

The Internet and the Law: Legal Challenges in the New Digital Age

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Faculty Biographies



David Berger is a partner in the Gibbs Law Group. He represents consumers in class action lawsuits, with a special emphasis on data breach, privacy, and financial services litigation. With broad technical and IT expertise, he is widely regarded as a leader in data breach and privacy law. His substantive technical knowledge ranges from hacking techniques and cybersecurity controls to industry standard IT practices, information security frameworks, and auditing processes. This unique background positions him to understand and sift through the relevant technical aspects of a case, competently interface with corporate IT executives, and negotiate settlement agreements that incorporate meaningful changes to business practices—all of which are critically important to ensure consumers' data is appropriately protected. Berger has represented data breach and privacy victims in some of the largest and most influential privacy cases throughout the country, including litigation against Equifax, Anthem, Adobe, Banner Health, and Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. He is an active member of The Sedona Conference's Working Group on Data Security and Privacy Liability, and a former chair of the American Association for Justice's Consumer Privacy and Data Breach Litigation Group.



Angelo Carusone is president and CEO of Media Matters, a nonprofit media watchdog organization. He is a recognized authority on right-wing extremism, and frequently provides expert opinion about extremism, online toxicity, and the underlying structures fueling their rise. He is a regular resource for journalists writing about disinformation and the ways in which technology platforms are addressing the issue. He is also an expert on brand safety in advertising and has led many high-profile corporate campaigns. He holds a bachelor's degree from Fordham University and a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.



Bryan H. Choi holds joint appointments at the Ohio State University with the College of Law and the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The question that drives his research is software safety: how do we make software safer for ordinary people? His recent work has focused on reconstituting a more robust software liability regime. He has also written extensively on data privacy, particularly on issues involving digital identity and online anonymity. Prior to joining Ohio State, Professor Choi was a Faculty Fellow at the Center for Technology, Innovation and Competition (CTIC) at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Before that, he served as the Director of Law and Media at the Information Society Project (ISP) at Yale Law School. Professor Choi received his undergraduate degree in Computer Science from Harvard University and his law degree from Harvard Law School. Following law school, he clerked for the Honorable Leonard I. Garth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and for the Honorable William C. Bryson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.



Joshua P. Davis is Professor and director for the Center of Law and Ethics at the University of San Francisco School of Law. He has published numerous articles and book chapters and presented numerous times on artificial intelligence, antitrust, civil procedure, class certification, ethics, free speech, and jurisprudence. He is currently writing his first book, *Unnatural Law: AI, Consciousness, Ethics, and Legal Theory*, forthcoming from Cambridge University Press in 2022/2023. He graduated from NYU School of Law, where he was the Senior Articles Editor of the NYU LAW REVIEW and won the Frank H. Sommer Award for top general scholarship and achievement in his class. He served as a law clerk to Patrick Higginbotham on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Before entering academia, he was a partner at Lief, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP.



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Scott Dodson is the Founding Director of the UC Hastings Law Center for Litigation and Courts, the James Edgar Hervey Chair in Litigation, and the Geoffrey C. Hazard Jr. Distinguished Professor of Law. An expert in civil procedure and federal courts, he has published seven books, including *The Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* (Cambridge 2015) and *New Pleading in the Twenty-First Century* (Oxford 2013). He has written around 100 shorter works, appearing in such journals as STANFORD LAW REVIEW, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW, CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW, VIRGINIA LAW REVIEW, DUKE LAW JOURNAL, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW, AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, and LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW. Professor Dodson is a frequent commentator in the news media, including appearances on local news, NPR Radio, and CNN Radio; quotes in various print media; and blogging stints at SCOTUSblog, SCOCAblog, Civil Procedure & Federal Courts Blog, and PrawfsBlawg.



