Agenda
4/19/24

2255 East Evans Avenue
Denver, CO 80208

Artificial Intelligence and the Practice of Law

11:30 a.m.   Check-in and Registration
(Corridor outside 412—panel and lecture in Room 412)

12:00 p.m.   Welcome & Introduction: Professor John Soma

12:05-12:20 p.m.   Robert Donald: How AI is being used at KO Law

12:20-12:35 p.m.   David Ray: How AI is being used at ROC AI

12:35-12:50 p.m.   Group Discussion

12:50-1:00 p.m.   Closing Remarks: Professor John Soma

CLE Summary

In the ever-evolving realm of legal services, the introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a catalyst for profound transformation within law firms and legal administration. This event will explore how AI integration could revolutionize traditional legal practices and will also address concerns related to AI and client privacy.

AI enthusiasts argue that it has enormous potential to streamline various aspects of legal administration. Due to advanced algorithms and machine learning capabilities, AI platforms can quickly analyze large amounts of data with impressive accuracy. This speeds up legal processes by automating tasks like document analysis, research, and due diligence. AI completing these kinds of routine tasks can allow legal professionals to focus on more important activities, thereby increasing productivity and innovation within law firms.

However, despite the promises of efficiency and innovation, this event will also highlight the pressing need to navigate concerns regarding client privacy. Panelists will discuss the potential risks and challenges posed by AI technologies, especially concerning data privacy and confidentiality. Because AI systems rely heavily on data inputs, creating a heightened risk of unauthorized access or misuse of sensitive client information, there are valid concerns about data security and client confidentiality.

To address these concerns, the event will emphasize the importance of implementing robust privacy safeguards and ethical guidelines in the development and deployment of AI-powered tools within law firms. Key principles such as transparency, accountability, and compliance with data protection regulations will be highlighted as essential measures in mitigating the risks associated with AI-driven legal administration.

Speakers Biographies

Emeritus Professor John T. Soma is the executive director of the Privacy Foundation at the University of Denver. After completing his PhD in economics in 1975, Professor Soma served from 1976 to 1979 as trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Washington, D.C., where he was primarily assigned to the Department of Justice trial team in the U.S. v. IBM litigation. In 1979, he joined the University of Denver College of Law faculty. In addition to six books on computer law, Professor Soma has authored more than 40 professional articles in the computer law and privacy area.

David Ray is Chief Partnership Officer, Chief Privacy Officer & General Counsel of Rank One Computing Corporation, a world leading biometrics and computer vision technology company based in Denver, Colorado. Prior to Rank One, David co-founded Bold Legal LLC, a boutique corporate law firm focused on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), company formations and venture capital investments. David began his legal career at Simpson, Thacher and Bartlett LLP, working on private equity M&A including the $25 billion leveraged buyout of Dell Inc. and the $2 billion sale of Sheridan Healthcare and on public debt offerings totaling $3.5 billion for Tesla Motors, Cadence Designs, WhiteWave Foods, Hub International and Intrepid Aviation. Prior to law school, David worked in finance at Lehman Brothers and in management consulting at Axia, Ltd. (now part of Accenture). David helped guide Rank One to a leadership position within the biometric industry through the creation and public dissemination of Rank One's Code of Ethics – which has since become a benchmark for the rest of the security industry. In May 2022, David received the SIA Industry Advocate Award for his extensive support of the Security Industry Association's advocacy for responsible public policy on biometric technologies.

Robert Donad, Attorney: Robert is a results-oriented technology transactions and commercial attorney with a pragmatic and business-focused approach. Robert's practice focuses on assisting technology clients of all sizes, ranging from startups and growth companies to Fortune 100s, particularly in structuring and negotiating complex commercial and technology-related transactions. He has experience drafting and negotiating a wide variety of commercial contracts, including SaaS and cloud services agreements, software license agreements, data license agreements, distribution and reseller agreements, professional services agreements, technology transfer and development agreements, e-commerce agreements, and manufacturing and supply agreements.

Before joining KO, Robert practiced in the technology and commercial transactions group at a major international law firm. Prior to that, he managed the legal function at two emerging technology companies. Robert has been recognized by his peers and included in the 2024 Edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America. Robert received his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado and his J.D. from the University of Colorado Law School. Rumor has it, Robert has strong opinions on the use of the oxford comma.

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