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Contracts as structured data: a different way of reading

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What changes when a contract is treated as information as well as text? Structured approaches can reveal obligations, dates and dependencies, while leaving interpretation firmly within the lawyer’s domain.

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Text and structure

A contract can be analysed for obligations and dependencies without reducing its meaning to a spreadsheet.

Field	Example
Obligation	Deliver a report
Review	Confirm completion

Interpretation remains essential

Structure supports, rather than replaces, professional judgement.

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