

## LEGAL CONNECT e-portal for facilitating case management hearing of various types of case

CH. Prabhavati 1, A. Mounika 2, G. Devi Sri2, K. Lahari2, K.Vamsi Krishna2.

*1Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, SRK Institute of Technology, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA.*

*2Students, Computer Science and Engineering, SRK Institute of Technology, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA.  
2 avanigaddamounika03@gmail.com.*

### Abstract:

In the contemporary legal landscape, the management of diverse cases requires an efficient and centralized system to ensure a smooth and transparent process. This abstract outline the design and functionality of an integrated e-Portal dedicated to Case Management Hearings (CMH) across a spectrum of case types. The proposed e-Portal aims to revolutionize the case management process by leveraging digital technologies to enhance accessibility, transparency, and overall efficiency.

**Keywords:** Case Management Portal, Digital Case Repository, E-Justice, Paperless Workflows.

## INTRODUCTION

### Motivation:

Typically, individuals would have to physically visit or contact the relevant court or legal authorities to file their cases. This process often involves filling out paperwork, submitting documents, and waiting for confirmation, which can be time-consuming and inefficient. Additionally, obtaining information about hearing dates may require further communication with court clerks or relying on traditional methods such as mailed notices.

### Problem Statement:

In the contemporary legal landscape, managing diverse cases efficiently demands a centralized system to ensure smooth and transparent processes. However, existing methods often rely on fragmented systems, inefficient communication channels, limited accessibility to case information, manual administrative tasks, and concerns regarding data security. To address these challenges, there is a pressing need for an integrated e-Portal dedicated to Case Management Hearings (CMH), leveraging digital technologies to streamline processes, enhance accessibility, transparency, and overall efficiency across various case types.

### Objective of the Project:

“E-Portal for facilitating Case Management Hearing of various types of cases” is a website developed for the topic of developing an E-Portal platform.

The objective of this project is to design and implement an integrated e-Portal dedicated to Case Management Hearings (CMH) across various legal case types, aiming to revolutionize the contemporary legal landscape. Through streamlining procedures, providing real-time access to case information, facilitating remote participation, enabling collaboration among stakeholders, including judges, lawyers, clients, through secure communication chat, and standardizing workflows, the e-Portal aims to improve the overall effectiveness and integrity of the legal system while ensuring a smoother and more transparent experience for litigants and legal professionals alike.

### Scope:

This project involves creating an integrated e-Portal for Case Management Hearings (CMH), focusing on system architecture, user interface, and essential features like scheduling, document management, and communication channels. It aims to revolutionize case management by

enhancing accessibility, transparency, and efficiency across different case types, with considerations for compatibility, security, and scalability.

### **Existing System:**

Various jurisdictions employ e-portals like Odyssey, e-Court, and CaseFile Xpress for case management hearings. These systems offer centralized repositories, automated scheduling, and document management. They enhance efficiency, transparency, and communication among stakeholders. Access controls ensure data security, and some systems incorporate real-time communication tools. The implementation and features may vary by jurisdiction, and ongoing technological advancements continue to shape the landscape of existing case management systems.

### **Proposed System**

The proposed e-Portal for Case Management Hearings integrates user-friendly interfaces, centralized case repositories, and customizable features for diverse case types. It automates scheduling, incorporates a secure document management system, and facilitates real-time communication. The system prioritizes data analytics, ensuring informed decision-making, and integrates seamlessly with existing legal systems. Accessibility compliance and robust security measures are implemented to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accessibility in legal processes, fostering a modernized and streamlined approach to case management across various domains.

### **Modules:**

In this application involved three characters to implement this process they are Advocate and User.

#### **User: Operations**

**Register:** Users can create an account on the website by providing necessary details such as name, email, and password.

**Login:** Registered users can log in to their accounts using their credentials.

**File Cases:** Users can file their legal cases through the website, providing relevant details and documentation.

**View Lawyers:** Users can browse through a list of registered advocates available on the platform.

**Send Request to Lawyer:** Users can send requests to specific lawyers they wish to represent them in their cases.

**Communicate with Lawyer:** Users can communicate with their assigned lawyer to discuss case details, inquire about court hearing dates, and receive updates on their case status.

