

Early adoption is an investment that pays dividends

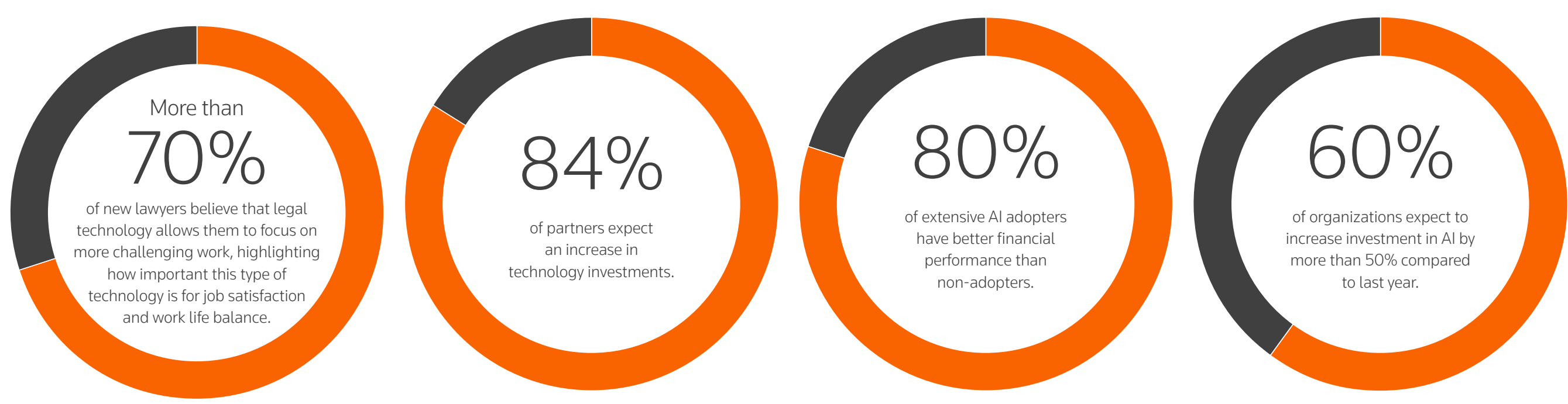
New technology has always helped lawyers become more efficient in practising law.

In business, actions speak louder than words. It is easy to talk about adopting technology early, the hard part is taking the first step.

For lawyers and legal teams, that step is crucial. Adopting technology early leads to better, faster, and more reliable legal research — setting a solid foundation for your legal matter.

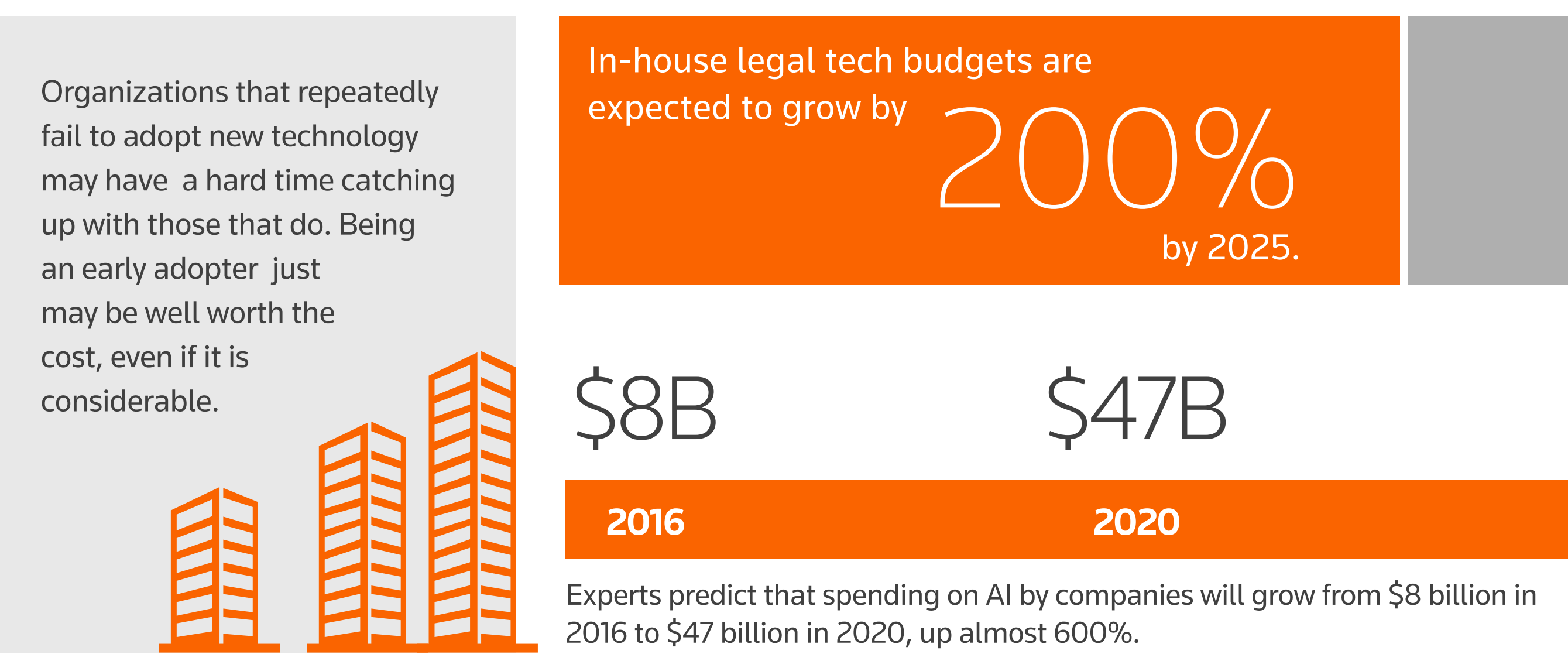
Consider how quickly legal professionals' work has changed when it comes to new technology. You can take the first step to be empowered with modern tools that put today's advanced technology at your fingertips when you need it.

