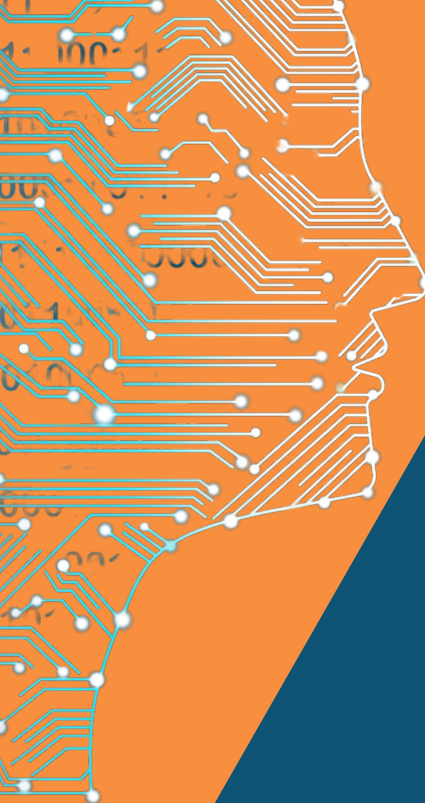




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AI 2035: The Legal Profession and the Judiciary in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Join the CBA for an immersive experience that will feature keynote addresses from leading AI experts, interactive CLE sessions, live technology demonstrations, panel discussions on emerging ethical challenges, and networking opportunities designed to foster collaboration across practice areas. Attendees will gain practical insights into implementing AI tools in their practice, understand regulatory developments, and participate in shaping the future of the legal profession in an increasingly digital world.

Each day will explore a distinct dimension of AI's impact on the law—foundational knowledge, applied ethics and innovation, and forward-looking mastery. Attendees will be invited to attend breakout sessions across three tracks—Litigation, Transactional, and Administrative/Operational—designed to unpack AI's impact across practice areas.

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DAY 1: Monday, May 11

8:00 – 8:45 AM

Registration

Location: Entry Lobby

8:00 – 8:45 AM

Continental Breakfast & Vendor Showcase Opens

Location: Gallery, 10th Floor

8:45 – 9:00 AM

Welcome

Location: 2nd Floor, Feinberg Theater

The Chicago Bar Association AI Initiative
Executive Committee Leadership:

Judge Nichole C. Patton, Circuit Court of Cook
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Justice Rena Van Tine, Illinois Appellate Court

Judge Megan Goldish, Circuit Court of Cook
County

Joel Bruckman, Partner, Smith Gambrell &
Russell LLP

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Opening Keynote

Location: 2nd Floor, Feinberg Theater

AI Fluency for Lawyers: From Intimidation to Competence—A Practical Playbook for the Next Decade

A Practical Playbook for the Next Decade equips attorneys with a clear, practical framework for understanding and using artificial intelligence in legal practice. This session translates complex concepts into actionable strategies lawyers can apply immediately and evolve over the coming decade. (1 IL MCLE Credit)

Speaker:

Charles Elliott, Head of Industry Architects,
Google

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Vendor Hall & Coffee Break

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1 (Litigation)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

AI & Litigation Risk: Causes of Action, Defenses, and Liability in the Evolving Age of AI Reliance

This session examines emerging litigation risks tied to the use and misuse of artificial intelligence, including novel causes of action, evolving defenses, and shifting theories of liability. Attendees will gain practical insight into how courts and regulators are approaching AI-related disputes and how to mitigate risk in an increasingly AI-dependent legal landscape. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Elizabeth Winkowski, Partner, Taft

Daniel Shulman, Partner, Vedder Price

Hillard Sterling, Partner, Roetzel & Andress

Moderator: **Patricia McCarthy**, Attorney at Law

Track 2 (Transactional)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

Drafting with AI: Quality Control, Confidentiality, and Contract Risk Allocation

This session explores how transactional lawyers can effectively leverage AI in contract drafting while maintaining accuracy, protecting client confidentiality, and managing risk. Attendees will learn practical strategies for quality control, ethical use, and allocating AI-related risks in modern agreements. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Benjamin Altshul, Partner, Levenfeld
Pearlstein

