MICROSOFT DYNAMICS 365 FOR LEGAL

Matter entity field model

d365Legal

Dataverse schema for 13 areas of law

Technical implementation reference
Jurisdiction-neutral baseline / October 2026

Product evidence and design boundary

Verified product concepts inform the proposed field model

Documented in d365Legal

Shared Matter record

Matter number, client, owner, opened date and billing information form the operational record.

Legal classification

Practice Area contains Law Types. Each Law Type contains Matter Types.

Connected records

Related parties, documents, billing events, expenses and matter budgets link to the Matter.

Proposed in this presentation

Illustrative logical names

Every d365_ name is a design proposal. Confirm the installed publisher prefix and existing columns.

Practice-specific extensions

Each requested area gets a baseline set of fields plus related records for repeating information.

Taxonomy mapping

The 13 requested “law types” may map to Practice Areas. Confirm placement before configuration.

Proposed relational model

One shared Matter record with optional practice details and repeatable child records

01	**Matter**	Installed Matter table: identity, client, classification, ownership and lifecycle
02	**Practice detail**	Matter 1 : 0..1 detail per practice category. Required d365_matterid lookup plus a unique alternate key.
03	**Related records**	Matter 1 : N parties, deadlines and documents. Detail 1 : N claims, assets, applications or facilities.
Relationship rules		Use junction records when relationships carry roles, dates or shares. Reuse installed child tables before introducing equivalents.

Shared Matter identity and classification

Reuse the installed columns. The d365_ names below are illustrative mapping targets

Field	Illustrative name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / rule
Matter ID	Installed primary key	Unique identifier	R	System-generated identity. Keep unchanged
Matter number	d365_matternumber	Autonumber text	R	Reuse the product-generated reference
Matter name	d365_name	Text (200)	R	Clear matter title for search and lookups
Primary client	d365_clientid	Customer	R	Primary Account or Contact
Practice area	d365_practiceareaid	Lookup: PracticeArea	R	Top-level legal classification
Law type	d365_lawtypeid	Lookup: LawType	R	Must belong to selected practice area
Matter type	d365_mattertypeid	Lookup: MatterType	R	Must belong to selected law type

INTEGRITY RULE

Validate classification combinations on the server. A filtered form lookup alone does not protect imports or API writes.

Shared Matter controls

Proposed mapping targets for all practices, alongside existing system fields

Ownership and lifecycle

ownerid / Owner lookup / R

Use the existing user/team owner. Separate record ownership from the responsible legal professional.

d365_responsiblelawyerid / User lookup / R

Assign the accountable professional before opening the Matter.

d365_openedon / d365_closedon / Date Only

Require opened date at opening. Require closed date on closure and reject an earlier closing date.

Commercial and governance

d365_billingtype / Choice / R

Select a controlled billing model. Require a price list or fee agreement when the model needs one.

d365_jurisdictionid / Lookup / C

Capture the primary jurisdiction before applying jurisdiction-specific rules.

d365_confidentiality / Choice / R

Classify sensitivity. Configure permissions separately and retain an audit trail of access decisions.

Field dictionary conventions

A baseline schema for design review, rather than an exhaustive build specification

01	**Naming and storage**	d365_ is an illustrative publisher prefix. Each practice table has a GUID key, primary name and required d365_matterid lookup.
02	**Requiredness**	R = required when activating the record. C = required when the stated condition applies. O = optional. Support incomplete intake drafts.
03	**Types and references**	Customer means Account or Contact. Lookup targets name proposed reference tables. Choice values require agreed codes and labels.
04	**Dates and amounts**	Date Only means DateOnly behavior and format. Currency uses the record currency. Repeating amounts and dates belong in child records.

Commercial and corporate law

Proposed table: d365_corporatedetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Transaction type	d365_transactiontype	Choice	R	Acquisition, incorporation or advisory
Subject company	d365_companyid	Lookup: Account	C	Required for entity-specific work
Entity jurisdiction	d365_entityjurisdictionid	Lookup: Jurisdiction	C	Required for incorporation work
Transaction value	d365_transactionvalue	Currency	O	Headline value in record currency
Signing date	d365_signingon	Date Only	C	Required once documents are signed
Target completion	d365_completiontargeton	Date Only	O	Planned completion date
Diligence status	d365_diligencestatus	Choice	C	Required when diligence applies

RELATED RECORDS

1:N Agreement, CorporateParty and Approval records. Track shareholdings as dated records.

