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Caitlin "Cat" Moon is Professor of the Practice at Vanderbilt Law School, founding co-director of the Vanderbilt AI Law Lab (VAILL), and a practicing attorney of 28 years. Her work explores how AI and human-centered innovation can transform legal practice, expand access to justice, and empower legal professionals and the public while keeping humans firmly in control of consequential legal decisions. Cat is a Fellow and Trustee of the College of Law Practice Management.



[Michael Pastor](#)

Michael Pastor has served as the inaugural Director of the Tricarico Institute for the past three years. He previously served as the General Counsel of the New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) and the New York City Cyber Command (NYC3). In those roles, he was lead counsel for New York City for all technology law matters for New York City, including those related to cybersecurity and broadband connectivity. He was also the Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Franchises at DoITT, where he acted as the lead executive on the City's relationships with major telecommunications providers, including overseeing the LinkNYC program and initiatives tied to the roll-out of 5G wireless networks. Prior to these roles, he spent nearly 10 years in senior roles at the New York City Law Department in the Legal Counsel Division and the Appeals Division. He also served as the First Deputy Criminal Justice Coordinator in the New York City Mayor's Office. Professor Pastor has published pieces recently in the *New York Daily News* and *New York Law Journal* on highly critical and forward-thinking topics such as cybersecurity and abortion access, and effective ways for in-house counsel to utilize artificial intelligence.



Jeff Ward

Jeff Ward teaches Contracts as well as courses at the intersection of law, emerging tech, and ethics such as Frontier A.I. & Robotics: Law & Ethics and Future of Contracts at Duke Law. In his role as Director of the Duke Center on Law & Tech, he oversees programs that include the Duke Law Tech Lab, a pre-accelerator program for early-stage legal tech companies; Duke Law By Design, which uses design methodologies to help ensure that new technologies ultimately empower and ennoble all people and expand access to quality legal services; and RAILS, a network dedicated to Responsible AI in Legal Services. He has served as a Faculty Affiliate at both the Initiative for Science & Society and the Pratt School of Engineering at Duke, where he's taught Legal, Ethical, and Societal Implications of Artificial Intelligence and other courses, and has served as a scholar-in-residence at an international law firm, focusing on practical implications of AI in legal practice and the development of legal expertise.

MODERATOR



Marla Crawford

Marla Crawford brings over 35 years' expertise to her role as general counsel. She is a respected attorney, strategic advisor, and thought leader who speaks regularly on legal technology, electronic discovery, and legal operations issues. Marla spent 22 years practicing law at the prestigious international firm, Jones Day, specializing in the discovery phase of litigation. She also served as associate general counsel for Goldman Sachs for 11 years where she built and led the firm's global eDiscovery practice and focused on complex commercial and securities litigation and regulatory investigations. Marla is a College of Law Practice Management Fellow and Trustee.