Michael Riesen, Partner, Smith Gambrell &
Russell

Dev Thain, Program Manager, Spellbook

Moderator: **Judge Tracie Porter**, Circuit Court
of Cook County

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions Continued

Track 3 (Administrative/Operational)

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

Building an AI-Ready Law Department: Governance, Policies, and Change Management

This session provides a practical roadmap for building an AI-ready law department, with a focus on governance structures, internal policies, and responsible adoption frameworks. Attendees will gain insight into effective change management strategies to drive organization-wide AI integration while mitigating legal, ethical, and operational risks. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Jeff Dietz, Assistant General Counsel for Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Capital One

Hari Osofsky, Myra and James Bradwell Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Cristin Traylor, Senior Director, AI Transformation and Law Firm Strategy, Relativity

Moderator: **Daniel Lynch**, Senior Associate, Peck Ritchey LLC

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Luncheon + Speaker

Location: 9th Floor, Crown Hall

Same Rules, New Tools: What the Illinois Supreme Court's AI Policy Means for Judges and Lawyers—In Court, In Chambers, and In Filings

This program examines the Illinois Supreme Court's AI policy and its practical implications for judges and lawyers across courtrooms, chambers, and filings. Gain a clear understanding of how existing professional and procedural rules apply, along with guidance for compliant and effective AI use in litigation practice. (1.00 IL MCLE Credit)

Speaker:

Judge Jeffrey A. Goffinet, Circuit Court of Williamson County; Co-Chair, IL Supreme Court AI Task Force

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1 (Litigation)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

AI in eDiscovery: Managing Volume, Bias, and Validation Duties

This session explores how AI is transforming e-discovery, with a focus on managing large data volumes, identifying and mitigating bias, and meeting evolving validation obligations. Attendees will gain practical guidance on defensible workflows, quality control, and best practices for leveraging AI in discovery. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Christopher Bojar, Director of EDiscovery and Litigation Support, Barrack Ferrazzano

Chris Campbell, Head of eDiscovery, Edelson

Eric Stadel, Litigation Support Manager, McAndrews

Moderator: **Anita Alvarez**, Chief Legal Counsel, Maryville Academy

Track 2 (Transactional)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

AI-Driven Due Diligence: Speed, Accuracy, and Ethical Boundaries

This session examines how AI is accelerating due diligence in transactional practice while raising important questions about accuracy and reliability. Attendees will learn practical approaches to balancing efficiency with careful oversight, including strategies for verification and risk management. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Chaitanya Jayanti, Associate, Ropes & Gray

Moderator/Speaker: **Howard Suskin**, Partner, Jenner & Block

William Zimmerman, Partner, Holland & Knight

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions Continued

Track 3 (Administrative/Operational)

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

Vendor Selection and Risk Assessment for AI Tools

This session provides a practical framework for evaluating and selecting AI vendors, with a focus on due diligence, performance criteria, and integration considerations. Attendees will gain tools to assess risk, compare solutions, and make informed procurement decisions aligned with organizational needs. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Marcus Harris, Partner, Taft

Chad Main, Founder, Percipient

Michael Quartararo, President, ACEDS & Professional Development

Moderator: **Patricia McCarthy**, Attorney at Law

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Vendor Hall & Coffee Break

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Demonstrations/Interactive Product Labs

Track 1 (Litigation)

Demonstration Hosted by Thomson Reuters

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

Beyond the Hype: Practical AI Ethics for Legal Practitioners

Artificial Intelligence is transforming legal practice, but professional responsibilities remain unchanged. Move beyond the hype and embrace AI responsibly—ensuring innovation enhances, rather than compromises, your practice. Attendees will learn how ABA Model Rules apply to AI use in practice, practical steps for meeting competence and confidentiality obligations, real-world lessons from cases like *Mata v. Avianca*, how to create firm-wide Responsible AI Use Policies, and when client consent is required for AI assistance. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speaker:

Amanda Stubson, Product Specialist, Legal Customer Success

Track 2 (Transactional)

Demonstration Hosted by Spellbook

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

AI-Powered Contract Review: The Latest Developments

A walk through how transactional lawyers can use AI tools in Microsoft Word to draft, review, and negotiate contracts with greater speed and consistency, while maintaining professional obligations around competence, confidentiality, and supervision. Panelists will demonstrate real-world workflows including playbook-driven drafting, clause comparison, and issue spotting and highlight where AI performs reliably today, where human judgment remains critical, and how to structure workflows that meet ethical and client expectations. A portion of the session will include a live demonstration of AI-assisted drafting and review workflows, and attendees will have the option to follow along on their own devices. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Dev Thain, Head of Academic Partnerships, Spellbook

