

6th Annual BTLJ-BCLT Fall Race & Tech Symposium – Regulating the Machine: Centering Racial Justice in AI Policy-Making

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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





Panel 1:
“Where We Live, Work, Play, and Learn”:
Generative AI and Environmental Policy

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Dan Farber

Dan Farber is the Sho Sato Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. He also has leadership roles at two Berkeley research centers: the Center for Law, Energy, and Environment; and the Edley Center on Law and Democracy. Professor Farber is a member of the American Academy of Arts.

Prof. Farber specializes in climate change law and related issues (discounting, regulatory strategies in the face of uncertainty, regulation of and liability for catastrophic harms); cost-benefit analysis and its uses (and abuses) in the regulatory process; civil liberties and national security, disaster law.



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Adam Husik

Adam Husik is a seasoned litigator and advisor. Adam has trial experience in multiple practice areas, including products liability, mass torts, and environmental litigation. Adam is also well-versed in several cutting-edge areas of law, making him a versatile and dynamic lawyer. He has represented in environmental litigation for a multinational automotive manufacturer, a Fortune 50 manufacturer in environmental proceedings, a global coatings and specialty materials company in state and federal environmental litigation, and a leading global battery manufacturer.



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Alyssa Moir

Alyssa Moir is a partner with the firm, where she advises clients on a broad range of environmental, regulatory, and infrastructure matters. Her practice focuses on water rights, air quality, and hazardous waste compliance, with particular experience serving agricultural, timber, municipal, and energy sector clients. Moir counsels clients on the acquisition, evaluation, and long term management of water rights, including the development of water banks and participation in water rights adjudications. She also provides strategic permitting and due diligence support for complex infrastructure projects across industries such as renewable and conventional energy, agricultural production, and data center development.



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Roberto Verdecchia

Roberto Verdecchia, a Tenure Track Assistant Professor at the STLAB of the University of Florence. His research interest lies in the intersection between Software Architecture and Technical Debt (which combined can look something like this). He is also fascinated by topics related to Software Sustainability, Software Testing, and Software Education. Prior to joining the STLAB, he was a Postdoctoral Research Associate of the S2Group at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He holds a Double Ph.D. obtained at the Computer Science Department of the Gran Sasso Science Institute and at the S2Group of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam under the supervision of Patricia Lago and Ivano Malavolta.



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Panel 2: Labor Justice and AI Regulation

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Colleen Chien

Professor Colleen Chien conducts cross-disciplinary research on innovation, intellectual property, artificial intelligence, and the criminal justice system, with a focus on how technology, data, and innovation can be harnessed to achieve their potential for social benefit. She is a Faculty Co-Director of the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, Faculty Advisor to the Berkeley Criminal Law & Justice Center, and has also had the honor of working part-time as a public servant, in the Obama White House as a Senior Advisor, Intellectual Property and Innovation and more recently on the Biden-Harris Transition Team and senior counselor to the Department of Commerce and Marian Coak distinguished scholar at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.



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Brad Kelley

Bradford J. Kelley has a broad practice representing employers in employment anti-discrimination and wage and hour matters. He focuses on advising clients about emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), and their impact in the workplace. Kelley is an internationally recognized workplace AI authority. He advises clients on how to maximize the benefits of using AI in the workplace while minimizing potential legal and business risks. His deep background in this area provides employers with the tools and insights they need to develop, deploy, and monetize AI and other emerging technologies to bolster business operations and efficiency. In addition, he counsels clients on how to effectively navigate the compliance requirements and litigation risks associated with evolving AI laws and regulations.



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Vinhcent Le

Vinhcent Le is the Vice President of AI Policy at TechEquity. Le is committed to advancing equitable, transparent, and accountable AI practices and advocating for policies that protect consumer rights and reduce algorithmic harm.

Le previously served on the board of the California Privacy Protection Agency, and prior to joining TechEquity, Le served as a Senior Legal Counsel at the Greenlining Institute, where he led initiatives on AI governance, digital equity, and privacy and was instrumental in advancing key legislation around automated decision-making systems.



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Diana Reddy

Diana Reddy joined UC Berkeley School of Law as an Assistant Professor in 2023. She teaches Contracts, courses in labor and employment, as well as seminars on organized labor and civil rights, law and political economy, and social movement advocacy. Reddy's research focuses on the regulation of work as a site where critical choices are made about the relationship between American economic commitments and its democratic ideals. Before her return to academia, Reddy represented labor unions and workers at the AFL-CIO, Altshuler Berzon LLP, and the California Teachers Association.



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Alice Wang

Alice Wang advises and represents employers in a wide range of labor and employment law matters arising under state and federal law, including wage and hour, pay practice and worker classification issues, discrimination, harassment and retaliation, and wrongful termination. She regularly handles matters in all of these areas in federal and state courts, and before federal, state, and local agencies, including Berman hearings and responding to administrative complaints. Alice also has significant experience defending gig economy companies in worker misclassification lawsuits. While she focuses her practice on litigation avoidance, she is skilled at handling all stages of litigation, including fact gathering, pre-trial discovery, briefing dispositive motions, hearings and trials, and other means of alternative dispute resolution.



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Panel 3: From Surveillance to Sentencing: Regulating AI in the Criminal Legal System

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Andrea Roth

Andrea Roth joined the Berkeley Law faculty in 2011, after 3 years as a Thomas Grey Fellow at Stanford Law and 9 years as a trial and appellate attorney at the Washington, D.C. Public Defender Service. Her research focuses on how pedigreed concepts of criminal procedure and evidentiary law work in an era of science-based prosecutions.

