 2026:
Complex.
Interdisciplinary.
Constantly evolving.

Debevoise delivers AI solutions:

- Integrated expertise across 12+ Chambers ranked practices
- Ability to collaborate across practice groups through our unique lockstep model

Whatever Your Challenge, We've Probably Solved It Before for One of Our 135+ Clients or Ourselves

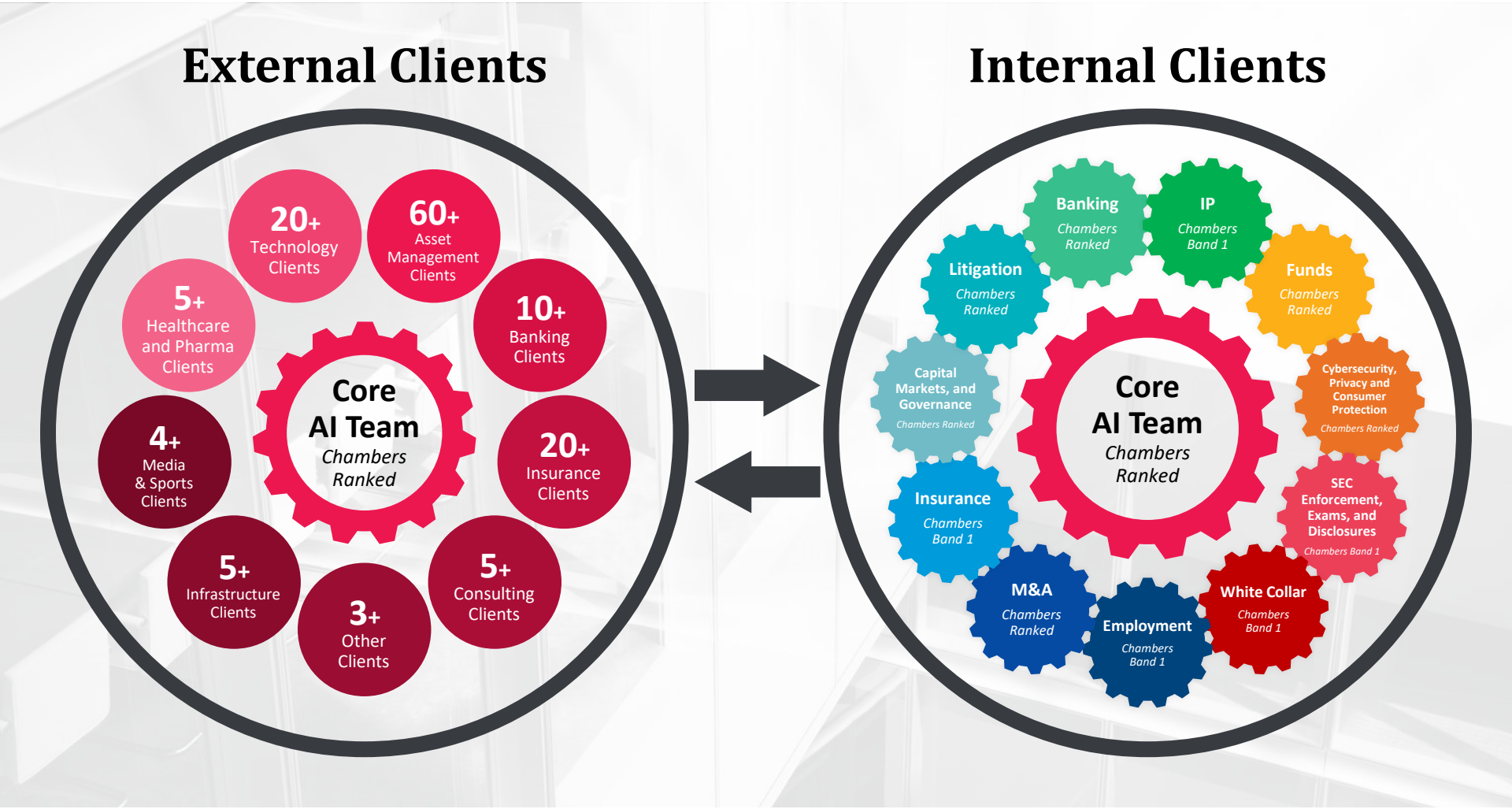
Because we have worked with many clients (and internally) on AI issues for over five years:

- We can benchmark where clients are against their peers and show where they're taking on too much—or too little — AI risk.

