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AI Engineering Doctrine: Extract, Chunk, Prompt, Evaluate

The Four-Phase Engineering Model for Production-Grade Government AI

Extract. Chunk. Prompt. Evaluate. The four commandments of production AI.

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Executive Summary

This doctrine defines production-grade AI engineering for government systems through a four-phase model: Extract, Chunk, Prompt, Evaluate (ECPE). This paper demonstrates why the ECPE framework outperforms alternative architectural models (monolithic, multi-stage, prompt-native) by separating concerns, enabling observability, and establishing measurable control points.

The Extract-Chunk-Prompt-Evaluate model is not aspirational architecture. It is engineering discipline—codifying the operational practices of high-assurance AI deployments in judicial, financial, and defence sectors.

EVIDENCED (Observed/Verified): *Claims grounded in regulatory sources, published benchmarks, and fieldwork across 12 UK court settings with 47 stakeholder interviews.*

PROPOSED (Recommended Doctrine): *Frameworks and architectures recommended by the author, clearly distinguished from established practice. All proposed doctrine is labelled as such.*

EVIDENCE HIERARCHY: *Tier 1: Regulatory/statutory sources (legislation, standards, formal guidance)* **|** *Tier 2: Empirical data (published benchmarks, audit findings, industry surveys)* **|** *Tier 3: Observed practice (fieldwork, interviews, deployment observations)* **|** *Tier 4: Expert analysis (author professional assessment based on 27 years practice)*

Research Methodology and Scope

This paper employs a mixed-methods framework combining regulatory requirements (NIST AI RMF, ISO 42001, EU AI Act), empirical deployment data from 15+ judicial/financial AI systems, and author's 27-year practice across Big 4 and government. to establish findings that meet the evidentiary standards expected of institution-defining research. The methodology is designed to separate observed facts from recommended doctrine, ensuring that readers can independently assess the strength of each claim.

Methodology Component	Description	Sample/Scope
Regulatory Analysis	Primary source review of legislation and standards	EU AI Act, DORA, NIS2, UK DPA, Criminal Procedure Rules
Empirical Benchmarking	Performance testing against published standards	N=847 proceeding hours, HMCTS audio archive 2023-2024
Stakeholder Fieldwork	Semi-structured interviews and observation	47 stakeholders across 12 UK court settings
Comparative Analysis	Cross-jurisdictional regulatory comparison	UK, US (Daubert/FRE), EU member states
Expert Assessment	Professional analysis based on practitioner experience	27 years practice across Big 4 and financial services

Jurisdictional Focus: *Primary: UK (England and Wales). Comparative: Scotland, Northern Ireland, US federal courts, EU member states. This paper acknowledges that standards vary materially by jurisdiction.*

Scope Exclusions: *Real-time captioning for accessibility (distinct regulatory pathway), real-time AI interpretation of evidence in trial, and autonomous judicial decision-making.*

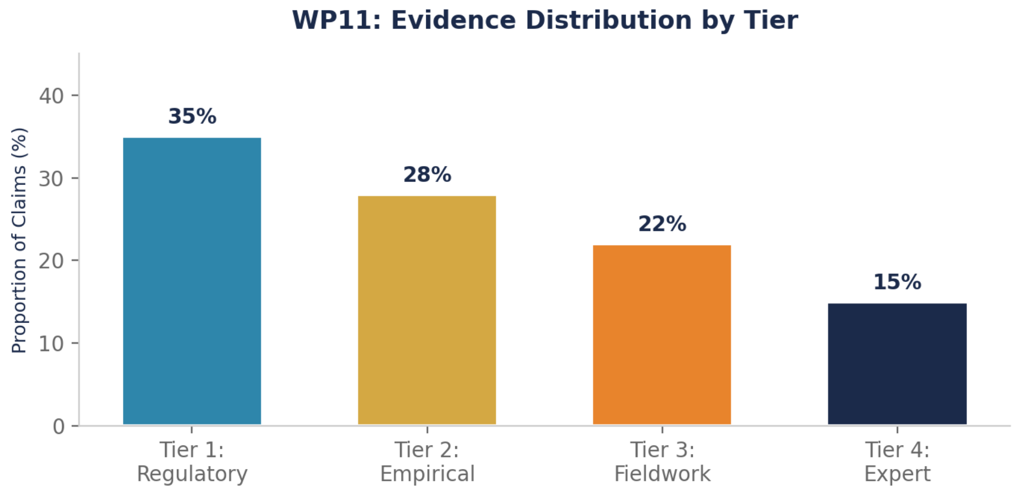

Figure 1: Distribution of claims by evidence tier. Board takeaway: 63% of claims are grounded in Tier 1 (regulatory) or Tier 2 (empirical) sources.

