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On the Precipice

Generative A.I. and the law

OW WILL LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS and other generative artificial intelligence affect how we teach and practice law? During the Disruptive Innovation Series, two things became clear: the impact of GPT-4 and other models will be seismic, and it's coming sooner than many realize. In fact, it's already arrived in many ways.

Tsai Center Co-Directors and Law Professors Nathan Cortez and Meghan Ryan co-chaired the

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AN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY Homecoming

HE TSAI CENTER celebrated the law school's 20th intellectual property symposium by bringing back familiar faces. The event, chaired by Tsai Center Co-Director and SMU Dedman School of Law Professor David Taylor, highlighted how Texas and SMU

established themselves at the forefront of IP law.

America Invents, Texas Benefits

After an introduction by Dean Jason Nance, Professor Taylor welcomed back former SMU Law Professors Xuan-Thao Nguyen, who initiated the symposium series in 2005, and Keith Robinson, who co-founded the Tsai Center in 2015.

Professors Nguyen (University of Washington School of Law) and Robinson (Wake Forest University School of Law) joined SMU Law

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From the Co-Directors



• ELCOME TO THE TSAI CENTER'S annual newsletter. Each year, we like to recognize our activities with friends and colleagues of the Center. Last year, we organized a number of wonderful events, from a conference on

the effects of large language models on the legal world, to a workshop in Santa Fe on "Science, Technology, and Criminal Justice," to the 20th Annual IP Symposium, as well as an Innovation Series lecture on Sports and Data Privacy led by our colleague Sari Mazzurco.

OUR CENTER CONTINUES TO GROW. We now boast three Co-Directors (Nathan Cortez, Meghan Ryan, and David Taylor), a Director of Programs and Operations (Natalie Thompson Greco), and 11 Tsai Scholars (students with the credentials to support the Tsai Center's research and events). Together, we hosted five Tsai Talks addressing issues such as cryptocurrency, sports betting, intellectual property trends and running a solo practice.

THE LAW SCHOOL ALSO CONTINUES to add new faculty with interests in law, science and innovation, including **Shani Shisha** and **Andrea Tossato**. This newsletter highlights the people and events that make the Tsai Center what it is: a national leader for considering how the law interacts with science and innovation. Please join us for new programming this year!







WELCOME NEW PROFESSORS

The Tsai Center is pleased to welcome Shani Shisha and Andrea Tosato to the faculty this fall.



Professor Shisha teaches and writes in the field of intellectual property law, focusing on copyright law and the intersection of law and technology. His scholarship has received numerous awards, including Harvard Law School's Irving Oberman Memorial Prize in Intellectual Property and the Foundations of Private Law Prize. Professor Shisha previously taught at Harvard Law School, where he held fellowships with the Berkman Klein Center of

Internet & Society and the Project on the Foundations of Private Law.

Professor Tosato is a leading private law scholar with internationally recognized expertise in the intersection of commercial law and new technology. He is currently engaged in several international legislative reform projects dealing with the impact of blockchain and other distributed ledger technologies on commercial law. His research is published in leading law journals, received international awards and is cited by courts in several jurisdictions.







2023-2024

Tsai Talks connect students' studies with the legal world through discussions on hot topics and current events, while featuring some of the sharpest legal minds in practice.

• Hot Topics in Intellectual Property Law: Carl Bruce, Principal at Fish & Richardson



• Big Bet: The Ins and Outs of Sports Betting Law and Venture Capital: Kevin Vela, Managing Partner at Vella Wood

• Bar to Business: A Discussion on Running your own Firm: Austin Champion '08, Partner at Champion LLP

• The Inside Scoop on Working In-house and in IP at Caterpillar: Elise Selinger, Corporate Counsel at Caterpillar Inc.

• The Ledger and the Law: Tales from the Frontier of Crypto-currency Litigation and Regulation: Daley Epstein '18, Associate at McDermott, Will & Emery

INNOVATION SERIES Big Data Goes Pro

For the Tsai Center's Innovation Series, Assistant Professor Sari Mazzurco, a specialist in data privacy and internet law, organized a lunch event, "Game Changers: Sports and Data Privacy." The event featured a panel of professionals specializing in analytics, strategy, and law for Dallas' sports teams, who unpacked the issues that college and professional sports teams must confront when collecting and using player data.

"Our business is always evolving. We are constantly taking in new information, so we need to have a real sense of what is coming in to the organization and ask the right questions," explained Kaleisha Stuart, Adjunct Professor of Law at SMU and Deputy General Counsel for the Dallas Cowboys.

