



eLawyering and the Future of Legal Work
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Thomas & Mack Moot Courtroom Facility, William S. Boyd School of Law
(2.0 CLE credits, Free and Open to the Public)

presented by

**The American Bar Association eLawyering Task Force
(Law Practice Management Section)**

eLawyering is doing legal work – not just marketing it – over the Web. Pioneering practitioners have found dramatic new ways to communicate and collaborate with clients and other lawyers, produce documents, settle disputes, interact with courts, and manage legal knowledge. There are exciting initiatives underway now that deserve attention by all lawyers – present and future.

The legal profession is being disrupted from without and from within. To be successful in the coming era, lawyers will need to know how to practice over the Web, manage client relationships in cyberspace, and offer “unbundled” services. Come hear about the knowledge and skills you need to prosper in the years ahead.

eLawyering also offers major opportunities to improve access to justice by those who can't afford or don't like traditional commercial modes of service delivery.

This free program is open to all area law students and lawyers with an interest in the innovative use of technology.

Panelists will include:

- **Richard Granat** (CEO and Founder, MyLawyer.com, Inc., Epoq, US, www.directlaw.com, Rapidocs.com)
- **Blair Janis** (Director of Software & Technology, WealthCounsel, LLC, Madison, WI, and adjunct professor at Brigham Young University Law School)
- **Stephanie Kimbro** (Owner of Kimbro Legal Services, a virtual law office in North Carolina, and co-founder of Virtual Law Office Technology)
- **Marc Lauritsen** (President and Founder, Capstone Practice Systems, Harvard MA, and former director of clinical programs at Harvard Law School)

Richard Granat

Richard Granat is presently Co-Chair of the eLawyering Task Force of the Law Practice Management Section and is a member of the Section Council of the American Bar Association and serves on the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services of the ABA. Richard is also a member of the Maryland and District of Columbia Bar and was, chair of the Law Practice Management Section of the Maryland Bar Association. Richard has been involved in developing innovative legal services delivery systems for over 30 years, first as part of the initial working group that created the National Legal Services Program, and then later as Director of the Center for Legal Studies at Antioch Law School in Washington, D.C., the nation's first clinical law school, and later President and Dean of the Philadelphia Institute for Paralegal Training, the nation's first paralegal school. He was the founding CEO of Automated Legal Systems, Inc., an affiliate of The Philadelphia Institute, one of the first legal software companies to publish legal applications for the personal computer in the early 1980s.

Prior to Richard's involvement in the online delivery of legal services, he founded one of the first distance education learning companies, increasing revenues 20 fold in a five year period. He has also served as Vice President of University Research Corporation, a professional services firm based in Washington, D.C.

Richard has taught at the University of Maryland School of Law, the District of Columbia School of Law, Rutgers School of Law of Law, courses in Computers and the Law and Law Practice Management. Richard is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law (J.D.), the University of Pennsylvania (M.S. in Organizational Development) and Lehigh University (B.A.).

Blair Janis

Blair Janis is the Director of Software & Technology, WealthCounsel, LLC, Madison, WI, and adjunct professor at Brigham Young University Law School. Blair brings over 15 years of programming experience in various industries including higher education, telephony, aviation, government, and legal. Prior to joining WealthCounsel in May 2007, Blair was the Practice Applications Manager at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, where he developed and applied practice-specific technology for the firm's 450+ attorneys. Blair received his JD, cum laude, in April, 2001 from the J. Rueben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University where he is currently adjunct faculty teaching two legal-technology courses.

Stephanie Kimbro

Stephanie Kimbro is the owner of Kimbro Legal Services, a virtual law office in North Carolina, and co-founder of Virtual Law Office Technology Kimbro Legal Services. Ms. Kimbro was admitted to the bar in 2004 and is licensed to practice law in the State of North Carolina, including all state courts and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Ms. Kimbro graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law, a law school with a nationally recognized Law and Technology Program, in 2003. While in law school, she was on the Senior Editorial Board of the Law Review. Prior to graduating from law school, Ms. Kimbro obtained her Master's Degree from Miami University of Ohio and her Bachelor's Degree from Centre College in Kentucky. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, including the Bar Association's Estate Planning Section, and is an active member of the N.C. Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Internet Committee. Ms. Kimbro also provides pro bono legal services for clients of the Cape Fear Community College's Small Business Center.

Marc Lauritsen

Marc Lauritsen, president of Capstone Practice Systems, Inc., is a Massachusetts lawyer and educator with an extensive background in practice, teaching, management, and research. He helps lawyers and other practitioners to work more effectively through professional knowledge systems. With more than fourteen years of experience in system development, Lauritsen has built dozens of major applications for law firms, law departments, publishers, government agencies, and other organizations. He has trained hundreds of people in the development and use of practice technology.

Lauritsen earned two degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is an honors graduate of Harvard Law School. He practiced and supervised in legal services programs for seven years, and served as a law school instructor and administrator. As director of clinical programs, executive director of Project PERICLES, and a senior research associate at Harvard Law School, Lauritsen was instrumental in bringing modern law office technology into the school's experiential education programs. He became a principal of The Capstone Group in 1992, and founded Capstone Practice Systems in 1998. During 2000 Lauritsen served as vice president for practice technology at AmeriCounsel.com, an internet legal services company.

Lauritsen has lectured widely and published over eighty articles on the uses and implications of information technology in the legal profession. He is active in professional and scholarly communities concerned with law and technology both nationally and internationally. He serves as a technology correspondent for Artificial Intelligence and Law, and is a member of the editorial boards for the International Journal of Law and Information Technology and Informatica e Diritto. For many years Lauritsen was chair of the American Bar Association's Document Assembly Interest Group and moderator of the Law Office Automation forum on Counsel Connect.