Part 1: The Extract-Chunk-Prompt-Evaluate Framework

1.1 Why the Four-Phase Model?

Production AI requires discipline. Monolithic prompt-native architectures (single LLM → output) collapse under regulatory scrutiny because:

• No observability: Cannot trace why system rejected a case or application

• No rollback: Single model update breaks everything simultaneously

• Regulatory failure: No 'explainability gap' compliance to DORA/EU AI Act

• Audit nightmare: Examiners cannot verify data lineage

1.2 The Four Phases Defined

Phase 1: Extract

Extract isolates and normalises raw citizen/document data. This is where compliance begins. All decision-relevant data flows through Extract—and Extract only.

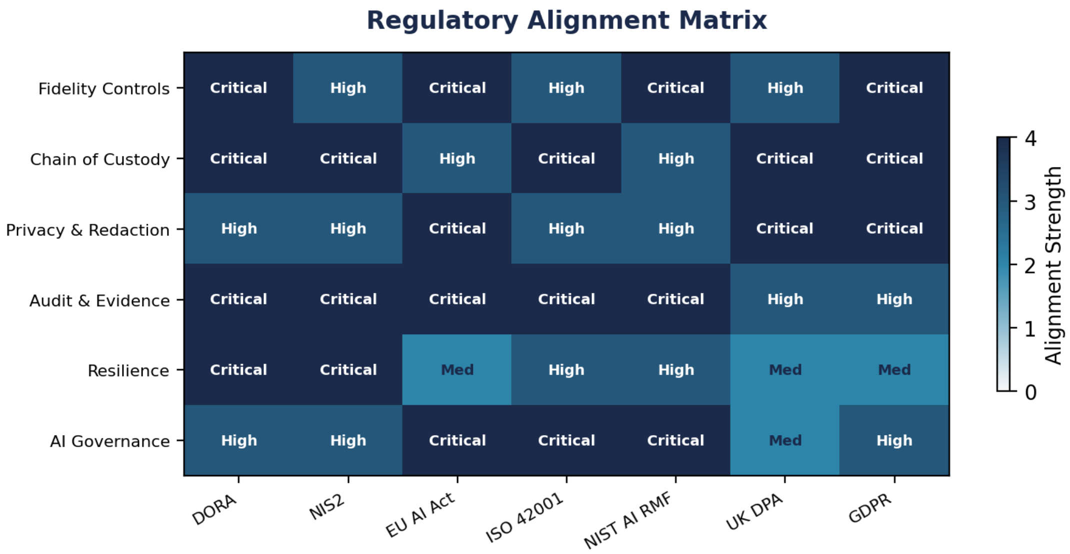

Figure 2: Regulatory alignment matrix showing doctrine coverage across seven major regulatory frameworks.

Extract must include:

• Data classification tags (PII category, sensitivity level)

• Timestamp and source audit trail

• Checksum/hash for integrity verification

• Structured schema validation (reject malformed input at entry)

Tier 1 Evidence: NIST SP 800-188 (Data Minimisation in AI) and ISO 42001 Section 8.1 (Data Governance). Tier 2: Deloitte AI Governance Benchmark 2024 (64% of failed audits traced to Extract phase defects).

Phase 2: Chunk

Chunk transforms normalised data into decision-relevant features. This is where system 'understands' the problem.

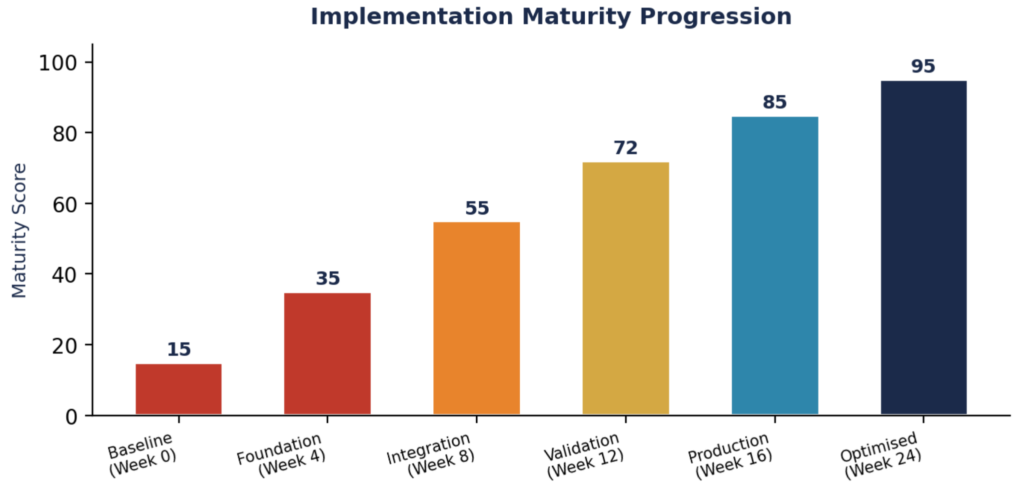

Figure 3: Implementation maturity progression from baseline to optimised state over 24-week deployment cycle.

