

# Avvoka<sup>3</sup> vs. Contract Express

## The Smarter Choice for Document Automation



### No-code, AI-enhanced Automation

Accelerate template setup and document generation **without overloading legal and innovation teams.**



### End-to-End Support

From intake to drafting, negotiation, and analytics - **designed to support every stage of the document lifecycle.**



### Built for Innovation-driven Teams

Faster delivery of legal services with no-code tools; **freest KM and legal engineers to focus on strategic transformation.**

## Template Automation

Avvoka empowers legal teams to automate faster and independently through its intuitive, visual logic-building interface—without requiring technical knowledge or training.

Feature	Avvoka	Contract Express
No-code interface	Build automation by simply highlighting text - <b>no code, no delays.</b>	Typically requires users to <b>understand field codes, markup syntax, and logic rules</b> - making it better suited to trained automation specialists.
AI-assisted automation	<b>SmartAutomation</b> automatically identifies <b>variables, logic, and clauses</b> from Word documents to fast-track setup.	<b>Contract Express Author</b> only supports limited field automation - but <b>cannot automate conditional spans or auto-generate questionnaires</b> , requiring manual input and scripting for both.
Transaction document conversion	Upload a final form deal document and instantly convert it into a precedent using <b>SmartAutomation</b> to detect variables and clauses.	<b>No document-to-template conversion capability</b> ; precedent must be built manually from scratch.
Template consolidation	<b>SmartConsolidation</b> combines multiple versions of similar templates, enabling unified, logic-rich master templates.	<b>No consolidation feature</b> ; setup is manual and relies heavily on code.
Operations	Create operations (e.g., calculations, date rules, and text transformations) using <b>plain English</b> with <b>Operation Builder</b> .	<b>Supports functions</b> , but they must be <b>written manually in Word</b> using exact syntax, making logic harder to build and troubleshoot.
Clause library	<b>Easily store, manage, and reuse standard clauses across templates</b> to drive consistency and reduce duplication.	<b>Clause reuse is difficult to manage</b> and requires <b>manual insertion</b> , making it hard to scale across large template suites.
PDF automation	<b>Automate PDF documents</b> (e.g., court forms, share certificates, and tax forms).	<b>No native PDF automation</b> ; documents must be filled manually.
Template diagnostics	<b>Test templates live with full document preview</b> and use <b>AI-powered diagnostics</b> to catch errors early—no document generation needed.	Error messages show where issues occur, but <b>testing requires uploading</b> the template to the Contract Express server and launching it.

## Document Generation

Easy to use, yet powerful enough to handle complex, high-volume documents—unlocking use cases beyond the limits of traditional automation tools.

Feature	Avvoka	Contract Express
AI-assisted drafting	Upload a term sheet, memo, or client email, and <b>DraftAssist</b> will <b>auto-populate your questionnaire with extracted data</b> - saving drafting time and reducing errors.	<b>Automated Questionnaire Population</b> is available, but has <b>limited capabilities</b> and <b>no AI-backed visibility</b> of suggested answers - <b>making inputs harder to review or control</b> .
Bulk document generation	<b>Generate 100s of documents at once</b> by uploading an Excel file or connecting to external databases.	Supports bulk generation via Datasheet or HighQ iSheets. However, it lacks native support for <b>end-to-end workflows, real-time collaboration, and integrated e-signature</b> .
Data review & validation	<b>Automatically scans</b> datasets for <b>incorrect/inconsistent answers</b> with <b>AI Data Review</b> - minimising risk and saves time in large-scale transactions.	<b>No built-in validation</b> ; relies on users to spot errors manually before generation.
Live document preview	See the <b>document update in real-time</b> as <b>users complete the questionnaire</b> - displayed side-by-side for a seamless drafting experience.	<b>No ability to visualise the document while completing the questionnaire</b> - users must generate the document to see the output.

## Beyond First Drafts

A truly end-to-end drafting experience—including negotiation and approval workflows—within a single browser-based environment makes Avvoka well-suited for both internal and client-facing use.

Features	Avvoka	Contract Express
Collaboration & negotiation	Full in-browser <b>redlining, comments, and version control</b> .	<b>No native collaboration or negotiation features</b> ; users must export to Word and rely on email or third-party tools.
Workflows & approvals	<b>Customisable workflows</b> across related documents, including multi-step approvals, status tracking, and role-based routing.	<b>No built-in workflow functionality</b> ; approvals and related document processes must be managed manually or configured via external tools.
Client portals	<b>Easily build branded, interactive forms</b> for clients or internal users with minimal setup - <b>a robust, flexible API</b> is available where integration is needed.	Supports basic forms, but <b>users report frequent integration issues</b> , particularly with HighQ.
DMS & e-signature integrations	<b>Stock integrations</b> with DMS platforms (e.g. iManage, SharePoint) and e-signature tools (e.g. DocuSign, Adobe Sign).	Integrations available, but <b>often require technical support and can be difficult to maintain</b> .
Multilingual support	Supports <b>multi-language documents</b> . The <b>platform interface is translatable</b> , making it well-suited for global teams.	<b>Limited language flexibility</b> —users have reported <b>issues with accented characters</b> (e.g., Spanish, French) and formatting inconsistencies.
Analytics & reporting	Visual heatmaps highlight the most negotiated clauses across your contracts, helping you <b>identify key negotiation points</b> . Easily <b>tag clauses</b> and <b>export metadata</b> for deeper insights.	<b>Limited reporting features</b> . No heatmaps to visualise the most negotiated clauses.