Emma Holden, Account Executive, Spellbook

Elisa Lauzier, Account Executive, Spellbook

Track 3 (Administrative/Operational):

Demonstration + Hands-On Hosted by Hatz

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

AI Workflows & Agents for Law Firm Operations: 15 Use Cases for the Business Behind the Practice

This session covers the AI risk landscape specific to legal practice, including privilege waiver, ethical obligations under ABA Formal Opinion 512, and malpractice exposure from AI hallucinations, then moves into a live demonstration of a managed AI platform built for law firms. Attendees will see an AI agent constructed in real time, walk through an ROI calculator using realistic law firm numbers, and review 15 operational use cases spanning business development, finance, marketing, HR, and firm administration. The session closes with a phased Crawl-Walk-Run adoption framework designed to move firms from first login to measurable business impact.

Attendees will scan a QR code linked to a short intake form. Responses are used to build each attendee a personalized AI Communications Agent configured to their writing style, role, and typical correspondents, delivered after the event as a working tool on the managed AI platform. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Adam Barney, President, Framework IT
Eric Pitts, AI Strategy Consultant, Framework IT

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Welcome Reception & Vendor Showcase Hosted Bar + Light Fare

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

DAY 2 — Tuesday, May 12

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast & Networking with Vendors

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Plenary Panel

Location: 2nd Floor, Feinberg Theater

AI, Regulation, and the Law: What Lawyers Need to Know About Emerging Federal, State, and Global Frameworks

This session provides an overview of the rapidly evolving legal and regulatory frameworks governing artificial intelligence at the federal, state, and international levels. Attendees will gain practical insight into key compliance trends, enforcement priorities, and how emerging rules may impact legal practice. (1.00 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Adam Aft, Partner, Baker McKenzie
Jessi Brooks, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer, Ribbit
Eric Posner, Professor, The University of Chicago Law School

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Vendor Hall & Coffee Break

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1 (Litigation)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

Predictive Analytics in Case Strategy: What's Real, What's Hype

This session examines the role of predictive analytics in litigation strategy, separating practical, data-driven tools from overhyped capabilities. Attendees will gain insight into how these technologies are being used to assess case outcomes, inform decision-making, and support litigation planning in real-world practice. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Arnold Blair, Discovery Counsel, MoloLamken
Omid Jahanbin, Senior Vice President, Global Marketing & Product Experience, Consilio
Moderator: **Meghan O'Donnell**, Account Executive, LexisNexis Legal

Track 2 (Transactional)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

Negotiation Support Tools: How AI Is Changing Deal Dynamics

Hosted by Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

This session explores how AI-powered negotiation support tools are reshaping deal-making dynamics, from strategy development to real-time drafting and analysis. Attendees will gain insight into how these technologies are influencing transactional practice and how legal teams can effectively integrate them into negotiations while maintaining control of the process. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Brian H. Axelrad, Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
Lauren E. Pierotti, Associate, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions Continued

Track 3 (Administrative/Operational)

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

AI for Knowledge Management and Workflow Automation

This session explores how AI is transforming legal knowledge management and streamlining workflows through automation, search optimization, and smarter information retrieval. Attendees will gain practical insight into implementing these tools to improve efficiency and enhance organizational access to institutional knowledge. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Shawn Davis, CIO / Chief Technologist, Investigations, Edelson P.C.

