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Goodwin Expands Microsoft Partnership For Its Proprietary AI

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Law360 (October 14, 2026, 4:14 PM EDT) -- Goodwin Procter LLP announced Tuesday an expanded partnership with Microsoft for its internal artificial intelligence tool Regina OS, its innovation development program Goodwin Builders, and its broader plans to adopt AI across its legal workflows.

Goodwin said Tuesday that Microsoft Foundry, the tech giant's enterprise platform for building AI programs, would undergird its AI initiatives, including its proprietary software Regina OS, announced in August and named after its former Chair Regina Pisa. The operating system is designed to build and scale specific AI tools across the firm, starting with venture financing.

Regina OS was built through a program called Goodwin Builders, in which the firm brings together attorneys and technologists to develop AI solutions. It also pulls from platforms built by Microsoft, Anthropic and OpenAI, with which the firm has made strategic partnerships. Goodwin said Tuesday that Regina OS would operate entirely within Foundry.

"AI is changing what's possible in the practice of law and what our clients can expect from us," Anthony McCusker, chair of Goodwin, said in a statement Tuesday. "We have an opportunity to rethink how we deliver legal services while building on what has always made our lawyers great: their astute judgment, their deep relationships and their industry expertise. Our engagement with Microsoft will help us amplify those strengths."

The firm further announced Tuesday that it would expand access to Microsoft Copilot across the firm and provide training to encourage adoption. Earlier this year, Goodwin said it was aiming to have 90% of its employees using AI tools in their everyday work by the end of 2026.

"AI is creating new opportunities for professional services organizations to improve how people access knowledge, collaborate, and deliver value," Brian Willson, Microsoft's corporate vice president for the professional services industry, said in Tuesday's announcement. "Goodwin's use of Microsoft Copilot and Microsoft Foundry demonstrates how organizations can build, customize, and govern AI solutions while accelerating business value."

Goodwin joins other firms in developing a proprietary AI platform. In August, ArentFox Schiff LLP announced it had launched its own software for its attorneys to use for industry-specific use cases.

Total funding for legal technology companies increased about 12% year-over-year to \$4.01 billion during the first half of 2026, according to an analysis by Law360 Pulse, while the third quarter of the year saw a

9% decrease year-over-year to \$1 billion raised.

AI adoption has been a fixture across the legal industry this year, with court leaders admonishing errors made through its use, in-house legal department leaders lamenting its cost, and company boards organizing committees to track the inherent pitfalls of the technology. Meanwhile, AI-native law firms have been cautioned to preserve a "human element," and regulatory legislation has emerged targeting attorneys' and arbitrators' use of AI.

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