

The relevance of impact: bibliometric-enhanced legal information retrieval

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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.