



Enabling Innovation in Law and Society

6th Annual Innovation and Technology Law Conference
Friday, June 9, 2023 (a virtual conference)

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Cost: Free

Registration link:

<https://seattleu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0pfumopzksEt2Bi7WOIQlgm0k-IELSERoS#/registration>

Conference Overview: This year’s conference explores innovation in legal services, a familiar theme for this annual innovation conference, by taking a deep dive into the business models of two companies operating in the legal technology sector to aid those seeking legal services, and to innovate in the delivery of legal services for business clients and deals. The conference also continues its familiar theme of innovation in the FinTech sector, this year with a focus on regulatory developments and the appropriate role for regulation and regulators, along with a look forward from the vantage point of what has been a newsworthy year for banking and crypto. Surrounded by these bookends, the middle of the conference posits diversity as key to innovation and explores that theme through two “fireside chats” with those who have written about their experiences in diversifying the technology field, along with a panel exploration of the extent and causes of under-representation within intellectual property policies and practices, as well as law student perspectives on pipeline programs to address DEI issues.

9:00 a.m. PDT (all times PDT) Welcome

Dean Anthony E. Varona, Seattle University School of Law

9:10-11:00 a.m. Innovation in Legal Services

MODERATOR: Steven W. Bender, Associate Dean for Planning and Strategic Initiatives and Professor, Seattle University School of Law

Innovation in the Delivery of Legal Services/Access to Justice

PANELISTS:

- Walid Romaya, CEO and Co-Founder, Vikkoria
- Tabrez Ebrahim, Associate Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School, Chief Legal Officer and Co-Founder, Vikkoria

Innovation in Legal Contracts and Deals

PANELISTS:

- Gaurav Oberoi, CEO and Founder, Lexion
- Jessica Nguyen, Chief Legal Officer, Lexion

11:00-11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Diversity as Key to Innovation

STEM Education (11:15-11:50 a.m.)

MODERATOR/HOST: Steve Tapia, Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, Seattle University School of Law

PANELIST: Richard Tapia, Maxfield-Oshman Chair in Engineering, Rice University (author of *Losing the Precious Few: How America Fails to Educate Its Minorities in Science and Engineering*)

Diversity Enhancing Intellectual Property (11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.)

MODERATOR: Margaret Chon, Donald and Lynda Horowitz Endowed Chair for the Pursuit of Justice, Seattle University School of Law

PANELISTS:

- Valeriya Dimova, J.D. 2024 Seattle University School of Law
- Minerva Sigüenza Gómez, J.D. 2023 Seattle University School of Law
- Jordana Goodman, Assistant Professor, Chicago-Kent College of Law
- Nina Srejovic, Visiting Professor and Acting Director of the Intellectual Property and Information Policy Clinic, Georgetown Law School

12:50-1:00 p.m. Break

1:00-1:45 p.m. Fireside Virtual Chat with Bruce Jackson, Associate General Counsel, Microsoft (author of *Never Far From Home: My Journey from Brooklyn to Hip Hop, Microsoft, and the Law*)

1:45-2:00 p.m. Break

2:00-4:00 p.m. Banking, Capital Markets & The Crypto Revolution: A Look-Back and Projection of the Future of FinTech

MODERATOR: Joseph M. Vincent, Adjunct Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law; Former Director of Regulatory & Legal Affairs, Washington Department of Financial Institutions

PANELISTS:

- Joseph R. Cutler, Firmwide Co-Chair, Fintech Industry Group, Perkins Coie (Seattle)
- Lawrence Kaplan, Chair of the Bank Regulatory Group, Paul Hastings (D.C.)
- Youssef Sneifer, V.P., Regulatory and Compliance, GoCardless (London)
- Jill Williamson, Managing Attorney, Gravis Law (Chicago)

5:00-6:30 p.m. Post-Conference Live Reception at Perkins Coie

1201 3rd Ave #4900, Seattle, WA

[Register for the post-conference reception](#)

This year's conference builds on past annual themes of Blockchain and FinTech: Innovation and Regulation (sponsored by Fenwick & West LLP) (held in 2018); 2019's RegTech: The Transformation of Regulation & Compliance (sponsored by Perkins Coie LLP); 2020's Data Justice: Legal and Policy Issues in Data Collection, Usage, and Ownership (sponsored by Perkins Coie LLP), the 2021 conference Innovating for the Social Good (sponsored by Perkins Coie LLP), and the 2022 conference, Deep Innovation Dives.