THE BOTTOM LINE:
When a law firm embraces state-of-the-art technology, it sends a clear message that they are dedicated to handling today's and tomorrow's legal needs.



eSignature, eBilling, Contract Management, and Document Management remain the top four technology areas more widely used in participating legal departments.

In legal departments, technology spend, on average has more than doubled from the previous year.



Law firms and legal departments succeed when timeless assets, good lawyers, talented staff, and attentive client service are bolstered by advanced technologies.

If you're not looking for ways to leverage the latest in legal technology, you're already falling behind legal teams and firms that are. For lawyers and legal organizations, up-to-date, best-in-class technology is no longer a nice-to-have, it is a requirement of doing business.

- 1953** **Audograph**
Legal technology got a taste of things to come when a dictation machine called the Audograph was marketed directly to lawyers.
- 1973** **Microcomputers**
Microcomputers that include word processing became crucial for law firms, moving lawyers' focus from document searching to document creation.
- 1980**
Fax machines became commonplace allowing legal professionals to quickly and securely transmit and receive documents.
- 1981** **IBM desktop computer**
IBM released its "personal computer," the first desktop computer for ordinary businesses. Tech-forward lawyers began to learn word processing so they could type their own documents.
- 1983** **Accessible PCs**
Computerized legal research became accessible on PCs.
- 1998**
eCarswell launches First online service integrating the Canadian Abridgment, Carswell Law Reports, and Secondary Sources.
- 2000** **Virtual law offices**
The first virtual law offices opened and cloud-based software was first introduced to the legal community.
- 2001** **The law goes digital**
Internet-based legal services become available.
- 2002**
Westlaw eCarswell arrives combining editorial expertise, KeyCite Canada, and advanced search tools.
- 2004** **Lawyer ratings and reviews**
Technology democratizes information for legal teams, as new websites make it easy to find lawyer ratings and reviews.
- 2006** **Cloud computing**
Cloud computing changed the game completely, allowing solo and small law firms to truly compete with larger firms for the first time.
- 2008** **Supreme Court e-filing begins**
SCC issues practice note requiring electronic versions of notices of appeal, factums, records, and books of authorities.
- 2010**
Apple iPad launches, providing legal professionals access to an emerging ecosystem of law focused apps.
- 2012** **WestlawNext Canada**
WestlawNext Canada launches with federated searching, annotations, folders, and enhanced KeyCite Canada tools.
- 2016**
Amazon AWS and Microsoft Azure open centers in select Canadian regions providing domestic management of data.
- 2019** **Thomson Reuters HighQ**
Thomson Reuters acquires HighQ, a secure cloud-based platform for law firm client collaboration, workflow automation, and client engagement.
- 2020** **CaseLines**
Thomson Reuters acquires CaseLines, a leading cloud based court document and evidence management platform which is soon adopted by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
- 2021** **Westlaw Edge Canada**
Launch of Westlaw Edge Canada, a platform made specifically for Canada using technology to enhance editorial foundations.

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