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Heightened Vigilance in a Shifting Geopolitical Landscape: What Corporate Counsel Needs to Know about AI, Privacy, and Multijurisdictional Conflicts

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, March 3, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The global AI arms race is accelerating against a backdrop of geopolitical instability, economic tension, and daily cyber threats. From deepfake-driven disinformation to AI-powered identity fraud and autonomous weapons tested on the battlefield, artificial intelligence is no longer just a tool—it

is a weapon reshaping national security, legal frameworks, and corporate risk. The American Bar Association ([ABA](#)) International Law Section's 2025 Annual Conference, themed "Adapting to Today's International Legal Challenges: A New Era?", will feature a pivotal discussion: "Heightened Vigilance in a Shifting Geopolitical Landscape—What Corporate Counsel Needs to Know About AI, Privacy, and Multijurisdictional Conflicts."

A premier legal forum (April 28–May 1, 2025, New York City), the ABA ILS Annual Conference will bring together leading legal minds, corporate counsel, regulators, and policymakers to examine how AI is transforming global compliance and security. With over 400,000 members, the ABA is the world's largest voluntary association of lawyers.

According to Jonathan Meyer, Co-Chair of the ABA ILS National Security Law Committee, Co-Chair of the International Committee for the Senior Lawyers Division (SLD), and Vice Chair of the Committee on Export Controls and Economic Sanctions:

"We are entering an era where AI is not just a tool but a force multiplier in geopolitical conflicts, cybersecurity threats, and legal uncertainty. This Powerhouse Panel brings together distinguished thought leaders who provide critical insights into the evolving legal and security challenges that demand immediate attention."



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ABA ILS Annual Conference unites experts from law, tech, and academia—this interdisciplinary panel explores evolving regulatory risks with real-world insights.



As deepfakes, cyber warfare, and regulatory conflicts escalate, legal and cybersecurity professionals must navigate a rapidly evolving landscape where the very concept of truth is at risk.”

Adriana Sanford, ABA ILS Vice Chair of National Security Law Committee

Panelists include:

HON. NOEL L. HILLMAN (Ret.) leads [Gibbons'](#) ADR practice in the Business & Commercial Litigation Group. A former U.S. District Judge for the D.N.J. (2006–2023), he presided over nearly 100 trials after a 14-year tenure at U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), including roles as Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Criminal Division and Chief of the Public Integrity Section. Judge Hillman has significant international experience in criminal law—he led the investigation and prosecution of several notable Arms Export Control Act and International Emergency Economic Powers Act cases involving

prohibited exports to China, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine, including the first-ever case targeting the export of technical data. He served as a State Department delegate to the Global Forums on anti-corruption in Korea and Brazil, was a member of the U.S. negotiation team for UNCAC in Austria and its implementation team in Italy, led DOJ training in Ukraine on non-bank money laundering and in Serbia on corporate criminal liability, assisted the Council of Europe with anti-corruption compliance in Ireland and Turkey, and provided technical assistance on judicial integrity in Latin America.

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