Adam C. Kibort, Partner, Grund & Leavitt LLP

Samuel Oh, Co-Founder & CEO, Concorda

Moderator: **Sari Montgomery**, Partner, Robinson, Stewart, Montgomery & Doppke, LLC

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Lunch + Panel Discussion

Location: 9th Floor, Crown Hall

The In-House AI Equilibrium: Where Business Operations Meet Legal Governance

Explore the intersection of Artificial Intelligence and sports at this panel discussion. This session examines how the Chicago Cubs are leveraging AI and balancing value creation with technology and legal governance. (1.00 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Chase Carpenter, Vice President, Strategy and Analytics, Chicago Cubs

Steve Inman, Vice President, Technology, Chicago Cubs

Taylor Riskin, Associate General Counsel, Chicago Cubs

Moderator: **Michael Lufrano**, Executive Vice President, Community, Government and Legal Affairs, Chicago Cubs

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1 (Litigation)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

AI and Legal Research: Practical Adoption, Guardrails, and the Future of Legal Work

This panel will examine how AI is changing legal research in real practice, using recent survey data showing that legal research and document summary are now the most common generative AI use cases among both firm and in-house lawyers. Panelists will discuss where AI can improve speed and scale, where it creates risk, and what lawyers need in place (training, policies, vendor oversight, and human review) to use AI-assisted research effectively and defensibly. By the end of the program, attendees should be able to assess where AI is already being used in legal research, identify the biggest risk areas in AI-assisted research workflows, and more. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Jamie Filipovic, O'Hagan Meyer

Steve Puiszis, Hinshaw & Culbertson

Trevor Scheetz, Sperling Kenny Nachwalter

Jennifer Stringfield, Subject Advisor, LexisNexis

Moderator: **Meghan O'Donnell**, Account Executive, LexisNexis Legal

Track 2 (Transactional)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

Confidentiality in the Age of AI: When Client Data Becomes Training Data

Examine the confidentiality risks that arise when client data interacts with AI systems, including concerns about data retention, model training, and third-party tool usage. You will gain practical guidance on safeguarding sensitive information while leveraging AI in transactional workflows. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE)

Speakers:

Michael R. Booden, Senior Technology Counsel, HUB International Ltd.

Peter Hegel, Counsel, Perkins Coie

Nicholas Ustaski, Associate, Dykema

Moderator: **Jennifer Dickey**, Associate, Dykema

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions Continued

Track 3 (Administrative/Operational)

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

The AI-Driven Collapse of the Billable Hour

This session explores how AI is disrupting traditional legal pricing models and accelerating the shift away from the billable hour. Attendees will examine emerging alternative fee structures and practical strategies for adapting law firm economics in an AI-driven legal marketplace. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Joey Gartner, Director and Counsel, American Bar Association Center for Innovation

Susan Guthrie, Founder & CEO, Guthrie Consulting & Media, Creator & Host of The Practice Playbook Podcast and The Divorce & Beyond Podcast

Moderator/Speaker: **Mathew Kerbis**, Founder, The Subscription Attorney

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Vendor Hall & Coffee Break

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Demonstrations/Interactive Product Labs

Track 1 (Litigation):

Demonstration Hosted by LexisNexis

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

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By the end of the program, attendees should be able to assess where AI is already being used in legal research, identify the biggest risk areas in AI-assisted research workflows, and evaluate what governance, training, tool selection, and supervision practices are needed to use these tools responsibly in legal practice. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speaker:

Jennifer Stringfield, Subject Advisor, Lexis Nexis

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Kilpatrick Townsend &
Stockton Lounge on
the 10th Floor!**



3:30 – 5:00 PM

**Demonstrations/Interactive Product Labs
Continued**

Track 2 (Transactional)

Demonstration Hosted by Harvey

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

**AI for Litigators: Practical Applications
Across the Litigation Lifecycle**

A litigation-focused Harvey demo walks attendees through how litigators can use Harvey across their core workflows, including case research, document review, deposition prep, and drafting briefs or motions. The session is tailored to the types of matters and documents the firm actually works with, so attorneys can see Harvey in the context of their own practice rather than a generic use case. Attendees will leave understanding how Harvey can reduce the time spent on high-volume, repetitive litigation tasks, freeing them to focus on strategy and client-facing work. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Erica Schwartzberg, GTM, Harvey