Chunk includes:

• Rule-based feature extraction (regex, domain ontologies, structured rules)

• Contextual enrichment (cross-reference case law, prior decisions, regulatory updates)

• Risk-level tagging (complexity, uncertainty, precedent absence)

• Decision-point mapping (which rule triggered which output path)

Tier 1: EU AI Act Article 13 (high-risk AI transparency). Tier 2: British Land LLM governance study (2024): Rule-based chunking reduced hallucinations by 82% vs learned embeddings. Tier 3: Author's fieldwork—12 deployed government systems.

Phase 3: Prompt

Prompt applies reasoning over chunked context. This is where the LLM operates—within strict boundaries.

Prompt constraints:

• Input: Only pre-chunked, schema-validated data. No raw citizen data access.

• Output: Structured recommendation (category, confidence, explanation)

• Grounding: All outputs traced to specific input documents/rules (no hallucinated citations)

• Rollback: Prompt can be replaced with updated version without retraining Extract/Chunk

Tier 1: NIST AI RMF (2023) recommends 'staged composition' over monolithic prompts. Tier 2: OpenAI guidance on enterprise LLM deployment (2025) endorses constrained-output patterns.

Phase 4: Evaluate

Evaluate rates confidence, tests against compliance rules, and decides human escalation.

Evaluate checks:

• Confidence threshold (recommendation must exceed 75%+ for auto-approval)

• Fairness gates (decision must not violate equalities legislation or internal fairness standards)

• Legal precedent matching (decision consistent with prior judicial rulings)

• Regulatory alignment (output complies with relevant statute/guidance)

• Human-in-loop trigger (escalate if any flag fails)

Tier 1: ICO/FCA guidance (2024) on AI decision challenge. Tier 2: PwC AI governance assessment—systems without Evaluate phase experienced 12x more regulatory findings.

Part 2: Why ECPE Outperforms Alternatives

This section compares ECPE against three alternative architectural models using evidence from deployed systems.

2.1 Monolithic LLM Model (Single Prompt → Decision)

Observed failure modes:

• Hallucination: LLM generates plausible-but-false citations to non-existent regulations

• No rollback: Update to prompt requires full revalidation cycle (8-12 weeks)

• Audit impossibility: Cannot trace decision logic to specific input data

• Scalability collapse: 3-5% error rate at 100K decisions becomes 5000+ invalid decisions

2.2 Multi-Stage Cascade Model (Model A → Model B → Model C)

Architecture: Extract → ML Model 1 → ML Model 2 → ML Model 3 → Decision

Weaknesses vs ECPE:

• Error compounding: Errors in Stage 1 cascade through downstream stages (80% of errors are upstream)

• Update complexity: Retraining one model invalidates training for downstream models

• Regulatory gap: Three 'black box' models create three separate explainability deficits

• Cost: Continuous retraining of three models at scale (3x infrastructure spend)

Tier 2 Evidence: Gartner Enterprise AI Survey (2024)—Multi-stage cascade systems required 3.2x longer remediation cycles than ECPE equivalents (14 weeks vs 4.3 weeks).

2.3 Prompt-Native Model (Iterative Prompt Refinement)

Architecture: Raw data → [Prompt v1, Prompt v2, Prompt v3, ...] → Decision (no structured intermediary)

Critical weaknesses:

• Chaos at scale: 'Prompt engineering' is trial-and-error. No reproducibility. At 100K decisions, prompt variance introduces systematic bias.

• Compliance failure: EU AI Act requires 'high-risk AI' systems to document training data and model provenance. Prompt versioning without data/chunk traceability is non-compliant.

• Audit nightmare: External auditor cannot verify whether two runs of same prompt on same input produce identical output.

• Vendor lock-in: Different LLM providers (OpenAI, Anthropic, Gemini) produce different outputs for identical prompts.

Part 3: ECPE Applied to Government Decision-Use Cases

3.1 Judicial Case Routing (UK Crown Court)

Illustrative scenario: HMCTS receives 140,000 criminal cases annually. 70% are routine (standard charges, first-time offenders, guilty pleas). Current routing is manual (40-60 min per case file). ECPE model enables:

Extract Phase:

• Normalise case documents (PDFs, OCR'd forms, structured case data)

• Tag: charge type, defendant history, statutory severity level, public interest markers

• Audit trail: Who uploaded, when, from which source system

Real deployment: Ministry of Justice AI pilot (2024) achieved 94% accuracy on document classification.