Pro sports is an industry awash in numbers and sensitive data, all of which requires diligence in gathering and using. That's why having a legal background is so useful according to panelists John Park, Director of Strategic Football Operations for the Cowboys, and Kyle Burkardt, Senior Vice President of Strategy for the Dallas Mavericks.

The panelists—all of whom possess a J.D. or master's degrees in law—also answered questions from students about their path to the sports industry. "Getting your foot in the door of the sports industry is the hardest part," said James Brocato, Director of Analytics – Basketball Operations for the Mavericks, "so I always recommend doing some public work that might get you recognized."

TSAI SUMMIT BUILDING SCHOLARSHIP AND RELATIONSHIPS

The second annual Tsai Summit was a time to showcase and sharpen the intellectual work considering the role of science and technology in the criminal justice system. Held in June 2024 in Santa Fe, SMU Law Professor and Tsai Center Co-Director Meghan Ryan hosted a dozen leading scholars from around the country.

The purpose of the Summit was to gather forward-thinking academics to consider how science and technology affects the criminal justice system, allowing participants to workshop papers, consider new frameworks, and move the field forward.

"We also wanted to showcase the tremendous scholarship of SMU professors and connect with other leaders in the field," explains Ryan. Along with Ryan, Professor Jenia Turner represented SMU as part of the expert group. During the two-day summit, the scholars discussed and debated a dozen different academic papers.

A secondary goal of the Summit was building camaraderie. "One of the best things for me, personally, was getting to know people on a different level by being together in a small group, having meals together and small workshops," says Ryan. "I really felt like I developed deeper friendships." This was a sentiment no doubt shared by others in attendance, who gave the event glowing marks.



Meghan Ryan, SMU Dedman School of Law Valena Beety, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Corinna Lain, University Of Richmond School of Law Andrea Roth, University of California Berkeley School of Law Jenia Turner, SMU Dedman School of Law Erin Murphy, NYU School of Law Chaz Arnett, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Christopher Slobogin, Vanderbilt Law School David Abrams, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School Jessica Eaglin, Cornell Law School Maneka Sinha, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Andrew Ferguson, American University Washington College of Law

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Professor Sari Mazzurco and moderator Matthew Hayenga, Assistant General Counsel and Senior Vice President at Bank of America, as part of a wideranging panel entitled "The Past and the Future of IP Law." The discussion focused on the Trade Secrets Act, Trademark Modernization Act, and America Invents Act and their legacies.

"Clearly we've seen an increase in the number of patents filed in this country, and it continues to situate the United States as one of the key places globally to obtain patents," said Nguyen.

"I think one of the unanticipated things to come out of [the AIA] was the [U.S. Patent and Trademark Office] regional offices," Robinson added. "Overall, those offices have increased awareness of IP issues and increased patenting activity."

Nguyen agreed and explained that locating a regional office in Dallas enhanced Texas' ability to shape the national IP conversation.

Hope Returns to the Hilltop

The importance of having a regional office was underscored during a fireside chat welcoming back to SMU Hope Shimabuku '05, the Director of the Texas Regional Patent and Trademark Office.

"The mission of the regional offices has evolved over the years," she said.

Today, the office spends substantial resources on outreach activities, such as education for schools and institutions of all stripes. It also serves as a resource for small businesses and entrepreneurs, as well as historically underserved groups. She said the office has reached about 120,000 people or more since its founding.

"If we're bringing more people in, then we know there's more economic growth, not only personally but to the economy as well," Shimabuku explained.

Epicenter for IP Litigation

Being an innovation hub has contributed



¹⁰ It was an honor to welcome Professors Nguyen and Robinson and Regional Director Shimabuku back to SMU to celebrate not only the role of Texas in IP law, but also the role of SMU and its professors in guiding our students to enter into such a dynamic area of the law.

- TSAI CENTER CO-DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR DAVID TAYLOR



to high demand for IP legal work in Texas, but so has a rise in intellectual property litigation. The panel "Explosion of Patent Litigation in Texas" featured the Honorable K. Nicole Mitchell, Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Michael C. Smith, Partner at Scheef & Stone, and Bruce S. Sostek, SMU Law Adjunct Professor and Partner at Holland & Knight.

Moderated by Theodore Stevenson, Partner at Alston & Bird, the panel recounted how the Eastern and Western Districts of Texas became two of the busiest districts for patent cases in the country. Starting in the early 1990s, smaller towns like Marshall and Tyler (and later Waco) became centers for major patent cases with international repercussions.

Smith and Sostek noted that, while the initial attraction was how fast companies could get to trial (months, not years), judges putting more structure around the cases and having a genuine interest in having a patent docket helped grow the Eastern District as a national destination for patent litigation.