Steve Shuldman, GTM, Harvey

Jesse Steinberg, Enterprise Sales Manager,
Harvey

**Track 3 (Administrative/Operational):
Demonstration Hosted by Consilio**

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

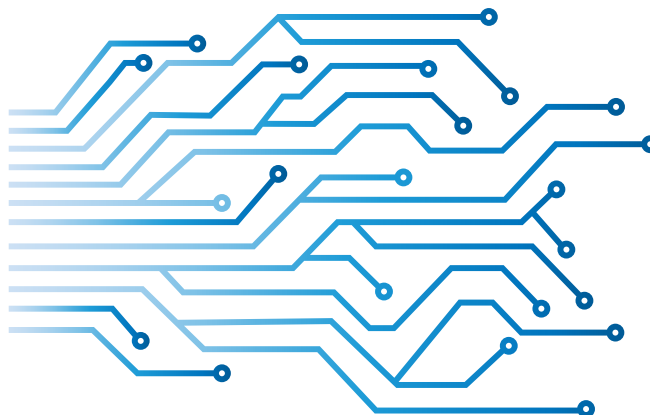
**Considering AI Tools for Your Legal Work:
Fitting the Glass Slipper**

Many practitioners feel overwhelmed by the choices of what AI tools, if any, to use, and how, if at all, to use them. In this CLE, practitioners on the front lines of applying these new tools to legal work will walk you through the tools they and their clients are trying, the ways they're leveraging them, and the lessons they've learned so far. The session will also explore how legal AI tools are transforming eDiscovery workflows—particularly in the context of investigations and high-stakes matters. Presenters will highlight practical applications of AI in accelerating document review, improving consistency and defensibility in privilege log generation, and enabling rapid chronology creation to surface key facts, actors, and events. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Omid Jahanbin, Vice President of Global
Marketing & Product Experience, Consilio LLC

Allison Myers, Vice President, eDiscovery
Analytics, Consilio LLC



DAY 3 — Wednesday, May 13

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast & Vendor Networking

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Plenary Panel

Location: 2nd Floor, Feinberg Theater

Human + Machine Collaboration: Redesigning Legal Workflows for the Next Decade

This session explores how human expertise and AI can be effectively integrated to redesign legal workflows for greater efficiency and impact. Attendees will gain practical insights into structuring collaboration between lawyers and technology to optimize processes, improve outcomes, and prepare for the future of legal work. (1.0 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Alicia Hawley, Of Counsel, K&L Gates LLP

Daniel Linna Jr., Director of Law and Technology Initiatives, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Michael O'Malley, Executive Director, Illinois Property Tax Appeals Board

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Vendor Hall & Coffee Break

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

10:30 – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1 (Litigation)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

Jury Consulting: From Mock Trial Avatars to Jury Profiles, Investigations, and Selection in the Age of AI

This session explores how AI is transforming jury consulting, from virtual mock trials and avatar simulations to advanced juror profiling, investigations, and selection strategies. Attendees will gain insight into how these tools are being used to inform trial preparation and enhance decision-making in modern litigation. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Andrea Krebel, Ph.D., Senior Jury Consultant, Magna Legal Services

Daniel Wolfe, Ph.D., Strategic Director of Jury Consulting, Magna Legal Services

Moderator: **James Campbell**, Senior Attorney, The Lanier Law Firm

Track 2 (Transactional)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

Artificial Intelligence & Intellectual Property: What Every Lawyer Should Know

This session provides a comprehensive overview of how AI is reshaping core areas of IP law, including copyright, trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and open-source compliance. Attendees will gain a practical framework for navigating licensing, regulatory developments, and litigation trends, along with actionable takeaways for advising clients in an AI-driven landscape. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Alexis Crawford Douglas, Partner, K&L Gates

Sahil Malhotra, Founder, Drishti Law

Moderator: **Kevin Thompson**, Partner, Levin Ginsburg

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10:30 – 12:00 PM

Breakout Sessions Continued

Track 3 (Administrative/Operational)

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

AI & Investigations: Interrogating Data Across Practice Areas

This session explores how AI is transforming legal investigations across practice areas by enabling lawyers to more effectively interrogate and analyze complex data sets. Attendees will gain practical insight into using AI to uncover key facts, identify patterns, and inform investigative strategy in internal, government, and litigation contexts. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Eugene Goroshko, Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the Cook County State's Attorney
Kenneth A. Hoffman, Mitchell Hoffman & Wolf
Jonathan Steele, Partner, Beermann LLP
Moderator: **Roman Solowski**, Attorney at Law

12:00 – 1:30 PM

Luncheon + Speaker

Location: 9th Floor, Crown Hall

The AI Native Lawyer: What Today's Law Students Are Learning and What the Profession Should Expect

