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VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON  
**PRIVATE LAW & EMERGING TECHNOLOGY**  
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**Call for Papers**

Due October 31, 2025

We are excited to invite legal scholars to participate in the third virtual Workshop on Private Law and Emerging Technology. This workshop is a forum for in-depth engagement with works-in-progress at the intersection of private law and the rapid onslaught of disruptive technologies. Rather than focusing on specific policy proposals, we are interested in determining how our systems of private law and private ordering are affected by, provide solutions for, and influence technological change. What do we mean by technology? We have a broad understanding of technology that extends beyond solely digital innovations. What do we mean by private law? As part of private law, we include property, contracts, torts, equity, as well as intellectual property and commercial law, among others. The fundamental questions guiding this Workshop include:

- What can private law tell us about technology's role in society and what can technology's effect on society teach us about private law?
- Which legal concepts may require re-thinking in light of socio-technological change and which existing legal concepts may provide solutions to questions of technology policy?
- How is private law itself a "technology" to conceptualize emerging technologies?

While we are open to papers on all topics relating to emerging technology and private law, we encourage participants to engage with fundamental questions about private law theory and doctrine rather than policy solutions. General technological themes may include:

- AI
- Algorithmic Disgorgement
- Privacy and Cyber Harms
- Algorithmic Remedies
- Autonomous Fiduciaries
- Post-Sale Restrictions
- Right-to-Repair through Private Law
- Software as a Good/Product

This virtual Workshop is scheduled for three consecutive Fridays in February 2026:

**Feb. 6, 13, 20 from 1:30 to 4:00PM (Eastern).** For each work-in-progress, a designated discussant will comment on the piece for up to 15 mins, followed by a response from the author for up to 10 min, followed by an open Q&A session for 50 min. Three weeks prior to each presentation, a draft of 10k to 25k words will be expected for circulation. For submissions, we require an extended **abstract of between 500 and 1,000 words**. Although no bibliography is required, key citations may be used to contextualize your work. The deadline for submissions is **October 31, 2025**. If you have any questions, please check out our website [privatelawtech.org](http://privatelawtech.org) or email us (info [at] privatelawtech [dot] org). Join our email list and/or submit your abstract on our website.

