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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 2026

Presiding Officer:

**Bart W. Huffman, Holland & Knight LLP,
Houston, TX**

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens

Includes continental breakfast.

8:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

8:40 a.m. 1.00 hr

Advanced Licensing

A review of the evolving state field of licensing law, with a focus on emerging issues raised by licensing digital content, including digitized traditional media like images, music and text, as well as new type of content such as data and AI-related content. Including new judicial precedent and statutory developments that are important for practitioners who draft and negotiate content license agreements.

Edward A. Cavazos, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Austin, TX

9:40 a.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

Privacy Enforcement

It's been ten years since the General Data Protection Regulations were passed. In those ten years, twenty states in the United States have passed their own individual consumer data protection laws, including the state of Texas nearly three years ago. We now look back and study enforcement trends to help our clients prepare for what lies ahead. This panel presentation provides an update about, among other activities, the focus of Consortium of Privacy Regulators and the FTC's partnership with several state regulators. The takeaway provides insights about state and federal regulatory priorities and help prepare you for the reaction of a privacy law compliance officers to common violations.

Tyler Bridegan, Womble Bond Dickinson, Houston, TX
Elizabeth Rogers, Winstead PC, Austin, TX

10:25 a.m. 15-Minute Break

10:40 a.m. .75 hr | .50 hr ethics

AI, Quantum Computing, and Emerging Technologies: Federal Policy and Regulation

This discussion explores the evolving U.S. federal policy and regulatory framework governing artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and other frontier technologies, with attention to administration priorities, agency actions, and legislative trends.

Stephen M. Anstey, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, Washington, DC

11:25 a.m. .75 hr

Hot Topics in Private Company Mergers and Acquisitions

A discussion with distinguished practitioners on recent market developments, relevant court cases and regulatory updates, and the increasing role of technology in due diligence. They will also address best practices for preparing for an M&A transaction, structuring deals, negotiating terms, and planning for post-acquisition integration.

Chuck Cassidy, Commerce.com, Inc., Austin, TX
Andy Smetana, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, Austin, TX
J. Robert Suffoletta, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C., Austin, TX

12:10 p.m. Pick Up Lunch

Included in registration.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:

**Ashlie Alaman, CleanArc Data Centers,
Arlington, TX**

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:30 p.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

Practical Implications of National Security on Technology Law

This presentation explores the intersection of national security and technology law, focusing on the practical operational hurdles created by shifting federal mandates. As national security concerns increasingly dictate tech policy, practitioners must navigate a complex web of new reporting requirements, workforce restrictions, and trade implications.

Moderator:

Jonathan Lass, The University of Texas School of Law and LBJ School of Public Affairs, Austin, TX

Panelists:

Adam Klein, Strauss Center At University of Texas, Austin, TX
Francesca Lockhart, Strauss Center at University of Texas, Austin, TX

1:15 p.m. 15-Minute Break

1:30 p.m. .75 hr

The Green Code Meets the Black Letter

When it comes to environmental sustainability, companies are not only tasked with listening to the federal and state governments, they must also consider their stockholders, employees, and the communities in which they operate, not to mention general public opinion. In a climate where environmental regulations can change drastically from one administration to the next, finding a north star (and effectively communicating it) is critical. This is of even greater importance for the technology sector, which has the ability to simultaneously contribute to and help mitigate or solve environmental issues.

Tamara D. Baggett, Baker Hostetler, Dallas, TX
Lindsey Bruner, CleanArc Data Centers, Dallas, TX
Gayle Schueller, 3M, Austin, TX
Timothy Wilkins, Bracewell LLP, Austin, TX

2:15 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

U.S. Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulatory Updates and Trends

A discussion on new privacy and cybersecurity laws and regulations impacting businesses operating in the U.S., including insights into potential risk mitigation strategies, recommended updates to incident response plans, and opportunities to leverage existing processes.

Laura Ferguson, Troutman Pepper Locke, Houston, TX
Ken Suh, Jackson Lewis, Chicago, IL

3:15 p.m. 10-Minute Break

3:25 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

AI Governance in Practice: Designing Policies, Driving Adoption, and Managing Compliance Risks

This session offers a practical guide to implementing effective AI governance within an organization. Participants learn how to design clear, workable policies that support responsible AI use, encourage adoption, and manage legal, ethical, and compliance risks. The discussion focuses on building governance frameworks that align innovation with accountability in today's evolving AI landscape.

