

Conference Schedule

Monday, April 28, 2025 (Virtual)

7.0 Live CLE credits (2.0 Ethics)



Sponsored by the VSB Committee on Technology and the Future Practice of Law

*All Times Eastern Standard Time (UTC -5)

8:30 a.m. *Introduction and Welcoming Remarks*

Chris Fortier/Michael Maschke, VSB Techshow Co-Chairs
Hon. Thomas P. Mann, Supreme Court of Virginia
Michael M. York, VSB President

8:45 – 9:45 *Trial Technology, Litigation, and Court Presentation*

Hon. John Tran Hon. Stuart Raphael
Kellam Parks, Esq. John R. Stevens, Sr.

9:55 – 10:55 *Cybersecurity for Law Firms (1.0 Hours Ethics)*

In today's digital age, cybersecurity is a critical concern and one of the greatest threats to a law firm business. This presentation aims to provide Virginia lawyers with essential knowledge and practical tips to manage cybersecurity risks effectively. The focus will be on maintaining client data security, best practices, training staff, incident planning, and weaving it into the fabric of your firm culture.

Michael Maschke
Charity Anastasio, Esq.

11:05 – 12:05 *Ethics and AI (1.0 Hours Ethics)*

Is it just another technological advancement, or is generative artificial intelligence something different? The ethics of using generative artificial intelligence tools in the practice of law.

Jim McCauley, Esq.
Jayne Reardon, Esq.

12:10- 12:40 *Ask the Experts (Non-CLE) – Moderated by Michael Maschke*

A moderated program where our faculty takes your tech questions.

12:45 – 1:45 *Implementing New Tech in Firms*

Designed for attorneys navigating the evolving legal tech landscape, this session offers practical guidance on how to evaluate, select, and implement new technology effectively. Learn how to align your firm's people, processes, and culture with the right tools to enhance client service, streamline operations, and support long-term growth.

Britt Lorish
Kellam Parks, Esq.

1:55 – 2:55 *Microsoft 365 for Lawyers*

Microsoft 365 provides lawyers with ethical and efficient tools to manage their practice while adhering to Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct, such as safeguarding client confidentiality and communicating effectively about technology use. Its advanced features, including Microsoft Copilot's AI-powered assistance and business-specific tools, support professional productivity, compliance, and cybersecurity. This presentation highlights how the Business version of Microsoft 365 outperforms the Home version in ensuring legal practice excellence.

Ben Schorr
Chris Fortier, Esq.

3:05 – 4:05 *Automation and AI for Lawyers*

This program will delve into the complexities of implementing AI-driven automation in law firms, highlighting both the advantages and challenges. Attendees will learn how automation can boost efficiency and profitability, with specific examples to illustrate the economic impact of AI-generated automations, while also understanding the risks of AI errors and the ethical duty and business necessity of oversight to maintain accuracy. The session will discuss AI capabilities and limitations, providing examples of how AI can be used to increase effectiveness for attorneys and law firm owners. The program will discuss the ethical considerations of delegating tasks to AI. Finally, the program will delineate less frequently discussed pitfalls, such as data privacy concerns, integration challenges, and the need for ongoing monitoring and updates, as the technology evolves.

Chris Fortier, Esq.
Allison Williams, Esq.

4:15 – 5:15 *(ALL NEW) 60 Tech Tips in 60 Minutes*

Debbie Foster	Catherine Sanders Reach
Reid Trautz, Esq.	Tom Mighell, Esq.