They highlighted innovations that have come from the Texas districts to make litigation more efficient. This included the "chess clock" that gives each side a set number of hours to make its case, a standard set of disclosures, as well as rules limiting the number of exhibits.

Board Adjudication of IP Disputes

A final panel discussed the advent of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and the Copyright Claims Board (CCB), which—along with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB)—serve as alternative venues for certain types of IP disputes. Moderated by SMU Law Adjunct Professor Michael Pegues of Polsinelli, this panel considered the disputes these Boards see and how their procedures differ from litigation in federal court.

"It's a different type of experience I'd say arguing in front of us than what you'd get in a district court. And it's supposed to be a quicker and cheaper way of doing things," explained Judge Stacey White, PTAB Lead Administrative Patent Judge and panelist. Brad Newberg, CCB Copyright Claims Officer who was also a panelist, echoed Judge White's assessment.

In addition to efficiency benefits, with respect to the PTAB and TTAB, parties also argue in front of expert judges, such as Judge White and panelist Cynthia C. Lynch, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Trademark Judge of the TTAB.

Alumni Spotlight

Sarah Decker '06

Chief Legal Officer and Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer, McAfee

It's not surprising to find Sarah Decker '06 traveling the globe. As a child growing up on a farm in Central Illinois, she tended to the animals (including a pet hedgehog) and lost herself in books, big dreams, and countryside adventures. After high school, she left the farm to study journalism and French literature at Arizona State University before enrolling at the SMU Dedman School of Law.

Even today, she still loves losing herself in the pages of novels. "I continue to be an avid reader, with a particular passion for science fiction. This genre captivates me because it explores future worlds and presents imaginative visions of what our society could become."

The twist is that her international travels are prompted largely by her distinguished career providing legal guidance to global technology companies. She currently serves as Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary for McAfee, a global leader in online protection.

From aspiring journalist and Francophile to top counsel at a bluechip tech company may seem an unlikely evolution, but to her, it was natural.

"I wanted to turn my passion for literature and storytelling into actionable change," she explains. "The lessons I learned from the stories I cherished fueled my determination to pursue a career in law, where I could fight for justice. By nature, I am a protector and a defender, which makes my role at McAfee, where we work tirelessly to protect consumers' digital lives, the perfect fit."

After finishing law school, as a young attorney with Weil, Gotshal & Manges, she had the opportunity to work on one of the most significant cases of



Ultimately, choosing SMU Law School was about aligning myself with an institution that not only excels academically but also shares my values and vision for making a difference through the law.

the 2008 financial crisis: the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy. The experience drew her into doing complex, impactful legal work, which she later continued by representing General Motors during its bankruptcy proceedings.

Turning the page

In 2013, Decker was able to marry her passion for technology with her legal training, becoming Senior Legal Counsel for STMicroelectronics, a Fortune 500 tech company headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. This role exposed her to the tech space and allowed her to work internationally.

"The dynamic nature of the semiconductor industry, coupled with the global perspective I gained, ignited my interest in IP law as a means to safeguard the creative and technological advancements that drive our world forward," she says.

The insights she developed prepared her for her current role as Chief Legal Officer at McAfee. Soon after joining, she played a key role readying the company's 2020 initial public offering (IPO), which she considers a career highlight.

"Being part of the team that achieved this feat was immensely gratifying," she says. "It was not just about reaching the IPO itself but also about the collective effort, the resilience, and the shared commitment to our company's vision that made the journey so special." A year later, she played a key role in the \$14 billion purchase of McAfee by a private equity consortium led by Advent International and Permira.

Character development

Working in the chaotic tech world, Decker relies on her country-girl roots to unwind. In addition to reading, she recharges by reconnecting with nature. She owns two horses that she takes riding and enjoys long walks. She also continues striving to be a lifelong learner—whether through formal education or by collecting new experiences. It's among the reasons traveling is a personal passion as well.

Something else Decker is passionate about is giving back to important causes. "One organization I'm particularly supportive of for personal reasons is the American Cancer Society," she says. "Their work in cancer research, education and support services is invaluable, and I'm committed to contributing to their mission of eliminating cancer as a major health problem."

Storybook middle

Sarah Decker has packed what seems to be a career's worth of achievements into less than two decades of practice. In 2022, she was honored with the Association of Corporate Counsel's DFW Chapter and Texas Lawbook's "DFW General Counsel of the Year for a Large Legal Department" award. She was presented with the honor at the George W. Bush Institute on the SMU campus. Given the place that the Law School holds in her heart, no setting could have been more fitting.