**Logout:** Users can log out of their accounts to end their session on the website.

#### **Advocate: Operations**

**Register:** Advocates can register on the website by providing necessary credentials and professional information.

**Login:** Registered advocates can log in to their accounts using their credentials.

**Profile Building:** Advocates build their profile by entering relevant details.

**View Cases:** Advocates can view the cases assigned to them or those they've accepted.

**Accept or Reject Cases:** Advocates have the option to accept or reject cases that are sent to them by users.

**Chat with User and Judge:** Advocates can engage in communication with both users and judges regarding case details, scheduling court hearings, and providing updates on case proceedings.

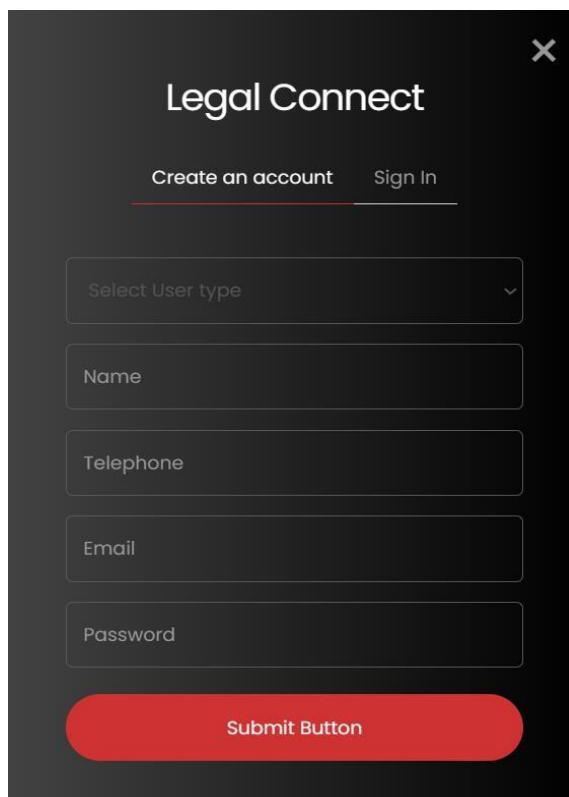
**Logout:** Advocates can log out of their accounts to end their session on the website.

## Results:

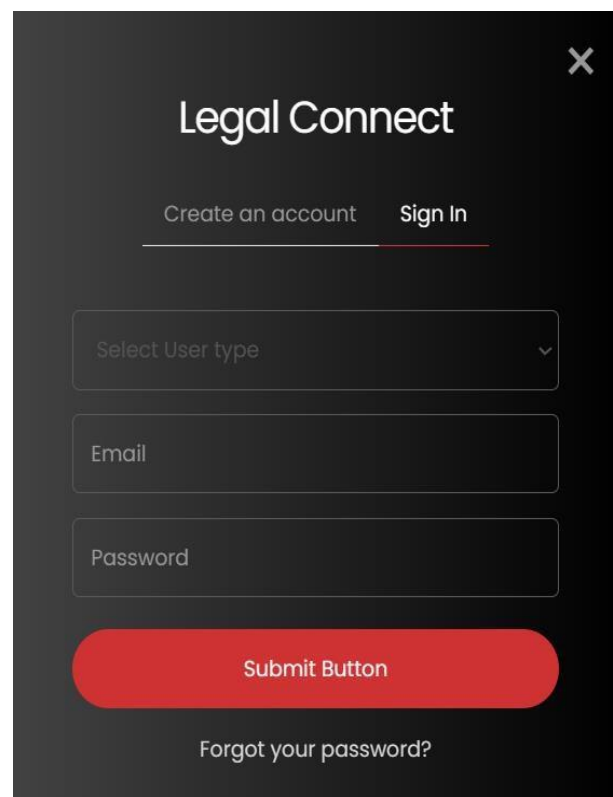
### Home Page:



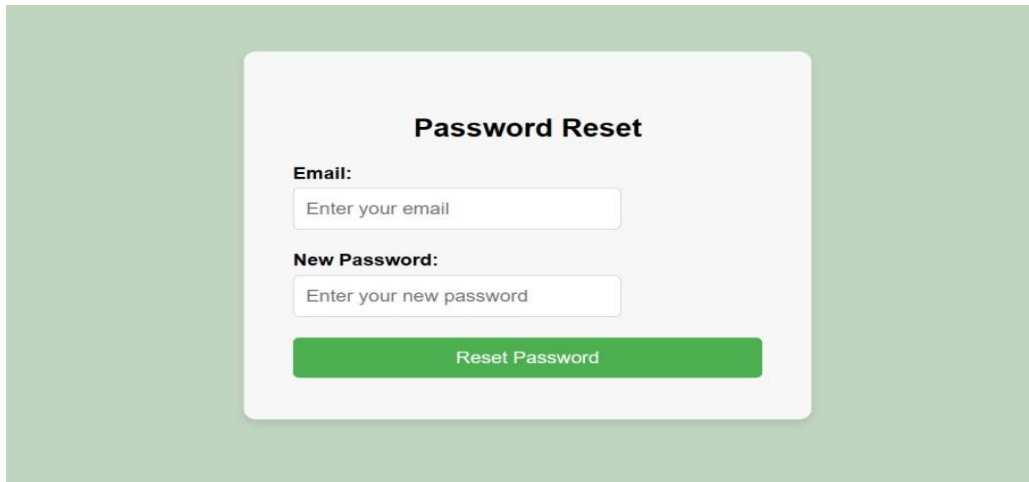
### Sign Up page:

A mockup of the Legal Connect sign-up page. It has a dark background with a close button 'X' in the top right. The title 'Legal Connect' is at the top. Below it are two tabs: 'Create an account' (active) and 'Sign In'. The form includes a 'Select User type' dropdown, and input fields for 'Name', 'Telephone', 'Email', and 'Password'. A red 'Submit Button' is at the bottom.

### Sign-in Page:

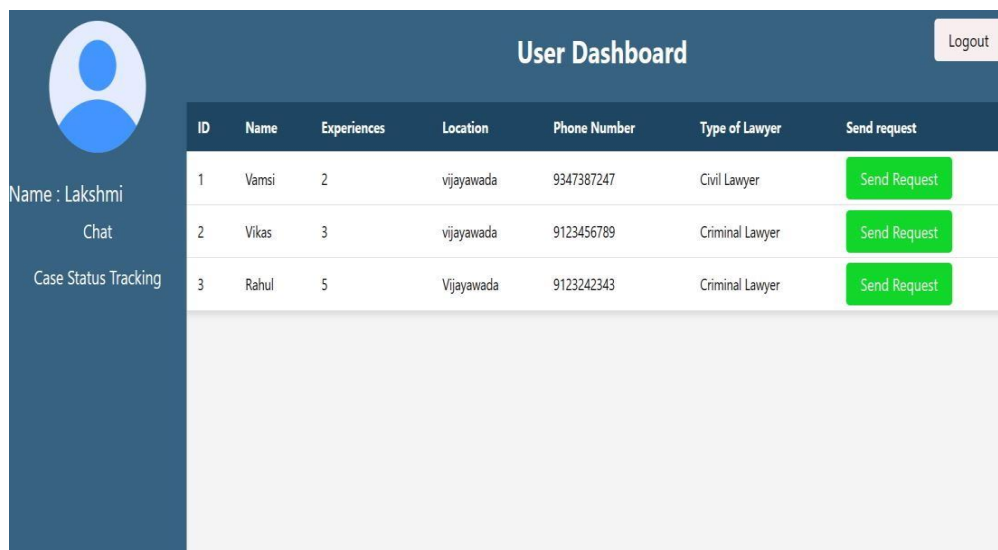
A mockup of the Legal Connect sign-in page. It has a dark background with a close button 'X' in the top right. The title 'Legal Connect' is at the top. Below it are two tabs: 'Create an account' and 'Sign In' (active). The form includes a 'Select User type' dropdown, and input fields for 'Email' and 'Password'. A red 'Submit Button' is at the bottom, followed by a link 'Forgot your password?'.

### Password Reset Page:



A password reset form titled "Password Reset" is displayed on a light green background. The form is contained within a white rounded rectangle. It includes two input fields: "Email:" with a placeholder "Enter your email" and "New Password:" with a placeholder "Enter your new password". Below these fields is a green button labeled "Reset Password".