VALIDATION

Require subject company and entity jurisdiction for incorporation. Keep signing and completion separate.

Litigation and dispute resolution

Proposed table: d365_disputedetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Dispute category	d365_disputecategory	Choice	R	Contract, commercial or other dispute
Resolution route	d365_resolutionroute	Choice	R	Court, arbitration or mediation
Primary forum	d365_forumid	Lookup: Forum	C	Required once a forum is selected
Proceeding reference	d365_proceedingref	Text (100)	C	Required when a proceeding is filed
Claim amount	d365_claimamount	Currency	O	Monetary relief claimed
Relief sought	d365_reliefsought	Multiline text	R	Requested remedy, including non-money relief
Filed date	d365_filedon	Date Only	C	Required once filing occurs

RELATED RECORDS

1:N Proceeding, Hearing and Pleading. Put each deadline in MatterDeadline with its rule source.

VALIDATION

Require forum and proceeding reference at filing. Support several proceedings within one matter.

Property and real estate law

Proposed table: d365_propertydetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Transaction type	d365_propertydealtype	Choice	R	Purchase, sale, lease or development
Primary property	d365_propertyid	Lookup: Property	R	Asset record with address and title IDs
Tenure type	d365_tenuretype	Choice	O	Locally configured tenure classification
Consideration	d365_consideration	Currency	C	Required for a priced sale or purchase
Contract date	d365_contracton	Date Only	C	Required when a contract is executed
Settlement target	d365_settlementtargeton	Date Only	O	Planned transfer or settlement date
Registration status	d365_registrationstatus	Choice	C	Required when registration applies

RELATED RECORDS

1:N MatterProperty, TitleSearch and Encumbrance. Lease terms belong in a related Lease record.

VALIDATION

A primary property supports summary views. MatterProperty supports transactions with multiple assets.

Employment law

Proposed table: d365_employmentdetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Work category	d365_employmenttype	Choice	R	Advice, agreement, grievance or dispute
Client capacity	d365_clientcapacity	Choice	R	Employer, worker or representative
Employer	d365_employerid	Lookup: Account	R	Employer involved in the engagement
Primary worker	d365_workerid	Lookup: Contact	C	Required for an individual worker matter
Employment start	d365_employmentstarton	Date Only	O	Relevant employment commencement
Termination date	d365_terminationon	Date Only	C	Required for a completed termination
Remedy sought	d365_remedysought	Multiline text	C	Required for a dispute or claim

RELATED RECORDS

1:N EmploymentIssue, EmploymentAgreement and MatterParty. Keep pay history in dated child rows.

VALIDATION

Validate termination against commencement when both are known. Allow group matters with many workers.

Family law

Proposed table: d365_familydetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Matter stream	d365_familystream	Choice	R	Parenting, finances or relationship status
Relationship status	d365_relationshipstatus	Choice	O	Client-reported status at intake
Relationship start	d365_relationshipstarton	Date Only	O	Relevant commencement date
Separation date	d365_separationon	Date Only	O	Client-reported separation date
Children involved	d365_childreninvolved	Choice	R	Yes, no or unknown at intake
Agreement status	d365_agreementstatus	Choice	O	None, negotiating, signed or disputed
Disclosure status	d365_disclosurestatus	Choice	C	Required for financial proceedings

RELATED RECORDS

1:N RelatedChild, FamilyOrder, AssetInterest and Liability. Store party roles in MatterParty.

VALIDATION

Unknown remains distinct from No. Restrict access to child details and confidential contact information.

Criminal law

Proposed table: d365_criminaldetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Representation type	d365_representationtype	Choice	R	Advice, defence or appeal
Represented person	d365_representedpersonid	Lookup: Contact	R	Person receiving representation
Investigating body	d365_investigatingbodyid	Lookup: Authority	O	Responsible agency or authority
Primary court	d365_courtid	Lookup: Forum	C	Required when court proceedings begin
Case reference	d365_caseref	Text (100)	C	Required when a reference is issued
Custody status	d365_custodystatus	Choice	R	Unknown, released or in custody
Funding basis	d365_fundingbasis	Choice	R	Private, public funding or other

RELATED RECORDS 1:N Charge, Hearing, BailCondition and Outcome. Keep plea and disposition on each Charge.