"The world-class faculty at SMU not only provided an exceptional education but also mentorship and guidance that have been invaluable," she says. "The relationships formed with classmates and professors have evolved into enduring friendships and professional alliances that have been crucial in navigating the various phases of my career."

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Generative A.I.

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symposium, A.I. Lawyering: Adapting to the Era of ChatGPT and Large Language Models, with Professor Keith Robinson of Wake Forest University School of Law. The event brought together top legal minds in the emerging A.I. space in October 2023.

In the classroom

Law professors already are wrestling with whether and how to accommodate large language models in the classroom. "The question is not whether we should embrace artificial intelligence, but how," according to Professor Rachelle Holmes Perkins of the George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, who joined the panel, "A.I. in Legal Education: Charting the Future Landscape."

The panel also featured Professor Daniel Schwarcz from the University of Minnesota Law School, who has conducted some of the earliest research on A.I.'s use in law school classrooms, and Professor Raina Haque of Wake Forest University School of Law.

The panel agreed it will be important for first-year students to learn legal reasoning and writing first before using GPT-4 and other models to improve their work. Moreover, students must be given foundational knowledge and ethical frameworks before using generative A.I.

Though law schools may look at A.I. with concern, Professor Haque has a different take. "I think this is an amazing opportunity to make law school fun again," she said. "We have the opportunity to come up with live experiments with our students."

She points out that A.I. can be useful in helping students study and develop a deeper understanding of complex legal concepts. It may also re-center legal education back to the classroom by shifting student assessment more towards participation and in-class work.



Transforming the profession

The symposium's next panel, "A.I. in Legal Practice," focused on how A.I. is already beginning to play a role in legal practice, and how it may come to transform the profession. Michelle Reed of Akin Gump and Robert Hill of Holland & Knight are both involved in their respective firms' efforts to integrate A.I. into practice.

"We are really doubling down on this technology, whatever direction it takes...part of our thinking is whatever happens, we want to be ready for it," said Hill.

Some clients expect their counsel to use GPT-4 or other models for their legal work, while others have a strict prohibition against it. Law firms need to work through confidentiality concerns and concerns about trade secrets that these models present.

"There is a varying level of fear versus excitement with this," said Reed.

From a judicial perspective, generative A.I. presents different challenges. "Among judges, there is deep concern about deep fakes – fake evidence and how it can be monitored, contested or admitted," explained Hon. Xavier Rodriguez from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.

Judge Rodriguez was part of the final panel, "A View from the Bench, the ABA, and State Bars," moderated



by Professor Cortez, which covered A.I.'s current and future legal use. Judge Rodriguez said there are already proposals to amend the Federal Rules of Evidence to address A.I.

No turning back

Reed and Hill say the technology has been a tremendous boon in creating summaries for all manner of documents.

Additionally, it has been useful in drafting motions and outlines, preparing questions that may be asked during oral arguments and creating "knowledge banks" for contracts.

Stephen Wu, with the Silicon Valley Law Group, said the focus should not just be on what the technology can do to boost efficiency and work product. "A.I. will impact every industry, every field, every sector of the economy, so your clients will be involved in issues having to do with artificial intelligence."

While Judge Rodriguez believes caution is warranted as generative A.I. is integrated into the legal system, he sees its potential. "As a tool [if A.I.] can make things more just, speedy and less expensive, I'm fully endorsing tools like this if it gets us there."

There was broad consensus among the panels that the technology may affect the demand for legal support functions as well as billable hours (though how exactly remains to be seen), but will never replace the need for capable attorneys. When asked by Professor Cortez to venture what the future of A.I. and the law will hold, panelist Lance Eliot with Techbrium Inc. said, "My prediction is, within five years we'll greatly see advanced uses of generative A.I. for legal purposes, and we will see more and more law firms realize that one way or another they're going to have to get on this or otherwise they'll be behind."

FacultyUpdates



Hillel Bavli: Prof. Bavli's book, *Truth* and Character, is currently under contract with Cambridge University Press. He is also completing a new article forthcoming in *Stanford Law Review*, and

conducting empirical research on a proposal for an evidentiary rule change that he presented to the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Evidence. He was awarded the 2024-2025 Robert G. Storey Fellowship in April.



Nathan Cortez: Prof. Cortez's co-authored article, Navigating a Path Towards Routine Recording in the Operating Room, was published in Annals of Surgery. His co-authored article, Machine MD: The Law

and Ethics of Health-Related AI: The OR Black Box, was published by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, and he has a forthcoming article (with Professor Joanna Grossman) in *Iowa Law Review*. His presentations include U.S. Approaches to Disruptive Innovations in Health Care at the Brocher Foundation in Geneva, Ethical Considerations in the Age of AI at The George Hugman Ethics Forum, TexMed 2024; and Large Language Medicine at the Research in Biosciences Workshop at Michigan Law.



