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**From “Advising” to “Sharing”: A Preliminary
Study on the Potential Transformation of Legal Professions
in the Information Age**

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This article reconsiders the position of information in the practice of the legal professionals within the context of an information-driven society. With the growth of information disclosure and the digital society, the provision of legal information to the general public has increased. A key issue that arises is how the increase in providing information to the general public, instead of focusing solely on legal practice, impacts the role of legal professionals. To provide a theoretical foundation for future empirical research, this paper examines the information activities of legal professionals and discusses how information dissemination influences the role of legal professionals. First, with a focus on the characteristics of lawyers as 'professionals', the paper draws on the broader field of sociology of professions to provide an overview of how information provision is understood in the context of professionals. Next, it reconstructs previous research on information dissemination in the context of legal professionalism, highlighting key findings and remaining challenges. Furthermore, the article examines the necessity and characteristics of information dissemination by legal professionals, considering the widespread generalization of online information activities,

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and explores the potential transformations that may occur in the practice of law as a result.