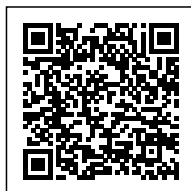


GARRIGUES ANNOUNCES 'ROBOT LAWYER' PROJECT

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Garrigues has announced it has signed an agreement to use robots to manage legal documents.

The law firm said it had agreed a deal with the *Instituto de Ingeniería del Conocimiento (IIC)* – which is associated with the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM) – to develop a project that will involve the use of robots for managing documents.

A Garrigues statement said: "It will be the first time that such a system has been implemented in Spain by any law firm in Spanish, given that all the initiatives to date have been undertaken by large international firms, mainly in English."

It added: "After several months of planning and testing, the firm and the IIC are to implement a new platform, called Proces@, that enables faster and completely reliable management and analysis of the legal documentation it receives and analyses every day.

The IIC will be in charge of the technological development of the project, which is based on a data recovery system using text found in different formats – such as images or recordings – from a wide range of legal sources. The platform features character recognition technology that enables the conversion of any scanned document of a summary into a format that facilitates later search and recovery.

It also includes a module that converts audio into text (Speech-To-Text) – developed by the ATVS Audias research group at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid – which allows immediate transcribing of trial recordings.