

# Category Win Law Firm of the Year



## COMPUTALAW

## UK

### ABOUT COMPUTALAW

#### We're the Lawyers for Lawyers



Computalaw was founded by M-T Michele Rennie in 1982 following her position as sole in-house company lawyer to the first British IT company (Nexos) where she had to draft and review all contracts for the manufacture, supply, support and distribution of word processors and fax machines, including bespoke software development and chip design for sale, support and distribution around the world, hence Michele's in-depth knowledge of this industry at an international level at the very outset of this new industry. Various sectors of Nexos were then sold off to numerous buyers, many of which wanted Michele to continue to be their lawyer so she set up Computalaw in 1982.

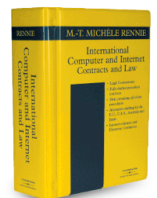
This was the start of the dotcom era and Michele and Computalaw were uniquely in the right place at the right time with the essential expertise for this industry. Computalaw was soon contracted to act for numerous multi-national company clients – as well as advise law firms - throughout the world.

Continuing to be the pioneer in this area of law, and now established in several jurisdictions in the world, Michele re-structured Computalaw as an international company and selected a team of leading legal experts in each major jurisdiction around the world (see [www.computalaw.com/AboutUs](http://www.computalaw.com/AboutUs)) to add their specific country variations to the contracts which were and still are used in-house by Computalaw for its multi-national corporate and legal clients.

Computalaw then created the first legal website in 1997 to make many of these contracts available for all on [www.computalaw.com](http://www.computalaw.com) where there are now over 90 contracts covering software, data, databases, websites, systems, development, support, outsourcing, distribution, e-commerce, copyright, cloud computing/SaaS, Apps, hosting and SEO to name but a few of the categories. All contracts are designed for instant adaptation to a user's requirements with footnotes, advice, optional clauses and uniquely, the contracts are multi-jurisdictional for use in UK, Europe, USA, China, India, Australia and Japan. The website also offers digital signing, online dispute resolution as well as digital 'watermarking' and copyright infringement takedown services.

Michele and Computalaw's unique expertise was also recognized by the big legal publishers and Thomson Reuters/Sweet & Maxwell were first to secure a deal to publish the first book on Computer Contracts in 1985, augmented in 1989 as Further Computer Contracts and now as a 6,000 page, 2 volume publication: International Computer and Internet Contracts and Law which is updated multi-annually (December 2018 being update No 56). These publications have sold over 10,000 in 78 countries – the biggest users being lawyers, contract managers and IT professionals as well as legal academics.

Computalaw and Michele's next step is to add to the digital services made available on its website [www.computalaw.com](http://www.computalaw.com) with AI and all other available digital "tools" to create the one-stop-shop (the 'Google' or 'Amazon') for legal and business contracts and related services to help the busy lawyer and business professional.



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Software,
- Data/ Databases
- Websites, Hosting and SEO
- Systems
- Development
- Support, Outsourcing
- Distribution
- E-Commerce
- Copyright and Licensing
- Cloud computing/SaaS and Apps
- Digital signatures
- ADR/ODR
- AI – digital legal "tools"
- Jurisdictions covered: UK/Europe, USA, China, India, Australia and Japan

### CONTACT DETAILS

Michele Rennie  
Head of Intellectual Property and Internet Law  
Computalaw Ltd

Tel: +447785394026  
Email: [m.rennie@computalaw.com](mailto:m.rennie@computalaw.com)  
Website: [www.computalaw.com](http://www.computalaw.com)