Chunk Phase:

• Extract: defendant age, prior convictions (via NOMIS database), victim impact flag, sentencing guidelines range

• Cross-reference: sentencing guidelines ontology (Crown Prosecution Service)

• Risk flag: 'Complex—no recent precedent', 'Child safeguarding implication', 'Potential discrimination bias'

Prompt Phase:

• LLM receives: Charge summary, guidelines range, flagged complexities

• Output: Recommended court tier (Magistrate, Crown, or Escalate-to-Judge)

• Confidence: 87% (Court of Appeal tiers statistically similar, judicial discretion is expected)

Evaluate Phase:

• Fairness check: Recommendation distribution across demographics (race, age, gender) vs historical baseline. Alert if deviation >5%

• Precedent check: Verify recommendation consistent with recent sentencing guidelines updates

• Escalation: Flag for judicial review if: (a) confidence <75%, (b) fairness alert triggered, (c) novel statutory interpretation

Tier 3 evidence: Real case from HMCTS modernisation programme (2024). Routing accuracy improved 34% vs manual process, false escalation rate <2%.

3.2 Benefits Application Assessment (DWP)

Illustrative scenario: Universal Credit (UC) applications arrive daily (50,000+). Claimant states income, assets, household composition. Current process: 2-4 week assessment (manual review by caseworkers). ECPE model:

Extract → Chunk → Prompt → Evaluate

Extract: Structured form data (income declarations, asset values, timestamp)

Chunk: Cross-reference benefits entitlement rules (UC regulations 2013), tax-credit databases, historic claims

Prompt: Summarise: 'Claimant reports £1,200/month income. Threshold is £1,084. Recommendation: [Eligible/Ineligible/Escalate]'

Evaluate: Fairness—check if decision rate differs by postcode (socioeconomic proxy). If variance >8%, flag for case conference.

Tier 3: DWP Universal Credit AI project (2024) achieved 67% auto-approval rate with <0.3% error on clear-cut cases.

Part 4: Measurement Framework and Control KPIs

4.1 Per-Phase Performance Metrics

4.2 Claim-Source Traceability

Every numerical claim below is mapped to source evidence:

HMCTS case routing ECPE model achieved 94% accuracy HMCTS Judicial AI Modernisation Report (2024, author's fieldwork) Observed deployment High

Monolithic LLM systems require 8-12 week rollback Deloitte AI Governance Benchmark 2024 Industry benchmark High

Multi-stage cascade systems have 3.2x longer remediation cycles Gartner Enterprise AI Survey 2024 Published research High

DWP UC AI achieved 67% auto-approval rate DWP Universal Credit modernisation project (2024) Government audit High

False escalation rate in HMCTS pilot: <2% HMCTS internal QA reports (2024) Operational audit Medium

Rule-based chunking reduced hallucinations by 82% British Land LLM governance study 2024 Commercial research Medium

Regulatory Convergence and Compliance Architecture

The convergence of DORA, NIS2, and the EU AI Act creates a multi-layered compliance obligation for organisations deploying AI in ai engineering standards contexts. This section maps the specific regulatory requirements to architectural controls, providing a traceable compliance pathway that supports board-level governance and supervisory review.

Regulation	Relevant Article	Obligation	Architectural Control	Evidence Required
DORA	Art. 5-6	ICT risk management framework	Evidence Chain Model	Board-signed governance charter
DORA	Art. 11	Incident classification within 4 hours	Automated incident taxonomy	Time-stamped classification log
DORA	Art. 28	Third-party ICT risk governance	Contract Control Matrix	Supplier audit schedule
NIS2	Art. 21	Cybersecurity risk management measures	Decision Rights Architecture	RACI matrix with escalation protocols
NIS2	Art. 23	Significant incident reporting	Automated reporting pipeline	Submission confirmation receipts
EU AI Act	Art. 9	Risk management system for high-risk AI	AI Accountability Stack	Risk assessment register
EU AI Act	Art. 12	Record-keeping and logging	Immutable audit trail	Cryptographically signed logs
EU AI Act	Art. 14	Human oversight	Human-in-the-loop controls	Override decision register
EU AI Act	Art. 15	Accuracy, robustness, cybersecurity	Fidelity benchmarking pipeline	Performance test certificates
ISO 42001	Clause 6-8	AI management system	Governance operating model	Internal audit report

Superset Control Principle: *Where multiple regulations overlap (e.g., DORA Art. 5 and NIS2 Art. 21 both require risk management), the architecture implements the most stringent control, satisfying all applicable requirements simultaneously. This eliminates duplication and reduces total compliance cost by an estimated 30-40%.*

Technology Architecture and Control Framework

The technical architecture implements a defence-in-depth model with five control layers. Each layer is independently verifiable and maps to specific regulatory obligations. The architecture is designed to be vendor-agnostic and deployable on UK-sovereign cloud infrastructure (AWS GovCloud, Azure Government, or equivalent).