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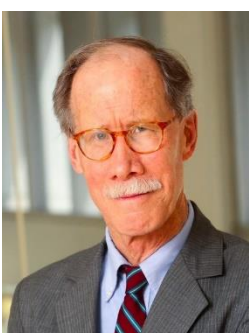
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Alexa Koenig, JD, PhD, is executive director of UC Berkeley's Human Rights Center (winner of the 2015 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions) and a lecturer-in-residence at UC Berkeley's School of Law. She co-founded UC Berkeley's Investigations Lab, which uses digital open-source research methods to strengthen legal investigations, investigative reporting, and human rights reporting. Alexa is also co-chair of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Law Committee, co-chair of the Technology Advisory Board for the International Criminal Court's Office of the Prosecutor, and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Committee on Scientific Freedom and Responsibility, among other posts. She has been honored with the United Nations Association-SF's Global Human Rights Award, UC Berkeley's Mark Bingham Award for Excellence, and as a 2020 Woman Inspiring Change by Harvard Law School. Her recent books include *Hiding in Plain Sight* (UC Press 2016) and *Digital Witness: Using Open Source Information for Human Rights Investigation, Documentation and Accountability* (Oxford University Press 2020).



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Behram V. Parekh has been litigating complex class action and mass tort litigation for essentially his entire career, representing both individuals and institutions. He has been appointed lead or co-lead counsel in numerous cases involving consumer fraud, false and misleading advertising, unfair competition, securities fraud, and products liability cases. He also has extensive expertise and knowledge related to computer systems and the discovery of electronically stored information (“ESI”). With a background in computer science and systems administration, he has been selected by his peers to oversee and negotiate ESI protocols, select ESI vendors and technology, and conduct the discovery of ESI in numerous multidistrict mass tort cases and class actions and California Judicial Council Coordination Proceedings.



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Catherine Sharkey, the Segal Family Professor of Regulatory Law and Policy at New York University School of Law, is the leading authority on the economic loss rule, punitive damages, and federal preemption. She has published dozens of law review articles, essays, reviews, and book chapters in the fields of torts, business torts, products liability, administrative law, remedies, and class actions. Sharkey is coauthor of *Cases and Materials on Torts* (12th ed., 2020) (with Richard Epstein). In 2020 she was named Senior Fellow of the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS), and served as a principal adviser on Government by Algorithm: Artificial Intelligence in Federal Administrative Agencies, a project for the Office of the Chairman. Her recommendations in a prior report concerning internal procedures governing preemptive rulemaking by federal agencies were

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Harry Surden is a professor of law at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, and affiliated faculty at the Stanford Center for Legal Informatics (CodeX). His research focuses on artificial intelligence and law (including machine learning and law), legal informatics and legal automation, and issues concerning self-driving/autonomous vehicles. He also studies intellectual property law with a substantive focus on patents and copyright, and information privacy law. Prior to his legal career, Professor Surden was a professional software engineer for Bloomberg LP and Cisco Systems. He received his law degree from Stanford University and his undergraduate degree from Cornell University, both with honors.



Zahra Takhshid joined the University of Denver Sturm College of Law as an Assistant Professor in July 2021. Before joining DU, she was the Lewis Fellow for Law Teaching and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School where she taught “Common Law and Privacy Torts.” She teaches and writes about torts, contracts, privacy, social media, technology and the law. Part of her scholarship explores how to use tools from tort and contract law in resolving challenges with emerging technological developments. A second strand of her interest is Islamic and comparative law. Zahra is also a Faculty Associate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University and has been selected as the 2021 Quantum Fellow at the Center for Quantum Networks of the University of Arizona in partnership with Yale Law School’s Information Society Project (ISP). Zahra’s research has been published or is forthcoming in *CARDOZO LAW REVIEW*, *MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW ONLINE*, *UCLA JOURNAL OF ISLAMIC AND NEAR EASTERN LAW*, *VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT AND TECHNOLOGY*, and others.



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Counselors Association, and other educational organizations, and she has testified before Congress on digital safety concerns and before the Commission on Online Child Protection (2000). Her recently published books include *Engage Students to Embrace Civility* (2018) and *Be Positively Powerful: Resilient When Things Get Tough* (2020).