This program explores how legal education is evolving to train AI-native lawyers and what these shifts mean for the future skills, expectations, and practice of the legal profession. (1.00 IL MCLE Credit)

Speaker:

Donna Haddad, Executive in Residence for the Energy Innovation Lab, Northwestern University

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions

Track 1 (Litigation)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

Judicial Perspectives on AI: Expectations, Concerns, and Courtroom Protocols

This session offers insight into how judges are approaching the use of AI in litigation, including expectations for attorneys, emerging concerns, and appropriate courtroom protocols. Attendees will gain practical guidance on how to use AI tools responsibly in filings and proceedings while aligning with judicial expectations. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Judge Kerrie Maloney Laytin, Circuit Court of Cook County
Justice Thaddeus Wilson, Illinois Appellate Court
Judge Michael Zink, Circuit Court of Cook County
Moderator: **Justice Rena Van Tine**, Illinois Appellate Court, First District

Track 2 (Transactional)

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

AI in M&A: Automating Target Analysis and Post-Closing Integration

This session explores how artificial intelligence is changing mergers and acquisitions by helping lawyers and deal teams more quickly evaluate companies during the due diligence process. It also examines how AI can support the post-closing integration phase by streamlining the combination of contracts, systems, and operations after a deal is completed. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speaker:

Daniel Cotter, Member, Aronberg Goldgehn
Louise Keely, Managing Director, Consumer Leader, Quantum Rise
Steven Obiajulu, CEO, UseJunior
Moderator: **Alexis Crawford Douglas**, Partner, K&L Gates

1:30 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Sessions Continued

Track 3 (Administrative/Operational)

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

Budgeting and ROI for AI Investments in Law Firms & Legal Departments

This session explores how law firms and legal departments can budget for artificial intelligence tools and evaluate whether those investments deliver measurable value. Panelists will discuss practical approaches to calculating return on investment, managing costs, and aligning AI spending with both operational needs and long-term strategic goals. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Olivia Anderson, Principal, Managed IT Partnerships, Framework IT

Sanjay Kamlani, Founder, FairPlay Law

Rutvik Rau, Founder, August

Moderator: **Roman Solowski**, Attorney at Law

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Vendor Hall & Coffee Break

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Demonstrations / Interactive Product Labs

Track 1 (Litigation)

Demonstration + Hands-on Hosted by Relativity

Location: 4th Floor, Room 421

Practical Use of Generative AI in Discovery Workflows

Get a practical, hands-on look at Relativity aiR—generative AI tools designed to meet the demands of modern legal professionals. This session is designed to help you confidently apply AI in your workflows, while staying compliant, informed, and ahead of the curve. Walk away with insight into the legal and ethical framework surrounding AI use, relevant case law, ABA guidance, evolving industry standards, and more. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speaker:

Stan Pierson, Senior Legal Data Intelligence Education Specialist, Relativity

Track 2 (Transactional)

Demonstration Hosted by Bloomberg Law

Location: 4th Floor, Room 423

Trust, Verify, and Ground: Evaluating AI Solutions for Ethical Legal Practice

As generative AI becomes more embedded in legal workflows, professionals must balance ethical obligations and technical proficiency with pressure to use the latest AI solutions. This session explores the emerging AI ethics landscape and translates it into a practical framework for evaluating legal AI solutions, with a focus on understanding the available and necessary securities and guardrails. The program will also examine how Bloomberg Law's broader product approach can help address these risks from a technical and workflow perspective.

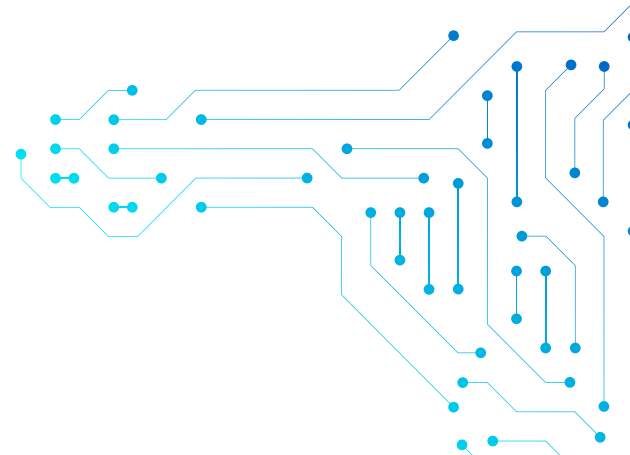
By the end of this program, participants will be able to identify key ethical and operational risks associated with legal AI tools and evaluate whether a solution's citation practices, source grounding, verification features, and guardrails support responsible legal use. (1.50 IL PR-MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