VALIDATION Charge and plea values describe procedural records only. A matter status must not imply a finding of guilt.

Personal injury law

Proposed table: d365_injurydetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Claim category	d365_claimcategory	Choice	R	Motor, workplace, public liability or other
Claimant	d365_claimantid	Lookup: Contact	R	Person bringing the claim
Incident date	d365_incidenton	Date Only	C	Required once the event date is confirmed
Primary insurer	d365_insurerid	Lookup: Account	O	Insurer handling the primary claim
Claim reference	d365_claimref	Text (100)	C	Required once the insurer issues it
Liability position	d365_liabilityposition	Choice	R	Unknown, disputed, admitted or partial
Settlement amount	d365_settlementamount	Currency	C	Required for a monetary settlement

RELATED RECORDS

1:N InjuryAssessment, Treatment, LossItem and InsuranceClaim. Keep health documents in restricted storage.

VALIDATION

Capture the legal trigger separately from the incident date. Human review confirms any limitation deadline.

Wills and estates

Proposed table: d365_estatedetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Matter stream	d365_estatestream	Choice	R	Planning, administration or estate dispute
Subject person	d365_subjectpersonid	Lookup: Contact	R	Will-maker or deceased person
Date of death	d365_deathon	Date Only	C	Required for estate administration
Will status	d365_willstatus	Choice	R	Unknown, none, draft or executed
Will execution date	d365_willexecutedon	Date Only	C	Required when executed will is known
Grant type	d365_granttype	Choice	C	Required when a grant application applies
Grant reference	d365_grantref	Text (100)	C	Required when the authority issues a grant

RELATED RECORDS

1:N ExecutorAppointment, BeneficiaryInterest, EstateAsset, EstateLiability and Distribution.

VALIDATION

Planning matters can omit death and grant details. Reconcile distributions against authorised estate values.

Immigration law

Proposed table: d365_immigrationdetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Destination country	d365_destinationcountryid	Lookup: Country	R	Jurisdiction deciding the application
Application category	d365_applicationtypeid	Lookup: VisaCategory	R	Country-specific application class
Principal applicant	d365_applicantid	Lookup: Contact	R	Primary person seeking immigration status
Sponsor	d365_sponsorid	Customer	C	Required for a sponsored application
Application reference	d365_applicationref	Text (100)	C	Required after authority acknowledgement
Lodgement date	d365_lodgedon	Date Only	C	Required after submission
Decision status	d365_decisionstatus	Choice	R	Pending, granted, refused or withdrawn

RELATED RECORDS

1:N ImmigrationApplication, Dependant and StatusPeriod. Each status period holds validity and conditions.

VALIDATION

Filter application categories by destination country. Track expiry per status record, not solely per matter.

Tax law

Proposed table: d365_taxdetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Taxpayer	d365_taxpayerid	Customer	R	Person or organisation receiving advice
Tax jurisdiction	d365_taxjurisdictionid	Lookup: Jurisdiction	R	Authority scope for the primary issue
Tax category	d365_taxcategory	Choice	R	Income, indirect, payroll or other tax
Period start	d365_periodstarton	Date Only	C	Required for a period-specific matter
Period end	d365_periodendon	Date Only	C	Required for a period-specific matter
Assessment reference	d365_assessmentref	Text (100)	C	Required for an assessment dispute
Amount in dispute	d365_disputedamount	Currency	O	Contested amount in record currency

RELATED RECORDS 1:N TaxPeriod, Assessment, Objection and TaxAuthorityContact. Support multiple periods and jurisdictions.

VALIDATION Require period end on or after period start. Secure taxpayer identifiers separately from general matter text.