From 2021-24, she served as national chair of the Legal Resource Task Group of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Organization of Scientific Area Committees. She is also one of several faculty co-directors of the Berkeley Center for Law and Technology and is an elected member of the American Law Institute.



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Juliana DeVries

Juliana DeVries is a clinical staff attorney at the Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic, where she was previously a clinical teaching fellow. She also practices appellate and criminal defense law as a solo practitioner. Before her work at the clinic, she was an associate in the Supreme Court & Appellate Group at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. She also served as an assistant federal public defender in San Francisco. DeVries clerked for Justice Leondra Kruger on the California Supreme Court and for Judge Alex Kozinski on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She is a graduate of Berkeley Law and Columbia University, Columbia College.



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Rayid Ghani

Rayid Ghani is a Distinguished Career Professor in the Machine Learning Department and the Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University. Ghani is a reformed computer scientist and wanna-be social scientist, but mostly just wants to increase the use of large-scale AI/Machine Learning/Data Science in solving large public policy and social challenges in a fair and equitable manner. Among other areas, Ghani works with governments and non-profits in policy areas such as health, criminal justice, education, public safety, economic development, and urban infrastructure. Rayid is also passionate about teaching practical data science and started the Data Science for Social Good Fellowship that trains computer scientists, statisticians, and social scientists from around the world to work on data science problems with social impact.



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Ngozi Okidegbe

Ngozi Okidegbe is an Associate Professor of Law and Assistant Professor of Computing & Data Sciences. Her focus is in the areas of law and technology, evidence, criminal procedure, and racial justice. Her work examines how the use of predictive technologies in the criminal justice system impacts racially marginalized communities. Professor Okidegbe is a Faculty Associate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and an Affiliated Fellow at Information Society Project at Yale Law School. She is also on the program committee of the Privacy Law Scholars' Conference and serves on the advisory board for the Electronic Privacy Information Center. She also was recognized with a Moorman-Simon Interdisciplinary Career Development Professorship, which she held from 2022 to 2025.



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Nicole Ozer

Nicole Ozer is a national leader in cutting-edge law and policy to advance rights, justice, and democracy and a legal expert on artificial intelligence, privacy and surveillance, and digital speech. Ozer's innovative work in the courts, in communities, with companies, and policymakers passes landmark laws, wins civil rights cases, and builds power for national and international change. Ozer spearheaded the passage of the California Electronic Communications Privacy Act (CalECPA) and California Reader Privacy Act. She designed groundbreaking surveillance reform strategies now used across the United States and created and led the national online privacy campaign, Demand Your dotRights. She helped craft the Santa Clara Principles on content moderation and develop and lead a global coalition successfully fighting face surveillance.



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Panel 4: Medical AI and Racial Bias: Ensuring Just Outcomes in Healthcare

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Osagie Obasogie

Osagie Obasogie is the Haas Distinguished Chair and Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law with a joint appointment in the Joint Medical Program and School of Public Health. He received his B.A. in Sociology and Political Science (with distinction in both majors) from Yale University, his J.D. from Columbia Law School where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, where he was a fellow with the National Science Foundation. Obasogie's scholarly interests include Constitutional law, policing and police use of force, sociology of law, bioethics, race and inequality in law and medicine, and reproductive and genetic technologies



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Roxana Daneshjou

Dr. Daneshjou studied Bioengineering at Rice University before matriculating to Stanford School of Medicine where she completed her MD and a PhD in Genetics with Dr. Russ Altman as part of the medical scientist training program. She completed dermatology residency at Stanford as part of the research track and completed a postdoc in Biomedical Data Science with Dr. James Zou. She currently is the assistant director of the Center of Excellence for Precision Health & Pharmacogenomics, director of informatics for the Stanford Skin Innovation and Interventional Research Group (SIIRG), a founding member of the Translational AI in Dermatology (TRAIND) group, and a faculty affiliate of Human-centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI) and the AI in Medicine and Imaging (AIMI) centers.



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Jenna Lester

Dr. Jenna Lester is an academic dermatologist focused on delivering equitable health care through program development, education, and research. She specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of skin conditions in Black and Brown people. She established the Skin of Color Program at UCSF in 2018, which aims to provide the best clinical care to diverse groups of dermatology patients. The Skin of Color Program is also a teaching program with the goal to educate all dermatologists on how to optimize care for patients of all races and ethnicities.



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Jesutofunmi Omiye

Jesutofunmi Omiye graduated with a MS in Health Policy in 2023. He received his medical degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria where he was a Federal Government and Shell University Scholar. As a medical student, Tofunmi served as the chair of a pan-African health conference where he worked with the WHO, Gates Foundation, and Johnson & Johnson towards creating a premier platform of discussion on healthcare.

Also, Tofunmi is a Research assistant in the Ross Lab in the vascular surgery department where he is focused on using machine learning to improve healthcare outcomes.



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Joan Williams

Joan Williams is a scholar of social inequality and a prominent public intellectual. Williams is the author of 12 books and 116 academic articles in law, sociology, psychology, medical and management journals. She is the 11th most cited legal scholar both in critical theory and employment law. She is a Sullivan Professor and the Founding Director of the Equality Action Center at UC Law San Francisco, former Founding Director of the Center for WorkLife Law.

Her work on race includes eight studies documenting how racial and gender bias play out in today's workplaces, including two focused specifically on women of color. She is a leading voice on diversity, equity, and inclusion



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