

Legal Excellence in Innovation 2026

Mission: To recognize and spotlight leaders in responsible AI, cybersecurity, and operational innovation, empowering the legal industry to adopt technology with confidence, accountability, and measurable business impact.

Format: This is a hybrid program combining:

Virtual Panel Series

- Expert-led panels on AI governance, Cybersecurity and Data privacy, Ethical AI and Law Firm efficiency
- Virtual format expands reach with practical, actionable insights
- Panels run the day before and day of awards events in MA, VA, and MI

In-Person Awards Ceremonies

- Honors firms, attorneys, law schools, and providers leading in innovation
- Celebrates leadership in technology and modern legal operations
- Delivers peer recognition, brand prestige, and senior-level networking

Virtual Summit - Panel Session Topics

Panel Topic #1 - AI Governance and Regulatory Readiness for Law Firms: Policies, Controls, and Best Practices

MA 4/14 10am EST - VA 5/27 10am EST – MI 6/24 10am EST

- This session will help firms establish clear AI governance policies, stay ahead of evolving AI, privacy, and cybersecurity regulations, and implement ongoing monitoring through audits, vendor oversight, and staff training.

Panel Topic #2 - Cybersecurity & Data Privacy: How Law Firms Can Navigate Risk

MA 4/14 1pm EST - VA 5/27 1pm EST – MI 6/24 1pEST

- This session will help firms understand cybersecurity and privacy risks, implement layered security and governance measures, and build a culture of security through training and continuous monitoring.

Panel Topic #3 - AI and Legal Ethics: What Lawyers Need to Know

MA 4/15 10am EST - VA 5/28 10am EST – MI 6/25 10am EST

- This session will help firms understand ethical duties in AI use, manage risk through responsible practices, and communicate effectively with clients and courts about AI limitations.

Panel Topic #4 - How Technology Can Help Build a More Efficient, Profitable Law Firm

MA 4/15 1pm EST - VA 5/28 1pm EST – MI 6/25 1pm EST

- This session will help firms streamline operations with legal tech, leverage AI for profitability, and enhance the client experience through secure, technology-enabled services.