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Propositions

Propositions belonging to the thesis *The Relevance of Impact: bibliometric-enhanced legal information retrieval* by Gineke Wiggers

1. It is time to let go of the completeness ideal and focus on the research reality.
2. In order to contribute to access to justice, legal information retrieval (IR) needs to focus not only on legal professionals, but also on ordinary citizens.
3. Given that 75% of documents have no usage, the precision of legal IR systems could be improved by removing these documents.
4. Citations in legal documents provide a wealth of information that deserves more attention.
5. A meaningful IR evaluation method starts with understanding the user and their perception of relevance.
6. Interpretable ranking algorithms are the best ranking algorithms, as they allow users to adapt their behaviour to achieve the best results.
7. To encourage industry/research collaboration, the IR community should develop a series of standardized within-system evaluation methods for live systems.

8. Scholarly research focuses on legal artificial intelligence (AI), whereas legal professionals currently would benefit more from improved legal intelligent assistance (IA).
9. All research starts with a good question.
10. Doing interdisciplinary research is like doing research twice; both fields reap the benefits.
11. The process of writing a PhD thesis is like the process of making a diamond, the product is obtained under great pressure.