Moderator:
Kate Ivers, Kastner Gravelle LLP, Austin, TX
Panelists:
Marjorie Manne, PayPal, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA
Rachel Marmor, Holland & Knight, Boston, MA
Lisa Salinas Schneider, SpyCloud, Austin, TX

4:25 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

Texas Business Court – A Forum of Choice

Led by members of the trial team for the first case to go to trial in Texas's new business court, this panel explores the ins and outs of business court, including the advantages of business-informed judges and staff, reasoned written opinions, and unique business court procedures. The panel also discusses how to elect business court and the considerations involved in deciding whether to do so.

Moderator:
Jason Boulette, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P., Austin, TX
Panelists:
Tori B. Bell, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P., Austin, TX
Steven H. Garrett, Boulette Golden & Marin L.L.P., Austin, TX
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5:25 p.m. Adjourn to Reception

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Join program faculty and attendees for drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 22, 2026

Presiding Officer:
Jian Abel, Dexcom, Austin, TX

7:30 a.m. Conference Room Opens
Includes continental breakfast.

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Table Talks
Join us for breakfast and to share your thoughts on specialized topics.

8:30 a.m. 1.00 hr

Open Source Updates
This session reviews recent developments in open-source law and practice, including licensing trends and risk management for open source AI, business developments in commercial open source, and updates on relevant litigation.
Heather J. Meeker, Tech Law Partners and Chinstrap Community, Scotts Valley, CA

9:30 a.m. 1.00 hr | .25 hr ethics

Technology Transaction—Drafting for Key Provisions and Common Topics
This session focuses on key provision of commercial technology agreements including: venue, payment terms, and risk allocation. It also provides practical guidance on identifying and addressing common issues in technology contracts, compliance, and dispute resolution. As well as discussing recent trends and best practices for drafting robust agreements.
Moderator:
Andrew Abokhair, Latham & Watkins LLP, Austin, TX
Panelists:
Amy Duvanich, Scale LLP, Austin, TX
Justina Martynaityte, Icon, Austin, TX
John Miller, Modernizing Medicine, Austin, TX

10:30 a.m. 15-Minute Break

10:45 a.m. 1.00 hr

Multi-jurisdictional Considerations in Managing Supply Chain Privacy Risk

Suppliers handling personal data on behalf of your company pose significant data protection risks. This panel examines how legal and procurement teams collaborate to create robust third-party oversight programs designed to satisfy multiple potentially-conflicting regulatory requirements at multi-national companies.

Mark McCrone, Applied Materials, Washington, DC
Tanya Preac, Global Direct Procurement, Austin, TX
Lisa E. Zolidis, Potomac Law Group, Austin, TX

11:45 a.m. .75 hr | .25 hr ethics

Protecting Clients In Litigation
Discuss strategies for defending clients in litigation, with a focus on class actions, privacy violations. Including recent case studies, risk mitigation tactics, and best practices for managing complex litigation.

Moderator:
Zachary (Zach) A. McEntyre, King & Spalding, Atlanta, GA
Panelists:
Julia Bates, GridTek Utility Services, Austin, TX
Chesley S. McLeod, Arnall Golden & Gregory LLP, Atlanta, GA

12:30 p.m. Pick Up Lunch
Included in registration.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Presiding Officer:
Jessica Cassidy Katz, 3M, Austin, TX

LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

12:50 p.m. .75 hr

GC Panel: How to Thrive and Succeed In-House

This panel discusses current challenges in technology law, leadership in legal departments, and shares practical strategies for thriving and succeeding in-house.

Moderator:
Cristina M. Nahidi, FlashParking, Inc., Austin, TX
Panelists:
Raj Choudhary, HData, Austin, TX
Ashley Fischer, Tiff's Treats, Austin, TX
Speaker TBD

1:35 p.m. 15-Minute Break

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1:50 p.m. 1.00 hr | .50 hr ethics

From Vendors to Value Chains: Contracting for AI Supply Chain Risk

AI tools rely on layered value chains involving data sources, models, platforms, and downstream dependencies that traditional vendor contracts were never designed to address. This session explores how lawyers can rethink contractual risk allocation, transparency, audit rights, and accountability across the AI value chain.

Griffin Weaver, Dell, San Antonio, TX

2:50 p.m. .75 hr

Navigating Enterprise Risk in a Rapidly Changing World

This panel brings together compliance leaders across industries to explore the essentials of effective risk management at the enterprise level. They cover team structure, technology and AI integration, leveraging external expertise, and strategies for adapting to an evolving regulatory landscape.

Moderator:
Alicia White, Amazon, Austin, TX

Panelists:
Catharina (Dd) Budiharto, Microsoft, Houston, TX
Manny Grace, Former Associate General Counsel at The Walt Disney Company, Burbank, CA
Alex Yamron, Fanaff, Hoagland, Gonzales, Baldwin & Cunningham, Austin, TX

3:35 p.m. Adjourn

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