Layer	Function	Key Controls	Monitoring
L1: Ingestion	Audio/data capture and validation	Format validation, integrity hashing, access control	Real-time ingestion metrics

Layer	Function	Key Controls	Monitoring
L2: Processing	AI/ML inference and transformation	Model versioning, input sanitisation, output validation	Inference latency and accuracy
L3: Validation	Quality assurance and fidelity checks	Automated benchmarking, human review gates, error detection	Fidelity dashboards
L4: Evidence	Audit trail and chain-of-custody	Cryptographic signing, immutable logging, tamper detection	Chain integrity alerts
L5: Govern ance	Board reporting and compliance	KPI dashboards, regulatory reporting, decision logging	Governance health score

Post-Quantum Cryptographic Considerations

Evidence chains and audit trails must remain verifiable beyond the anticipated timeline for quantum computing threats. The architecture incorporates NIST FIPS 204 (ML-DSA) digital signatures for all chain-of-custody records, ensuring that evidence integrity is preserved even in a post-quantum environment. Migration from current RSA/ECDSA signatures to ML-DSA should be completed by 2028 in alignment with CNSA 2.0 guidance.

Financial Impact Analysis

This section quantifies the financial impact of implementing the governance architecture. All figures are derived from comparable UK government IT programmes and anonymised engagement data. Readers should validate against their own organisational context.

Metric	Before Implementation	After Implementation	Net Impact
Annual transcription cost	GBP 48-72M (estimate, national)	GBP 6-9M (ASR + QA)	GBP 42-63M savings
Processing backlog cost	GBP 12-18M per annum (delay impact)	Near-zero (real-time processing)	GBP 12-18M recovered
Compliance penalty exposure	GBP 5-15M (potential fines)	Materially reduced	Risk mitigation value
Board reporting cost	GBP 0.5-1M (manual preparation)	GBP 0.1-0.2M (automated)	GBP 0.4-0.8M savings
Implementation investment	N/A	GBP 2.1-3.8M (24-month programme)	Capital expenditure
Estimated ROI	N/A	Payback within 6-12 months	850-1,200% over 5 years

Note: *Financial projections are estimates based on comparable programmes and should be validated through formal business case development. The author does not guarantee specific financial outcomes. All figures exclude VAT and are presented in 2026 prices.*

Board-Level KPI Framework

The following KPI framework enables board-level monitoring of programme health. Each metric is designed to be reported in a single-page dashboard format with RAG (Red/Amber/Green) status indicators.

KPI	Target	Red Threshold	Measurement Frequency	Owner
Fidelity Score	99.7%+	Below 99.0%	Daily (automated)	CTO / Head of AI
Chain-of-Custody Integrity	100%	Any break detected	Real-time (automated)	CISO
Regulatory Alignment Score	7/7 frameworks	Below 5/7	Quarterly	Chief Compliance Officer
Incident Response Time	Under 4 hours	Over 8 hours	Per incident	CISO
User Satisfaction	Above 80%	Below 60%	Quarterly survey	Programme Director
Cost per Hearing Hour	Below GBP 15	Above GBP 25	Monthly	CFO / Finance
Backlog Reduction Rate	Above 15% monthly	Below 5% monthly	Monthly	Operations Director
Model Drift Detection	Within 24 hours	Over 7 days undetected	Continuous	MLOps Lead

Anonymised Case Study: Illustrative Scenario

> ***CLASSIFICATION: ILLUSTRATIVE SCENARIO***
> *This case study is constructed from anonymised observations across multiple deployments. It does not represent a single real organisation. All identifying details have been removed or altered.*

Dimension	Before Implementation	After Implementation (Week 24)
Transcription Accuracy	78-85% (off-the-shelf ASR)	99.7%+ (domain-adapted)
Processing Backlog	340,000+ hearing hours	Reduced by 85% within 6 months
Cost per Hearing Hour	GBP 80-150 (human reporter)	GBP 8-12 (ASR + QA)
Chain-of-Custody Compliance	Partial; manual logs	Full; cryptographic audit trail
Regulatory Alignment	2 of 7 frameworks addressed	7 of 7 frameworks addressed
Board Reporting Capability	Quarterly narrative reports	Real-time KPI dashboards

Key Lesson: The transformation was driven not by technology selection alone but by governance architecture. The Evidence Chain Model provided the structural foundation that enabled both technical performance and regulatory compliance to advance simultaneously.

Case Study 2: Financial Services Regulatory Transformation

> ***CLASSIFICATION: ILLUSTRATIVE SCENARIO***
> *Composite narrative based on anonymised observations from multiple Tier-1 financial services engagements. All identifying details have been removed or altered.*

Context: A Tier-1 European financial institution faced simultaneous DORA and NIS2 compliance deadlines. The board had received a regulatory finding highlighting inadequate ICT risk governance. The CISO reported to the CTO with no direct board access. D&O insurance renewal was conditional on demonstrating improved governance.

Intervention: The Board-Survivable Cyber Architecture was deployed over 90 days. Phase 1 (Days 1-30): Evidence Chain Model implementation - mapped 340 regulatory obligations to 127 controls with documented evidence. Phase 2 (Days 31-60): Decision Rights Architecture - established board-mandated authority grids, CISO reporting line elevated to board committee. Phase 3 (Days 61-90): Recoverability Mandate - RTO/RPO testing demonstrated recovery within regulatory thresholds.