### User Profile:



A user dashboard titled "User Dashboard" is shown. On the left is a dark blue sidebar with a user profile icon, the name "Name : Lakshmi", and links for "Chat" and "Case Status Tracking". The main area has a dark blue header with a "Logout" button. Below the header is a table with columns: ID, Name, Experiences, Location, Phone Number, Type of Lawyer, and Send request. The table contains three rows of lawyer data, each with a green "Send Request" button.

ID	Name	Experiences	Location	Phone Number	Type of Lawyer	Send request
1	Vamsi	2	vijayawada	9347387247	Civil Lawyer	<button>Send Request</button>
2	Vikas	3	vijayawada	9123456789	Criminal Lawyer	<button>Send Request</button>
3	Rahul	5	Vijayawada	9123242343	Criminal Lawyer	<button>Send Request</button>

### To File A Case:



A form titled "File a Case" is shown on a grey background. The form is a white rounded rectangle with fields for "Case Name:", "Name:", "Age:", "Email:", "Phone Number:", and "Description:". Below these fields is an "Upload File:" section with a "Choose File" button and the text "No file chosen". At the bottom is a green button labeled "Submit Case".

## Communication Chart Room Pages:

# Welcome to Communication Chart

Start a new room and invite users  
with your unique code,  
or enter a room code to join a chat.

### Create room

Join Room

## Chart Rooms:

### Chat Room 3

Lakshmi: hiii

Rahul : has joined the chat

Rahul : hiiii

26/4/2024, 9:10:02 am

26/4/2024, 9:10:07 am

Send

## Advocate Profile:

Advocate Dashboard <span style="float: right;">Logout</span>									
ID	Case Name	Name	Age	Phone Number	Email	Case Description	Satus	Time	Action
3	Lakshmi	Property disputes	40	2147483647	lakshmi@gmail.com	I need... I need legal assistance <a href="#">Read more</a>	process		<span style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Accept</span> <span style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Sent</span> <span style="background-color: #e74c3c; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Reject</span>
4	Gayathri Kethana	Commercial disputes	18	2147483647	gayathrikethana114@gmail.com	I need... I need legal assistance <a href="#">Read more</a>	process		<span style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Accept</span> <span style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Sent</span> <span style="background-color: #e74c3c; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">Reject</span>

## CONCLUSION

The e-Portal for Case Management Hearings represents a significant step towards modernizing and streamlining legal processes across diverse domains. By integrating user-friendly interfaces, centralized case repositories, and customizable features, the system aims to enhance accessibility and efficiency in case management. The automation of scheduling, secure document management, and real-time communication features further contribute to improved workflow and collaboration among stakeholders. Moreover, the emphasis on data analytics ensures informed decision-making, while seamless integration with existing legal systems facilitates adoption and interoperability. With accessibility compliance and robust security measures in place, the project underscores a commitment to transparency and confidentiality, essential for maintaining trust in judicial proceedings.

Overall, this initiative holds promise in revolutionizing case management practices, paving the way for a more effective and equitable legal system in the digital age.

## REFERENCES:

- [1]B., L., 2002. Courts of the future' Law and Information Technology. p. 225–238.
- [2]Chrisphine, M. K., 2012. Mbugua\_Electronic case management system.pdf. [Online] Available at: [http://erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/xmlui/bitstream/handle/11295/10911/Mbugua\\_Electronic%20case%20management%20system.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y](http://erepository.uonbi.ac.ke/xmlui/bitstream/handle/11295/10911/Mbugua_Electronic%20case%20management%20system.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y) [Accessed 24 October 2016]57
- [3] Haider, W. S. a. A., 2011. Electronic court records management in Malaysia: A case study. [Online] Available at: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/290042096\\_Electronic\\_court\\_records\\_management\\_in\\_Malaysia\\_A\\_case\\_study](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/290042096_Electronic_court_records_management_in_Malaysia_A_case_study) [Accessed 27 October 2016].
- [4]Joy FM, 2011. High court judges to be selected electronically – Chief Justice, Accra: Fifi Koomson.
- [5] Martínez, A. C., 2008. E-Justice: Using Information Communication Technologies in the Court System.[Online] Available at: <https://www.google.com.gh/search?q=In+Australia+there+is+still+work+to+be+done+to+integrate+ICT.+Many+courts+still+operate+independent+systems.+Currently%2C+Victorian+courts+and+tribunals+use+11+different+case+management+systems.+Of+particular+concern+is+> [Accessed 24 October 2016].