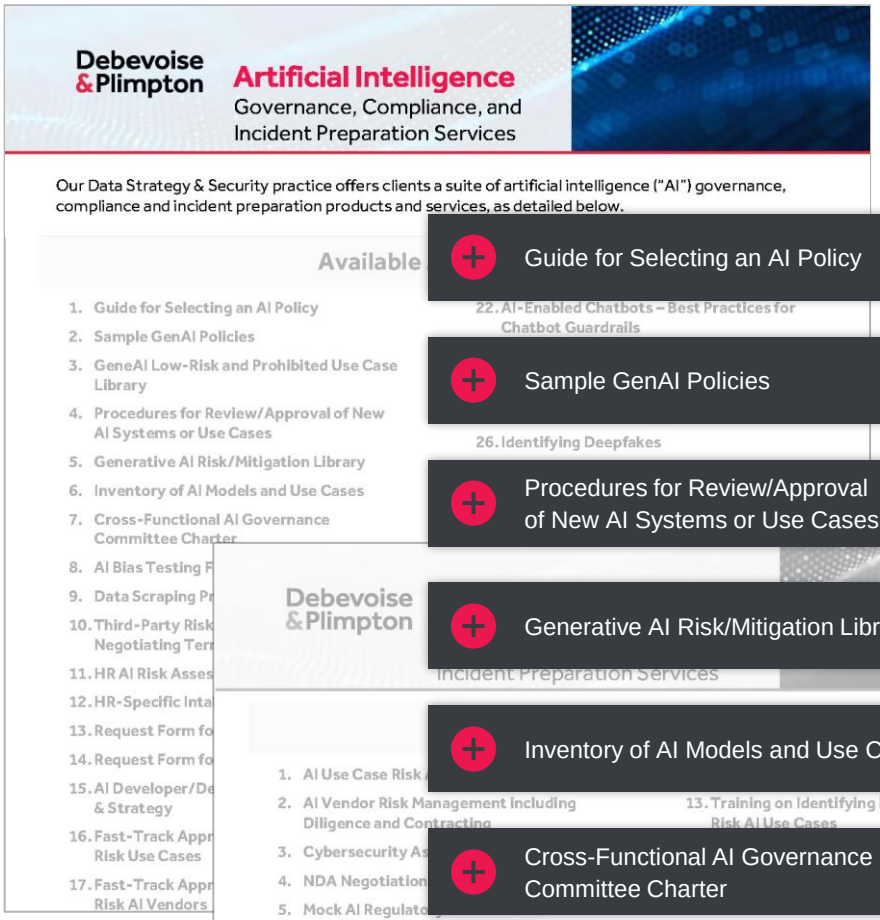
- We are familiar with virtually every AI-related legal issue and can deliver practical advice quickly and efficiently.

Fully-Integrated Client and Internal AI Practices

What we learn from our external clients about AI adoption, we implement internally, and what we learn from our internal AI adoption strengthens what we deliver to clients.



We Provide Clients Practical and Commercial AI Guidance



- Guide for Selecting an AI Policy
- Sample GenAI Policies
- Procedures for Review/Approval of New AI Systems or Use Cases
- Generative AI Risk/Mitigation Library
- Inventory of AI Models and Use Cases
- Cross-Functional AI Governance Committee Charter
- AI Bias Testing Framework
- Data Scraping Protocol
- Third-Party Risks to Consider When Negotiating Terms with AI Providers
- HR AI Risk Assessment Framework
- HR-Specific Intake Form
- Request Form for New AI Tools
- Request Form for New AI Use Cases
- AI Developer/Deployer Assessment & Strategy
- Fast-Track Approval Protocol for Low-Risk Use Cases
- Fast-Track Approval Protocol for Low-Risk AI Vendors
- AI-Enabled Chatbots – Best Practices for Chatbot Guardrails

AI-SEC Practice

Chambers AND PARTNERS

Band 1 Securities Regulation Enforcement Practice

60+

Asset Manager and Broker Dealer Clients

Why Clients Choose Our AI-SEC Practice:

- Deep experience with SEC, FINRA, DOJ
- Foresight on how regulators will approach AI
- Practical, tailored governance frameworks
- Peer benchmarking and market insights

- Mock and actual SEC AI examinations and enforcement defense
- AI governance and compliance programs, policies, and procedures
- Adoption of AI webmeeting tools and recordkeeping considerations for RIAs and BDs
- AI vendor risk management diligence and contracting
- Conducting AI risk and regulatory gap assessments for specific use cases
- Proactive regulatory engagement and advocacy

AI-Insurance Practice

Chambers AND PARTNERS

Band 1 Insurance: Transactional & Regulatory Practice

20+
Insurance Clients

Why Clients Choose Our AI-Insurance Practice:

- Deep experience with insurance regulators, including NYDFS
- Global, Market-shaping guidance on AI adoption in insurance
- Specialized expertise in model-bias assessments & testing
- Proven compliance support with the Colorado Insurance AI Act, NYDFS Circular Letter No. 7, NAIC model AI rules, and other emerging regulations

- Bias testing for underwriting modules involving AI or external data
- AI vendor risk management, AI policies, inventories, and training
- AI and privacy language in insurance policies and related non-disclosure agreements
- Annual insurance regulator AI compliance reports, including use case risk assessments
- Implementation of AI webmeeting tools in the context of SEC and FINRA regulatory considerations for Insurers' affiliated RIAs and BDs

AI-Intellectual Property Practice

Chambers AND PARTNERS

Band 1 Intellectual Property: Trademark & Copyright Practice

15+
AI IP Clients

Why Clients Choose Our AI-IP Practice:

- Unrivaled trademark practice
- Premier, trial tested IP team with a track record of precedent-setting wins
- Deep technical fluency in disputes involving large language models
- Full lifecycle support for building, commercializing, and defending IP