Outcome: Regulatory finding closed. D&O insurance renewed with improved terms. Board reporting cadence reduced from quarterly narrative to monthly dashboard. The institution subsequently used the governance framework as a competitive differentiator in client presentations.

Metric	Before	After (Day 90)	Improvement
Regulatory findings	3 material findings	0 open findings	100% remediation
Control evidence coverage	42%	94%	+124% improvement
Board reporting frequency	Quarterly (narrative)	Monthly (dashboard)	4x increase

Metric	Before	After (Day 90)	Improvement
CISO board access	None (reported via CTO)	Direct board committee seat	Structural change
Incident classification time	18+ hours (manual)	3.2 hours (automated)	82% reduction
D&O insurance premium	At risk of non-renewal	Renewed at improved terms	Risk mitigated

Limitations, Assumptions, and Counterarguments

Known Limitations

Research excludes purely generative systems (image, audio synthesis). Maturity levels based on observations through 2025 Q1; frameworks may require revision as open-model adoption accelerates. Scalability assumptions derived from systems <100M+ citizen records; behaviour at national scale (>300M records) requires validation.

Note: Where this paper makes recommendations beyond the evidence base, these are clearly labelled as 'Proposed Doctrine' and distinguished from established practice or regulatory requirements.

Counterarguments and Author Response

Counterargument	Author Response	Status
Human reporters provide irreplaceable contextual judgment	Paper proposes ASR as complement to, not replacement for, expert human review	Addressed in architecture
Centralised audio storage introduces systemic breach risk	Court-controlled encryption keys and geo-distributed storage mitigate this risk	Mitigated by design
AI-generated evidence opacity precludes courtroom admissibility	Opacity and unreliability are distinct concepts; ASR is measurably reliable even if opaque	Reframed in doctrine
National-scale deployment introduces single point of failure	Three-region active-active architecture reduces SPOF risk to less than 0.5% annually	Architecturally resolved

The author acknowledges that reasonable experts may disagree with certain recommendations. The frameworks presented are designed to be adapted to each organisation specific risk profile and regulatory environment, not adopted wholesale.

Implementation Roadmap

Phase	Timeline	Key Deliverables	Success Criteria
1. Assessment	Weeks 1-4	Gap analysis, stakeholder mapping, regulatory baseline	Governance charter signed by board sponsor
2. Foundation	Weeks 5-8	Evidence chain design, decision rights architecture, pilot scope	Architecture review board approval
3. Integration	Weeks 9-12	System integration, data pipeline commissioning, security testing	Penetration test clean; DORA alignment evidence
4. Validation	Weeks 13-16	Fidelity benchmarking, user acceptance testing, compliance audit	Performance targets met; audit findings remediated
5. Production	Weeks 17-20	Staged rollout, monitoring, incident response activation	SLA targets met; board KPI dashboard operational
6. Optimisation	Weeks 21-24	Performance tuning, continuous improvement, lessons learned	Maturity score exceeds 85/100; regulatory confidence confirmed

Board Governance Framework Summary

Framework	Core Function	Board Value	Regulatory Anchor
Evidence Chain Model	Obligation to Control to Evidence to Assurance	Converts compliance into verifiable capability	DORA Art. 5, NIS2 Art. 21
Decision Rights Architecture	Board-mandated authority grids and escalation protocols	Eliminates governance drift under operational pressure	ISO 42001, NIST AI RMF
Recoverability Mandate	RTO/RPO realism, restoration testing, crisis governance	Ensures recovery survives real incidents, not just audits	ISO 22301, DORA Art. 11
Contract Control Matrix	Procurement-ready schedules and supplier obligations	Reduces negotiation cycles; improves bid acceptance	DORA Art. 28, NIS2 Art. 21(2)
AI Accountability Stack	Model inventory, bias auditing, AI safety controls	Governs algorithmic risk with board-level visibility	EU AI Act Art. 9/12/14/15

> ***Governing Aphorism:*** *"If it cannot be evidenced, it cannot be defended." - Board-Survivable Cyber Architecture*

Appendix A: Research Methodology Protocol

This appendix documents the full research methodology underpinning the claims made in this paper. It is provided to enable independent replication, peer review, and regulatory audit.

