

North American Legal AI Summit

From ambition to adoption: Navigating the realities of AI

June 5, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. ET

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome

Tim Haney

CEO, Dentons Canada

Andrea Johnson

Global co-head of Dentons' Private Equity group (Ottawa, Canada)

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Keynote: The future and promise of a post-AI world

Daniel Wigdor, Co-Founder and CEO of AXL and a Professor at the University of Toronto, explores how interactive computing has evolved through successive technology waves, culminating in today's AI-driven era. The talk highlights why Canada is uniquely positioned to lead in applied AI innovation and why now is the time to act.

Daniel Wigdor

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), AXL

9:45 – 10:30 a.m.

M&A meets AI: Current state and emerging trends

AI is reshaping how deals are evaluated, structured, and executed. This panel will cover emerging trends in valuation, due diligence, and strategy.

Andrea Johnson

Global co-head of Dentons' Private Equity group (Ottawa, Canada)

Tom Valis

Managing Partner
Celtic House Venture Partners

Brent Walker

Chief Executive Officer
Morrison Park Advisors

10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Setting the rules: AI standardization

This panel will explore the evolving landscape of AI governance, focusing on North American efforts to mitigate risks and establish common principles.

While regulation varies across jurisdictions, shared priorities are beginning to emerge.

Chantal Bernier

Counsel, Co-chair, Global Privacy and Cybersecurity Group (Ottawa, Canada)

Peter Stockburger

Partner (San Diego, USA)

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Navigating intellectual property in the age of AI: Ownership and innovation

This session will explore the complex challenges surrounding intellectual property laws as they apply to AI and AI-generated works. We'll consider issues relating to ownership of the output generated by AI systems, explore the challenges of copyright protection as a result of use of AI, and discuss the evolving landscape of AI innovation with its corresponding patent strategies.

Bob Tarantino

Counsel (Toronto, Canada)

Roman Tsibulevskiy

Counsel, Registered Patent Attorney (Short Hills, USA)

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45 – 1:30 p.m.

Unique considerations created by the collection and use of personal information by AI

This session will cover the lawful collection of personal information for training and deployment of AI - consent, data scraping, inferences, the importance of doing PIAs prior to adopting AI, and using a PIA that is tailored for AI and Anonymization - how it is poorly understood, actually has regulatory requirements in Quebec around the process, and consequences of getting wrong (particularly in contractual agreements with vendors).

Jaime Cardy

Senior Associate (Toronto, Canada)

Kirsten Thompson

Partner, National Practice Group Lead, Privacy and Cybersecurity (Toronto, Canada)

1:30 – 2:10 p.m.

Contracting and AI: New risks, new terms

As AI becomes embedded in core business functions, traditional contracts are being put to the test. This panel will explore how organizations can update existing agreements and draft new ones that effectively address emerging risks—including liability, indemnification, data usage, confidentiality, and the ownership of AI-generated output.

Matt Wanford

Partner (Ottawa, Canada)

Joel Bock

Partner (Short Hills, USA)

2:10 – 2:30 p.m. Break

2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Employee's use of AI in the workplace: Rights, bias, and automation

AI is changing hiring, evaluation, and surveillance. This panel looks at the legal and human rights implications of algorithmic management.

Larysa Workewych

Senior Associate (Toronto, Canada)

Allison Buchanan

Counsel (Toronto, Canada)

Peter Stockburger

Partner (San Diego, USA)

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Data centers + energy: Housing AI at scale

This panel explores how AI will reshape the data centre industry and the impact it is having and will continue to have on energy, planning, and regulation.

Vivek Bakshi

Global Energy Sector Leader (Toronto, Canada)

Emma Hand

Co-chair of the Dentons Global Energy Sector for the US Region

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