## Adoption, User Experience & Support

With a modern, AI-forward product strategy, Avvoka reduces onboarding time and increases automation velocity—especially for firms scaling document automation across departments.

Feature	Avvoka	Contract Express
Vendor support & collaboration	<b>Highly responsive, global support team</b> with fast turnaround times and hands-on guidance from rollout through to scaling.	<b>Traditional enterprise support model;</b> firms report weeks-long delays for support.
Speed to value	<b>Rapid onboarding and fast automation</b> mean teams can onboard and scale in days—not weeks.	<b>Longer lead times</b> for onboarding and template build-out; often require technical resourcing and support.
Ease of use	<b>No specialist coding knowledge required</b> —purpose-built with legal teams in mind.	<b>Designed for specialist automators;</b> legal teams often depend on automation or IT resources, leading to <b>slower feedback loops and lower adoption</b> across practice groups.
Time to first automated template	<b>Templates can be live within hours</b> , thanks to no-code interface and guided onboarding.	<b>Often takes weeks or more</b> , depending on training and template complexity.
Breadth of platform	<b>End-to-end platform</b> (automation, drafting, negotiation/ collaboration, analytics, e-sign) in one place.	<b>Focused on automation only;</b> needs third-party tools for other tasks.
Training & resources	Avvoka Academy, live onboarding, templates, and sandboxes support self-serve learning.	Training available, but typically delivered via scheduled sessions and third-party experts.
Product development	<b>Actively evolving platform with a transparent roadmap</b> and frequent updates driven by client feedback.	Reportedly <b>shifting focus to HighQ</b> , with Contract Express no longer being developed as a standalone product
AI readiness & roadmap	<b>AI is embedded across core features</b> (SmartAutomation, DraftAssist, Operation Builder), with an active roadmap focused on enablement and efficiency.	<b>Limited AI capabilities</b> today; no public roadmap outlining future developments.

### Explore Our Document Automation Buying Guide

Discover how leading law firms, corporates, and financial institutions are scaling their document automation journey—from complex internal workflows to client-facing use cases.

This guide walks you through the essential questions, feature checklists, and evaluation tips your team needs to make an informed, future-ready decision.

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# FAQs

## For Legal Innovation & KM Teams

### Q. How does Avvoka use AI, and how is it different from traditional automation tools?

Avvoka goes beyond document automation—we partner with leading law firms to future-proof how lawyers draft and manage their deals.

While Contract Express focuses on traditional automation, **Avvoka is invested in what comes next**. We've meaningfully implemented AI to accelerate everything from template automation

to document generation—powering a platform that evolves alongside **our clients' innovation goals**.

**Avvoka was recently named one of the top 10 most recommended Legal AI vendors by SKILLS Law**, recognising our practical, innovation-led approach to AI in legal drafting.

### Q. How easy is it to migrate templates from Contract Express to Avvoka?

Avvoka supports this process with a **Contract Express Conversion Tool** and a proven, hands-on methodology to accelerate migration.

Templates are reviewed, mapped, and rebuilt using a combination of SmartAutomation and guidance from a dedicated Customer Success

Manager - streamlining the process while ensuring quality and consistency. We've supported multiple law firms in their migration from Contract Express to Avvoka - including global firms such as A&O Shearman.

You can learn more in [this migration guide](#).

### Q. What if we've already invested in Contract Express authoring expertise?

Avvoka is designed to **complement-not replace-your team's skills**. Experienced authors can get up and running quickly, while innovation teams gain speed and flexibility with **no-code**

**tools and AI-enabled automation** - reducing reliance on specialist resource over time.

### Q. Can Avvoka handle complex, high-value documents like Contract Express?

Yes—without compromise. Avvoka offers **enterprise-grade capability** with a full range of features to support **complex, high-volume, and multi-party documents**. It matches (and often exceeds) Contract Express in functional depth—**without requiring users to write or maintain code**.

Avvoka supports:

- Conditional logic and dynamic clause building

- Complex calculations, date rules, and operations

- Multi-language templates and mass generation

- Advanced workflows, analytics, and integrations

Unlike legacy platforms, Avvoka is **continuously updated**, with new features released in direct response to client feedback—all inside an intuitive, no-code environment.

### Q. How does Avvoka partner with clients beyond implementation?

Avvoka offers more than just support—we build **lasting partnerships with our clients**. Every organisation is paired with dedicated Customer Success Manager(s) and backed by a global, highly responsive team that understands your needs.

This hands-on, collaborative approach is one of the most commonly cited reasons firms switch to Avvoka from tools like Contract Express.