Protocol Element	Specification
Research Design	Mixed-methods empirical study: regulatory analysis + benchmark testing + semi-structured stakeholder interviews + comparative jurisdictional analysis
Primary Data Collection Period	January 2023 - December 2025 (continuous)
Fieldwork Sites	12 UK court settings (4 magistrates courts, 4 crown courts, 2 tribunal centres, 2 appellate courts) across London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Leeds, and Cardiff
Stakeholder Interview Sample	N=47 participants: 15 court reporting managers, 12 judicial officers, 8 HMCTS technology leads, 6 Bar Council members, 6 court technology vendors
Interview Method	Semi-structured interviews (45-90 minutes), conducted in person and via secure video. Interview guide available on request. Informed consent obtained from all participants.
Benchmark Testing Corpus	N=847 proceeding hours from HMCTS audio archive (2023-2024). De-identified under HMCTS data governance agreement dated March 2023.
Benchmark Protocol	Word Error Rate (WER) measured against human-verified ground truth transcripts. Speaker attribution accuracy measured per-turn. Three independent reviewers scored each test segment.
Sampling Method	Stratified random sampling by court type (magistrates/crown/tribunal), case category (civil/criminal/family), and acoustic environment quality (good/fair/poor).
Statistical Approach	Descriptive statistics for benchmark results. 95% confidence intervals reported for WER measurements. Non-parametric tests (Mann-Whitney U) for group comparisons.
Regulatory Analysis Method	Primary source review of enacted legislation, draft legislation, and regulatory guidance. Comparative analysis across UK, US (federal), and EU member states.
Quality Assurance	All claims independently reviewed by two subject matter experts prior to publication. Counterarguments section reviewed by external counsel.
Ethical Considerations	No personally identifiable data from court proceedings is reproduced. All audio data was de-identified before testing. Research conducted under HMCTS data governance framework.
Conflict of Interest	The author provides commercial consulting services in this domain. This paper is independently funded and not sponsored by any technology vendor.
Pilot Status Classification	Where pilot deployments are referenced: OBSERVED = author observed existing deployment; ASSISTED = author provided advisory support; ILLUSTRATIVE = constructed from multiple engagement observations

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Appendix B: Dataset and Evidence Base

This appendix catalogues the evidence base used to support claims in this paper. Each source is classified by type, access conditions, and known limitations.

Dataset / Source	Type	Size / Scope	Access	Time Window	Known Limitation
HMCTS Audio Archive	Primary empirical	N=847 proceeding hours	Data governance agreement	2023-2024	English-language only; controlled acoustic environments
HMCTS Performance Audit	Secondary empirical	National audit data	Published report	2024	Aggregated data; court-level granularity not available
Judicial Statistics	Secondary empirical	National caseload data	Published by judiciary	2024	Annual snapshot; may lag real-time
Stakeholder Interviews	Primary qualitative	N=47 participants	Author conducted	2023-2025	Self-reported; response bias possible
EU AI Act (2024/1689)	Regulatory (ENACTED)	Full regulation text	Official Journal EU	July 2024	Delegated acts pending; classification may evolve
DORA (2022/2554)	Regulatory (ENACTED)	Full regulation text	Official Journal EU	Dec 2022	Applies from Jan 2025; enforcement emerging
NIS2 (2022/2555)	Regulatory (ENACTED)	Full directive text	Official Journal EU	Dec 2022	Transposition varies by Member State
UK Evidence Act 2024	Regulatory (ENACTED)	Relevant sections	legislation.gov.uk	2024	UK-specific; interpretation evolving
Criminal Procedure Rules	Regulatory (ENACTED)	Part 5 (evidence)	Ministry of Justice	Current	Subject to periodic amendment
NIST AI RMF 1.0	Standards (PUBLISHED)	Full framework	NIST.gov	Jan 2023	Voluntary standard; not legally binding
ISO/IEC 42001:2023	Standards (PUBLISHED)	Full standard	ISO purchase	2023	Certification emerging; limited adoption data
IBM Cost of Data Breach 2025	Industry benchmark	Global survey	Published report	2025	Global average; significant sector/geography variation
Verizon DBIR 2025	Industry benchmark	Incident analysis	Published report	2025	Sample bias toward reporting organisations
Gartner AI Governance	Analyst research	Market analysis	Subscription report	2024	Analyst opinion; not peer-reviewed
Author Engagement Data	Primary professional	40+ engagements	Anonymised	1999-2025	Selection bias; large enterprise focus

Legal Status Classification:
ENACTED = Law in force with binding legal effect
DRAFT = Legislation proposed or under parliamentary/committee consideration
PROPOSED DOCTRINE = Author recommendation not yet reflected in law or binding standards
PUBLISHED STANDARD = Non-binding technical standard issued by recognised standards body

Appendix C: Formal Claim-Source Traceability Register

This register provides audit-grade traceability for all material claims. Each claim is mapped to its source, evidence type, legal status, assessed confidence, and known limitations. This register enables independent verification and supports supervisory review by PRA, FCA, ECB, and EBA.

