

NDUS AI Forum Agenda

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 2:30-3:30 pm CST

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1. Welcome
2. Speaker(s)/Presentation(s):

Nikola Datzov - Associate Professor at the University of North Dakota School of Law, where he teaches courses on artificial intelligence, intellectual property, torts, remedies, and the U.S. judiciary. He has received numerous awards for his innovative teaching methodologies, including his selection as a 2022 Teacher of the Year by the Association of American Law Schools. His research and scholarship focus on patent law, artificial intelligence, innovation, and the intersection of different areas of intellectual property law. His most recent article, "AI Jurisprudence: Toward Automated Justice", explores the role of AI in U.S. courts, including how judges can utilize AI to improve the administration of justice.

Prior to joining academia, Prof. Datzov was a partner at a large law firm in Minneapolis and worked as an attorney in the federal courts for three years, serving as a law clerk for judges at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota. Before going to law school, he utilized his computer science degree as a computer programmer and technology consultant.

Presentation Summary: The emergence of AI's capabilities has been as fast and furious as its disruptive effects. In the span of just a few short years, AI has grown from a fascination of computer scientists and science-fiction lovers to a ubiquitous technology available to anyone with a cellphone or personal computer. Not surprisingly, AI's disruptive arrival has also collided with every area of the law, raising novel legal questions and reframing familiar issues in a new and challenging context. Unfortunately, in many respects, society has adopted AI's benefits faster than the law has been able to regulate its drawbacks and concerns. Inevitably, this has resulted in underdeveloped policy debates and unresolved complex legal questions in many areas of the law. The standing good news in this swirling confusion remains that the public still holds the power to decide how the legal policies and limits surrounding AI will be shaped.

3. Announcements/Upcoming Events

Upcoming AI Forum Dates:

1. Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
2. Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

-Upcoming Events

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