Intellectual property law

Proposed table: d365_ipdetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Work category	d365_ipworktype	Choice	R	Registration, licensing or enforcement
Right category	d365_righttype	Choice	R	Patent, trade mark, design or copyright
Primary IP right	d365_iprightid	Lookup: IPRight	R	Asset record with owner and territory
Protection territory	d365_territoryid	Lookup: Jurisdiction	C	Required for territorial registration
Application number	d365_applicationnumber	Text (100)	C	Required once a registry issues it
Filing date	d365_ipfiledon	Date Only	C	Required once filing occurs
Right status	d365_rightstatus	Choice	R	Unfiled, pending, registered or expired

RELATED RECORDS

1:N MatterIPRight, PriorityClaim, Renewal and Licence. Support portfolios and territorial registrations.

VALIDATION

Store priority claims and renewals as separate events. Configure deadlines by right, territory and rule version.

Banking and finance law

Proposed table: d365_financedetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Finance type	d365_financetype	Choice	R	Loan, refinancing, project or asset finance
Primary borrower	d365_borrowerid	Customer	R	Main borrowing party
Facility agent	d365_agentid	Lookup: Account	O	Agent coordinating lenders where relevant
Facility amount	d365_facilityamount	Currency	C	Required once terms specify an amount
Execution date	d365_executionon	Date Only	C	Required when documents are executed
Maturity date	d365_maturityon	Date Only	C	Required for a term facility
Conditions status	d365_conditionsstatus	Choice	R	Not started, open, satisfied or waived

RELATED RECORDS

1:N Facility, SecurityInterest, Guarantor and Covenant. Store lender participation on a junction table.

VALIDATION

Each facility carries its own currency and maturity. Record authorised waivers with approver and date.

Transportation law

Proposed table: d365_transportdetail. Shared Matter fields also apply

Field	Proposed logical name	Dataverse type	Req.	Purpose / condition
Transport mode	d365_transportmode	Choice	R	Road, rail, air, sea or multimodal
Matter category	d365_transporttype	Choice	R	Contract, cargo claim or regulatory work
Primary carrier	d365_carrierid	Lookup: Account	C	Required for a carrier-specific matter
Movement reference	d365_movementref	Text (100)	C	Required for a shipment-specific matter
Origin country	d365_origincountryid	Lookup: Country	C	Required for an international movement
Destination country	d365_destcountryid	Lookup: Country	C	Required for an international movement
Event date	d365_eventon	Date Only	O	Relevant delivery, incident or inspection date

RELATED RECORDS

1:N Consignment, TransportLeg, VehicleVessel and CargoClaim. Each leg can carry its own mode and carrier.

VALIDATION

Record applicable regime and triggering event on each deadline. Never infer legal rules from mode alone.

Security and deadline controls

Cross-practice requirements for the proposed model

Access controls

Matter-level access

Use security roles and teams. Test whether linked detail and child records expose restricted information.

Sensitive columns

Apply column security where supported. Test with a non-admin account, including views, APIs and exports.

Documents and retention

Coordinate document permissions, retention and legal holds with the matter access model.

Deadline controls

Separate deadline records

MatterDeadline holds type, trigger date, due date, jurisdiction, rule version, reviewer and status.

Explicit time semantics

Use Date Only for calendar dates. Use User Local DateTime for timed events and record the relevant time zone.

Reviewed calculations

Configure local rules and exceptions. Capture human approval and recalculate only through controlled changes.

Implementation decisions before build

A controlled path from proposed model to a validated solution

1	**Map the installed solution**	Export table and column metadata. Record existing names, types, relationships and managed properties.
2	**Approve the domain model**	Confirm taxonomy placement, primary record rules, child-table ownership and jurisdiction-specific requirements.
3	**Specify every field**	Agree choice codes, lengths, precision, requiredness, keys, security, audit and cascade behavior.
4	**Test and release**	Test intake, amendments and closure through forms and APIs. Include access, time zones, currency and migration cases.

Sources and specification status

Product concepts are documented. The proposed schema requires implementation approval

d365Legal product evidence

Dynamics 365 for Legal User Guide

Internal guide: Matter creation, header, tabs and legal classification structure.

d365Legal Matter Management

Public description of configurable law types, matter types and connected matter operations.

Creating and Managing a Matter

Public learn portal: direct creation and automatic assignment of Matter numbers.

Microsoft platform references

Column data types in Dataverse

Work with alternate keys

Behavior and format of date/time columns

Column-level security

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Full source references appear in speaker notes.