

2025 BCLT Privacy Law Forum: Life Sciences

Speaker Bios & Contact Info

UC Berkeley
Center for Law & Technology

BCLT BY THE NUMBERS

Unrivaled Impact in Tech Law

#1

Ranked IP law program
21 years by US News



17,000+

Hours of advanced training
material + CLE credit delivered!

50+

Law & tech courses
planned for 2024-2025



9

BCLT faculty-authored textbooks



16

Major conferences
planned for 2024-2025

20+

Other expert-level
events planned for
2024-2025

21

Faculty directors teaching full time and
writing on law and tech issues

3

Faculty Directors ranked
among top 5 most cited IP
scholars



40+

Practitioner instructors teaching
advanced law and technology courses



9

Tech-focused Student
Groups

27

Years BCLT has been
collaborating with
Federal Judicial Center

900+

Federal judges
trained at the BCLT/
FJC IP seminar





Session 3: AI, Privacy, and Life Sciences

UC Berkeley
Center for Law & Technology

Thora Johnson

Thora Johnson is the co-chair of Orrick's Life Sciences & HealthTech Group. A trusted cyber, privacy and healthtech regulatory advisor, Thora focuses on guiding clients through the full lifecycle of health data, from collecting and managing data to designing compliance programs and responding to privacy and security incidents. Thora works with medical device, pharmaceutical, biotech and digital health companies, helping them navigate the increasingly complex patchwork of state and federal health privacy laws. Her breadth and depth of experience enable Thora to assist clients in harnessing the power of artificial intelligence and executing data-sharing arrangements, all while protecting health data. As a result, Thora spends much of her time counseling pioneering startups and high-growth companies on responsible innovation in healthcare and life sciences.



Connect with Thora on:

[Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe](#)
[LinkedIn](#)

Shannon Yavorsky

Shannon Yavorsky is the head of Orrick's global Cyber, Privacy & Data Innovation group and co-leads the Artificial Intelligence (AI) group. She is a leading authority on United States (U.S.) and European (EU) privacy, cybersecurity and AI issues. She is uniquely qualified in California, England and Wales and helps global companies navigate the increasingly complex global privacy, cybersecurity and AI regulatory landscape.

She advises public and private companies across several sectors, including life sciences and health technology, financial services, private equity, insurance, social media and technology on a range of EU and U.S. federal and state privacy laws.



Connect with Thora on:

[Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe](#)
[LinkedIn](#)

Thank you for joining us.

Connect with BCLT on our [website](#) and on [LinkedIn](#)

UC Berkeley
Center for Law & Technology