

The Future of Space Law and Governance Launches in Lexington, Kentucky, on September 11

Kentucky Space Futures hosts a free space-law workshop with Michelle Hanlon and ex-NASA counsel Ken Human at Pam Miller Arts Center in Downtown, Lexington, KY.

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A free public workshop on the future of space law, led by one of the field's most prominent voices, comes to Lexington on Friday, September 11. Kentucky Space Futures will host [The Future of Space Law and Governance](#) at the Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Admission is free and open to the public, with seating capped at 75, and registration required.

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*Kris Kimel, Co-founder of
Kentucky Space Futures*

The session is led by Michelle Hanlon, Executive Director of the Center for Air and Space Law at the University of Mississippi and co-founder of For All Moonkind, known across the field as the "Godmother of Space Law." She will be joined for open discussion by Kenneth R. "Ken" Human, a longtime NASA attorney who has served as a NASA Chief Counsel. The morning will take on questions a spacefaring

society is only beginning to answer, from who holds the patent on an invention made in space to who owns what is mined on the Moon, and how Kentucky's universities, students, businesses and attorneys can help craft the rules and policies of a new frontier.

The workshop is sponsored by Kentucky Space Futures, an initiative launched in early 2026 by Humanity in Deep Space, the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC), and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development / KY Innovation to strengthen the Commonwealth's place in the global space ecosystem.

"The mission that took humans farther from Earth than we have ever been carried an experiment built in Kentucky, not in California, not in Florida, not in Texas," said Kris Kimel, Co-

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founder and Chairman of Space Tango and Co-founder of Kentucky Space Futures. "We are a spacefaring species now, and Kentucky is part of that story. Come see it, and imagine what you could build here."

The September 11 workshop is the first in a series of public events Kentucky Space Futures will host as it works to make the Commonwealth a destination for space business, research, and talent.

Members of the media are welcome to attend. Michelle Hanlon, Ken Human, and Kris Kimel are available for interviews before and after the event.

EVENT DETAILS

- What: The Future of Space Law and Governance, a free public workshop
- When: Friday, September 11, 2026, 8:30 to 11:45 a.m.
- Where: Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center, 141 E. Main St., Lexington, KY 40507
- Register: [Reserve your Free seat on Eventbrite](#); seating limited to 75.

For more details on Kentucky Space Futures or upcoming events, please visit: kyspacefutures.com

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