Jason Wilson, Content Senior Team Lead, Bloomberg Law

Erin Perugini, AI Product Manager, Bloomberg Industry Group

Madhavan Seshadri, Engineering Manager, Machine Learning, Bloomberg Law



3:30 – 5:00 PM

**Demonstrations / Interactive Product Labs
Continued**

**Track 3 (Administrative/Operational)
Demonstration + Hands-On hosted by
Nouraa.ai**

Location: 7th Floor, Room 711

**Transforming Legal Operations with AI
Agents: A Practical Demonstration**

This session will showcase how AI-powered legal agents from Nouraa.ai are transforming legal operations by automating time-intensive workflows such as contract review, legal research, compliance monitoring, and case management. Attendees will experience a live demonstration of how legal teams can deploy AI agents to augment decision-making, reduce operational overhead, and improve accuracy. The session emphasizes practical, real-world applications of legal AI in modern law practices. The session will include an interactive demonstration where attendees can explore AI-driven legal workflows using Nouraa.ai, including real-time contract analysis and automated legal task execution. Participants will be encouraged to follow along on their laptops. (1.50 IL MCLE Credit)

Speakers:

David Smith, Founding Attorney & CEO,
Chicago Trusted Attorneys

Mustafa Pesh, CEO and Founder, Royal Cyber,
Inc.

Arjun Kumar, Strategic Client Partner, Royal
Cyber, Inc.

5:00 – 6:30 PM

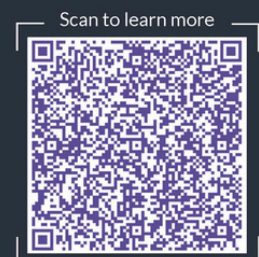
**Farewell Reception & Vendor Showcase
Finale**

Thank You — AI 2035 Leadership Team

Location: 10th Floor, Gallery

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Speaker Biographies



Adam Aft, Baker McKenzie

Adam Aft is a partner at Baker McKenzie and a leader in technology transactions, advising global companies on intellectual property, data, and technology issues in M&A and commercial deals. Adam leads the firm's North America Technology Transactions group and co-leads the global practice. He brings a strategic, business-focused approach to complex transactions. Adam previously clerked for federal judges on both the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Northern District of Indiana.



Anita Alvarez, Maryville Academy

Anita Alvarez is the Chief Legal Counsel at Maryville Academy. Anita is a former Cook County State's Attorney (2008–2016), recognized as the first woman, Hispanic, and career prosecutor elected to that position. She also served as Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal in Chicago, where she specialized in complex criminal investigations, public corruption, and financial fraud. Anita served as president of The Chicago Bar Association from 2009-2010.



Benjamin Altshul, Levenfeld Pearlstein

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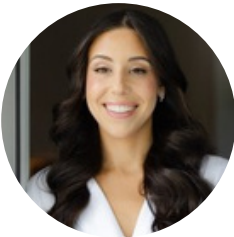
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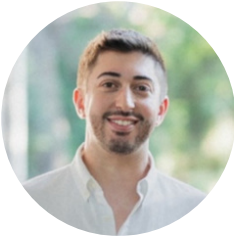
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The Honorable Thaddeus L. Wilson was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to the Illinois Appellate Court, First District, beginning February 6, 2026. Justice Wilson is also currently a judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County. During his tenure at the Circuit Court, he held the role of supervising judge in the Criminal Division before transitioning to an assignment in the General Chancery Division. Before joining the judiciary, Judge Wilson served as managing attorney at the Law Office of Brookins & Wilson P.C.



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Judge Michael Zink, Circuit Court of Cook County

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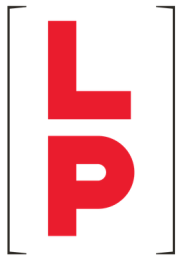
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