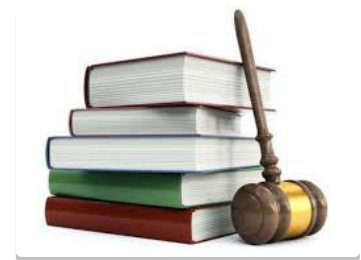# ~ News Bulletin ~

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Machine Learning Could Jolt Legal Research — We Just Need the Data

It's a curious discrepancy surfaced last year by the research team at SCALES, a project that's applying machine learning to court-record data so legal researchers can search for systemic patterns, inconsistencies and biases in the judicial system.

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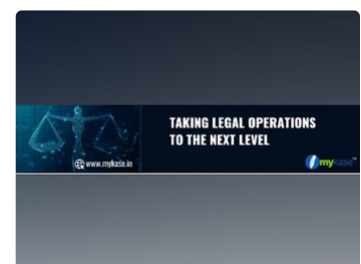## #Article***) Law and order and data

As it was for so many things, 2020 was a strange year for the crime. Cities around the United States saw their overall crime rates drop considerably, according to data collected by University of Pennsylvania's David S. Abrams, a trend perhaps driven by the general decline of economic activity and face-to-face interaction amid the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, Abrams's data also shows rates of shootings and homicides in many cities that were at or even well above historical averages.
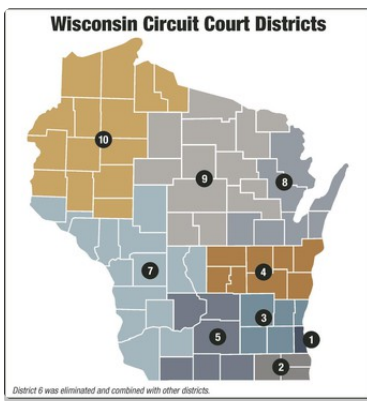
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Manupatra launches law practice management software 'myKase'

Manupatra has launched 'myKase' - a Cloud-based platform that integrates, streamlines and automates the activities and operations of law practice, beginning from Intake to matter Disposal. It enables teams to collaborate and communicate seamlessly across locations, offices, and time zones through a single unified platform.

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Study shows sharply different sentencing outcomes by race in three-county judicial district

In the Wisconsin judicial district made up of Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties, Black men are more than 50 percent more likely to be sentenced to prison than white men accused of similar crimes, a study shows.

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Karnataka launches engineering research and development policy

The Karnataka government on Tuesday launched the 'Karnataka Engineering Research & Development (Engineering R&D) Policy 2021' as a measure to leverage the sector's potential, create jobs and improve the state's contribution in the space through strategic interventions and bridging the gap between academia and industry.

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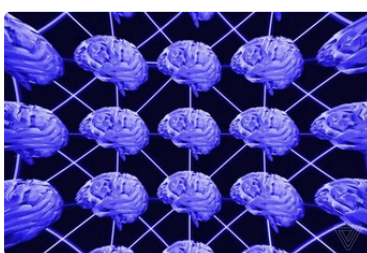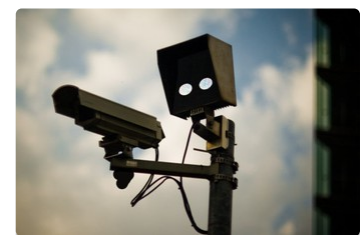
The researchers from New York University-based their study on Facebook's CrowdTangle tool and obtained a list of pages and public posts from independent data providers and fact-checking websites.

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The increased use of Ring doorbell cameras and similar devices in criminal investigations threatens to "usher in a new age of excessive police surveillance" say privacy advocates.

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Artificial intelligence research continues to grow as China overtakes US in AI journal citations

The artificial intelligence boom isn't slowing yet, with new figures showing a 34.5 percent increase in the publication of AI research from 2019 to 2020. That's a higher percentage growth than 2018 to 2019 when the volume of publications increased by 19.6 percent.

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Since "statistics" doesn't have quite the same ring as "punishment," it wouldn't sell as well. But such a book would make a better guide for formulating a crime-fighting policy. Analyzing criminal behavior scientifically, using proper statistical methods, could enhance the ability of criminologists to better understand crime and what to do about it.

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South Africa the third most dangerous country

Numbeo 2021 Crime Index rates South Africa as the third most dangerous country in the world to live in, with six cities featuring in the top 20 most dangerous cities globally.

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Researchers Link 8% Increase in U.S. Domestic Violence to Pandemic

Stay-at-home orders imposed as a result of the Coronavirus contributed to an increase in cases of domestic violence in the United States, according to a new report by the Council on Criminal Justice.

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Did Record Gun Sales Cause A Spike In Gun Crime? Researchers Say It's Complicated

The year of the pandemic was also the year of the gun. Shootings took off in almost every city, large and small. New York saw shootings double, and nationally, non-suicide gun deaths jumped about 25%, according to the independent Gun Violence Archive.

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Gender equality has improved in India, says LinkedIn research study

Nearly two-third of India's working women (66 per cent) feel that gender equality has improved compared to their parents age, according to a research study by professional network LinkedIn.
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State crime data shows N.H. police disproportionately arrest people of color

The state Department of Safety collects and publishes information from law enforcement agencies each year as part of a national crime data reporting program run by FBI. The site, maintained by the Justice Information Bureau's Uniform Crime Reporting unit, allows users to sort through the data, perform basic number-crunching and analysis, and create tables and charts, among other features.
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