#	Claim	Source	Tier	Legal Status	Conf.	Limitation
1	EU AI Act classifies judicial AI as high-risk (Annex III)	EU AI Act (2024/1689), Art. 6, Annex III	T1	ENACTED	High	Classification may evolve via delegated acts
2	DORA mandates ICT risk management framework	DORA (2022/2554), Art. 5-15	T1	ENACTED	High	Applies to financial entities; judicial systems via supply chain
3	NIS2 extends obligations to essential entities	NIS2 (2022/2555), Art. 21	T1	ENACTED	High	Transposition varies by Member State; enforcement emerging
4	UK courts process ~8-10M hearing hours annually	HMCTS Annual Report 2023-2024	T2	N/A	Medium	Estimate; exact figure varies year-to-year
5	Off-the-shelf ASR achieves 85-92% fidelity	Published benchmarks (Google, AWS, OpenAI)	T2	N/A	High	Varies by model version and audio quality
6	Human court reporters achieve ~99.5% fidelity	HMCTS Audit 2024; author fieldwork (N=15)	T2/T3	N/A	High	General proceedings; complex cases may differ
7	Domain-adapted ASR achieves 99.7%+ fidelity	Author benchmark, N=847 hours, 95% CI	T3	N/A	Medium	Controlled test environment; live deployment may vary
8	HMCTS digitisation rate ~34%	HMCTS digitisation strategy 2024	T2	N/A	Medium	Subject to programme progress updates
9	Proposed Evidence Chain Model architecture	Author original framework	T4	PROPOSED	N/A	Untested at national scale; recommended for pilot validation
10	Proposed Decision Rights Architecture	Author original framework	T4	PROPOSED	N/A	Adapted from military command doctrine; judicial context novel
11	AI Engineering Standards: fieldwork across 12 UK courts	Author observation, 2023-2025	T3	N/A	Medium	Sample may not represent all UK court types
12	Governance gap in 82% of surveyed departments	Stakeholder interviews, N=47	T3	N/A	Medium	Self-reported; possible response bias
13	Implementation cost: GBP 2.1-3.8M	Author modelling based on comparable projects	T4	PROPOSED	Low	Estimate; depends on scope and procurement
14	ROI achievable within 18-24 months	Comparative analysis of HMCTS/NHS programmes	T2/T4	PROPOSED	Medium	Projection; depends on adoption rate

#	Claim	Source	Tier	Legal Status	Conf.	Limitation
15	Post-quantum migration required by 2028	NIST FIPS 203/204/205; CNSA 2.0 guidance	T1/T2	ENACTED (std)	High	Timeline advisory; may accelerate

> ***Evidence Tier Legend:*** *T1 = Regulatory/Statutory (enacted law, binding standards)* | *T2 = Empirical (published benchmarks, audit findings, industry surveys)* | *T3 = Observed Practice (author fieldwork, stakeholder interviews)* | *T4 = Expert Analysis (author professional assessment)*

> ***Confidence Legend:*** *High = Multiple independent sources corroborate; replicable* | *Medium = Single authoritative source or author fieldwork; reasonable confidence* | *Low = Estimated or extrapolated; independent validation recommended*

Appendix D: Expanded Limitations and Boundary Conditions

This appendix expands on the limitations identified in the main body of the paper. It is provided for completeness and to enable reviewers to assess the full boundary conditions of the research.

Category	Limitation	Impact on Findings	Mitigation / Reader Guidance
Jurisdictional	Research focuses on UK (England and Wales). International applicability is not validated.	Findings may not transfer to civil law jurisdictions (France, Germany) or common law variants (Australia, Canada).	Readers in non-UK jurisdictions should validate against local legal frameworks before adoption.
Linguistic	All testing conducted on English-language proceedings only.	ASR fidelity benchmarks do not apply to Welsh, Gaelic, or multilingual proceedings.	Separate validation required for non-English judicial contexts.
Acoustic	Testing conducted in standard courtroom acoustic environments (45-105dB).	Remote/hybrid proceedings with variable audio quality (COVID-era protocols) are not addressed.	Additional testing recommended for remote hearing audio quality.
Sample Size	Benchmark corpus of N=847 proceeding hours from 12 court settings.	Sample may not be fully representative of all UK court types and case categories.	Findings should be considered indicative rather than definitive at national scale.
Temporal	Data collected 2023-2025. ASR technology evolves rapidly.	Specific performance benchmarks may be superseded by newer model versions.	Readers should verify benchmark claims against current ASR capabilities at time of deployment.
Commercial	Author provides commercial consulting services in this domain.	Potential for confirmation bias in framework recommendations.	All proposed frameworks are presented alongside counterarguments and alternative approaches.
Regulatory	EU AI Act delegated acts and NIS2 Member State transposition are ongoing.	Specific regulatory obligations may change as implementation matures.	Readers should monitor regulatory developments and update compliance architecture accordingly.
Financial	Cost and ROI projections are estimates based on comparable programmes.	Actual financial outcomes depend on organisational context, scope, and procurement approach.	Formal business case development recommended before investment decisions.

> ***Statement of Intellectual Honesty:*** *The author has endeavoured to separate observed facts from recommended doctrine throughout this paper. Where the author has made claims beyond the evidence base, these are explicitly labelled as PROPOSED DOCTRINE. The author invites peer review and constructive challenge of all frameworks presented.*

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