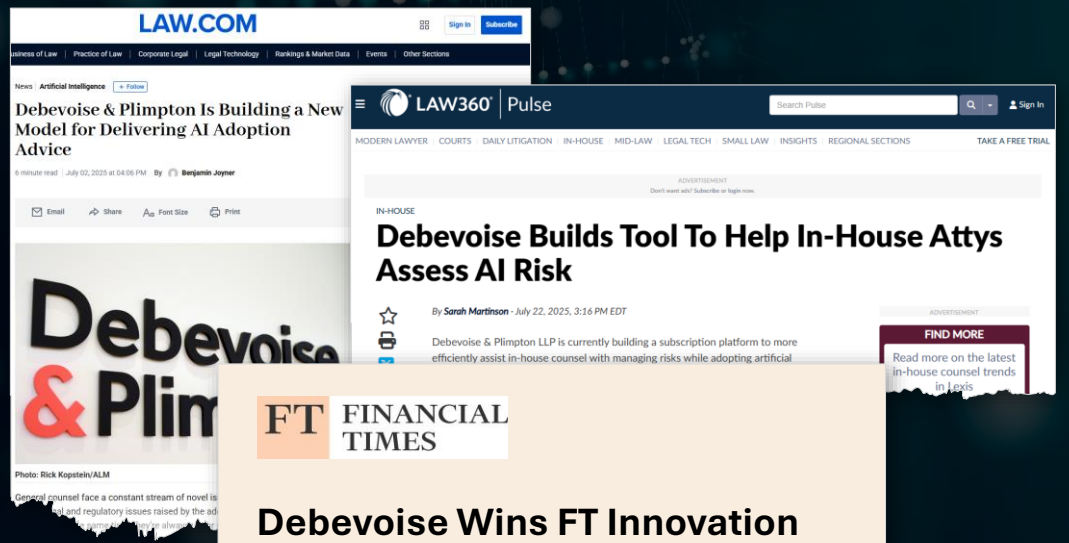
- Trademark and copyright litigation related to the training of AI models
- AI IP data licensing agreements, including those related to model training and deployment, and brand protection
- AI deal diligence, including IP exposure and data ownership analysis
- AI data privacy and scraping issues in connection with model development
- Evaluating IP risks tied to the training and deployment of foundation models

Our STAAR Subscription

Our award winning subscription-based **Suite of Tools for Assessing AI Risk (STAAR)** supports clients in identifying, evaluating, and managing the evolving legal and regulatory risks associated with the development and deployment of AI by bringing together a comprehensive collection of frameworks, guidance materials, and practical tools.

The STAAR platform, hosted by Legora, provides AI-powered searchability across:

- A library of generic, vetted AI use cases known as DARTs
- Our Menu of policies, protocols, trainings, and guidance related to practical implementation of AI
- Lessons learned from three years of generative AI adoption
- Regulatory trackers of current AI laws



AI Thought Leadership

Our regular **AI Webcasts** draw hundreds of attendees and often feature guest AI regulators and industry leaders

Our AI attorneys are frequently published and quoted in **leading journals on AI issues**, including *The American Lawyer, Bloomberg, Law360, and Directors & Boards*.

Our **Data Blog** has 3,000 subscribers and contains over 175 articles on AI.

Our **AI CLEs** for clients provide the latest on AI technical and regulatory developments

Our series of onsite **Practical AI Workshops** for clients serve as a hands-on resource, offering organizations a clear view of how advanced AI tools can add value.

Our AI Leadership Team

Avi Gesser is our **AI Practice Lead** and the Co-Chair of Debevoise's global Data Strategy & Security Group. Avi has been working on AI-legal issues for over 10 years, is ranked Band 1 by *Chambers* for AI and was named an "AI Visionary" by Relativity in its first annual list featuring leaders in AI. Avi is a primary author of the firm's Data Blog and created the pioneering STAAR subscription program for AI clients.

AI-SEC Lead

Charu Chandrasekhar has deep experience advising global financial institutions, investment advisers, and public companies on artificial intelligence governance, compliance, and enforcement, including in matters before the SEC, CFTC, and FINRA.

AI-IP Litigation Lead

Megan Bannigan regularly advises and counsels clients on intellectual property rights and litigation risks related to AI and other emerging technologies, including pertaining to AI training data sets, models, and generated outputs.

AI-EU Lead

Martha Hirst advises clients on AI governance and adoption, and on navigating a broad range of AI-related operational, regulatory and reputational risks, including under the EU AI Act and UK frameworks.

AI-Corporate IP Lead

Henry Lebowitz frequently represents clients in negotiation of AI-related agreements and data licenses.

AI Technical Lead

Matt Kelly focuses on advising the firm's clients on matters related to AI adoption, governance, model development and deployment, compliance, and risk management, as well as cybersecurity and data privacy.

AI Privacy Lead

Johanna N. Skrzypczyk focuses on advising clients on AI governance with a particular focus on the insurance sector. She also advises clients on privacy risks and mitigations when adopting AI.

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