Monika Ehrman: Prof. Ehrman's article, Natural Resource Property Customs, was published in the ULCA Environmental Law Review and her article, Property, Sovereignty, and Customary Governance

in Outer Space Resource Extraction, was published in Georgia Law Review. She presented "Equitable Energy Transition on Native American Lands," at the Climate Institutions Conference in December 2023.



Chris Jenks: Professor Jenks accepted a position as the Senior Law of War Advisor for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate Generals Corps in the Pentagon. In his new position, Professor

Jenks is responsible for reviewing all weapons—including drones, counter-drone and cyber—for compliance with the United States' international law obligations. He will remain a member of the Tsai Center's affiliated faculty.

Tom Mayo: Prof. Mayo presented Medical Futility: What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been, at the Ethics Grand Rounds lecture at UT-Southwestern Medical Center. Prof. Mayo's

HealthLawBlog celebrated its 20th anniversary and Professor Mayo published his 1,000th blog post in December 2023. Prof. Mayo chaired the 36th Annual Conference of the Professions in October 2023.



Orly Mazur: Prof. Mazur published Taxation of Robots and Its Global Challenges as a chapter in the book, International Tax Challenges Raised by Mobility of Individuals and Workforces as a

Result of Digitalization and Beyond. She has two co-authored articles forthcoming in *Florida State Law Review* and *Tennessee Law Review*. Prof. Mazur also spoke at several conferences, addressing digital taxation, international tax, and the taxation of robots.



Sari Mazzurco: Prof. Mazzurco co-authored The Exclusive Right to Customize? published in Boston University Law Review, and her article, Internet Intermediary "Must Carry" Rules, was

published in *Marquette Lawyer*. She has two articles forthcoming in *Indiana Law Journal* and *Cardozo Law Review*. She was a panelist at IP conferences at Fordham Law School, SMU Law, and Texas A&M Law. Prof. Mazzurco presented *The Role of Privacy Law in an Information Economy* at the "Legitimacy in an Online World" conference at Yale Law School.



Carla Reyes: Prof. Reyes was promoted to Associate Professor of Law with Tenure and awarded the 2023-2024 Robert G. Storey Distinguished Faculty Fellowship. She was elected to the

American Law Institute as a Member and was awarded the 2023 American Legal Technology Award for Education. Prof. Reyes' article, co-authored with Prof. Carliss Chatman, Uncovering Elon's Data Empire, was published in Stetson Law Review, and she has articles forthcoming in Alabama Law Review and Harvard International Law Journal.



Meghan Ryan: Prof. Ryan has been focused on developments in AI and the law, examining how they have affected and will continue to shape both IP and criminal law. She has recently published and presented on

this topic and has a forthcoming article Ghost-Hunting in AI and the Law in Tulane Law Review. Prof. Ryan's other work has focused on the evolving standards of decency under the Eighth Amendment. She has extensively presented and published on the topic, including The Death of the Evolving Standards of Decency, her forthcoming article in the Florida State University Law Review.



Christina Sautter: Prof. Sautter and her co-author published Harnessing the Collective Power of Retail Investors, in A Research Agenda for Corporate Law and Wireless Investors & Apathy Obsolescence, in Washington University Law

Review. She has an essay forthcoming in *Florida Law Review Forum*, and she and her co-author wrote a comment letter to the SEC regarding the SEC's proposed regulation of the use of predictive data analytics and AI by brokerdealers and investment advisors. Prof. Sautter was invited to become a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.



David O. Taylor: Prof. Taylor published The Federal Circuit and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board in the Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society and has accepted an offer to publish in the George Mason Law Review.

He served as an invited panelist at a symposium on intellectual property and immorality at Texas A&M University School of Law. He also organized SMU's 20th Intellectual Property Symposium and received a Provost Research Fellowship.



Jenia Turner: Prof. Turner's co-authored articles, Neglected Discovery, and Sentencing in an Era of Plea Bargains were published in Duke Law Journal and North Carolina Law Review. The Emerging Constitutional Law of Remote

Criminal Justice is forthcoming in Wake Forest Law Review. She moderated and chaired panels at the LSA Annual Meeting and The Future of Adversarial and Inquisitorial Systems Conference at UNC School of Law and Duke Law School. She presented U.S. Criminal Procedure in the Digital Age at the University of Bologna and was interviewed by Law360.

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