

2026



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2026 Annual Meeting & Conference

Next-Level Legal:

*AI, Resilience, and Strategic Agility
in a Changing World*

Thursday, April 16th Agenda

Time Session Titles & Speakers

11:00am - 12:30pm **President's Brunch**
Robert King Room

12:30pm - 1:00pm **Registration and Networking**
Edna Boies Hopkins Room

1:00pm - 1:30pm **Next-Level Legal: AI Essentials**
Nate Craig, Associate Professor, Department of Operations and Business Analytics,
The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business
Elijah Pierce Room (.50 cle general credit hour)

1:30pm - 2:30pm **From Policy to Practice: Managing AI's Impact in the Workplace**
Panelists:
Kami Brauer, Partner, Employment Law Partners, LLC
Jason T. Whitehead II, Attorney, Perez Morris
Shennan Harris, Principal, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
Heather Renée Adams, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP
Elijah Pierce Room (1.0 cle general credit hour)

2:30pm - 2:50pm **Break**

2:50pm - 3:50pm **Resilient by Design: Managing Cybersecurity and AI Risk While Driving Legal Innovation**
Moderator: Claudia Herrington, Esq, CCEP, Managing Director, Enterprise Risk, JobsOhio
Panelists:
Dawn Browning, Chief Privacy Officer & VP, Privacy Legal & Technology Team, Nationwide
Jennifer Mountcastle, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Insurance Director, SVP, Huntington National Bank
Pete Walters, Vice President, Litigation, Integreon
Elijah Pierce Room (1.0 cle general credit hour)

3:50pm - 4:00pm **Break**

4:00pm - 5:00pm **Leading with Grit & Grace: Shaping the Future of Legal Resilience**
Moderator: Lavell Payne Brown, Associate Vice President, Nationwide Financial Litigation, Nationwide
Panelists:
Marilyn McClure-Demers, Office Managing Member, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC
Yvette McGee Brown, Partner-in-Charge, Inclusion & Advancement, Jones Day
Janice Innis-Thompson, Senior Vice President, Nationwide Financial Legal, Nationwide
Elijah Pierce Room (1.0 cle general credit hour)

5:15pm - 6:45pm **Happy Hour Reception**
Sponsored by
Edna Boies Hopkins & Elijah Pierce Room



Friday, April 17th Agenda

Time Session Titles & Speakers

8:00am - 9:00am

Breakfast

Edna Boies Hopkins & Elijah Pierce Room

9:00am - 9:45am

Unplug to Perform: The Hard Reset Lawyers Need in an Always-On World

Moderator: **Laura Hartnett**, Legal Consultant, Law By Design

Panelists:

Mallory Monhemius, Assistant General Counsel, OhioHealth

Claire Parsons, Of Counsel, Bricker Graydon Wyatt LLP

Stephanie Chmiel, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP

Elijah Pierce Room (.75 cle general credit hour)

9:45am - 10:00am

Break

10:00am - 11:00am

AI and Technology Governance: Anticipating the Future as Elected Officials

Moderator: **Jennifer A. L. Battle**, Esq., Partner, Carpenter Lipps LLP

Panelists:

Allison Russo, State Representative, District 7, Ohio House of Representatives

Christine Cockley, MPA, State Representative, District 6, Ohio House of Representatives

Nikki Hudson, Board Member, Worthington School District

Elijah Pierce Room (1.0 cle general credit hour)

11:00am - 12:00pm

Legal Leaders Roundtable: AI Governance, Ethics, and Resilient Practice

Moderator: **Sabra Tomb**, Director of Training Programs & Strategic Business Development; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Dayton School of Law

Panelists:

Anne K. Garcia, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, The Ohio State University Office of Legal Affairs

Magdalena Grossman, Chief Compliance Officer, American Financial Group, Inc.

Meleah M. Skillern, Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

Elijah Pierce Room (1.0 professional conduct credit hour)

12:00pm - 12:30pm

Networking Break



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Awards & Luncheon: 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Luncheon Keynote: Cat Moon

Founding Co-Director, Vanderbilt AI Law Lab

Founder, Women+AI Initiative



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