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### DATA PRIVACY ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

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As multinational corporations (MNCs) doing business in regions affected by COVID-19 strive to ensure the health and safety of their employees, they must be aware of the various restrictions and requirements imposed on them for the collection, use, disclosure, and retention of employee personal data.

It is not advisable for MNCs to adopt the same measures across jurisdictions, as each jurisdiction has its own distinct requirements and limitations.

Collection of personal information for the purposes of COVID-19 prevention, control, or treatment shall comply with the national standards set forth in Personal Information

Security Specification and adhere to the principle of minimal scope.

There are specific rules in Singapore restricting the collection and use of national identification information, such as an individual's national registration identity card number, passport number, or foreign identity card number. What else changes regarding data privacy landscape in the region are there?

# BRAVE NEW LAW: DRIVING THE INNOVATION PROCESS

DWF

As part of our Brave New Law programme, Dr Catherine McGregor provides her thoughts following a video call with DWF's Jonathan Patterson and Stewart Room about a new tool – Rapid.

Rapid tests confidence in organisations' risk and resilience but for this video I was really interested in understanding how it was key to figure out the Jobs To Be Done (JTBD) question to drive the innovation process.

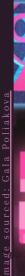
While we're talking about Rapid, the insights on how it was developed would be completely transferable to use in a range of situations when you're trying to innovate and test out new ideas.

Even if an idea is well formed the first thing is to

consider who is it for; who is it serving; how would they benefit? Then work forward from that.

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Find out more and register yourself in the Brave New Law Programme <u>here</u>



### FEATURED WEBINARS



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Bruce Burk | El

Technology is the catalyst by which the world turns. Over the past several years, technology has had a significant impact on the practice of law. With the rise of the internet, average Americans have a much larger access to legal information and they have over the past several decades. The practice of law for lawyers is changing as well.

Lawyers once did all of their legal research using books. However, now most of that research is done electronically with legal

research databases such as Westlaw and Lexis Nexis. Several technologies have come out recently that are changing the legal profession on the significant basis.

One of the biggest steps that has enabled technology in law to involve is the digitization and storage of case law, statutes, and regulations. What more technology has made possible?



TECHNOLOGY IN THE COURTROOM:

AN EVOLVING LANDSCAPE

Anjelica Cappellino, J.D. | Expert Institute

The practice of law has always been seeped in time-honored tradition and old-fashioned decorum. To many, the courtroom is a place that evokes images often seen in film and television depictions of legal dramas – classic architecture, historic documents on display, and statues and portraits memorializing legal scholars of the past.

The formal, ceremonious nature of the law has never been synonymous with advanced technology and electronics.

Even in as late as 2010, only 20 percent of attorneys surveyed by the American Bar Association reported using a laptop for courtroom presentations.

However, in recent years, attorneys both in and out of the courtroom have been slowly but surely adapting to the digital age and utilizing certain computer technologies to assist in their case.

Read more <u>here</u>.

## VIRTUAL REALITY: THE FUTURE OF EXPERT TESTIMONY?

Anjelica Cappellino, J.D. | Expert Institute

As many attorneys know first hand, the practice of law sometimes requires adapting to new technology. From artificial intelligence document review software to iPad trial presentation applications, there are a vast number of ways to utilize technology in the courtroom.

In light of the fast-paced advancements trial presentation technology has made over the course of a relatively brief time frame, it is all the more important to stay up-to-date on the latest developments and future trends.

A recent development in trial technology has been in the field of virtual and augmented reality. At trial, these programs can provide the jury with what feels like a real-world experience or simulation of the testimony. Virtual reality can be a particularly helpful aid during expert testimony, as such technology can assist with explaining otherwise complex or foreign information to a jury.

Read more <u>here</u>.

#### PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES



The Law Society Pro Bono Services organises legal clinics for needy and vulnerable individuals who require basic legal advice on personal matters.

Deadline to apply: 27th July 2020

SCCA Pro Bono Committee is organizing a range of activities. We are looking for potential speakers and moderators for certain events.

Deadline to apply: 22nd July 2020



### SCCA LEGAL EAGLE CHALLENGE

SCCA Pro Bono Committee

On 29 June 2020, SCCA launched the SCCA Legal Eagle Challenge as part of its pro-bono initiatives. It is Singapore's first in-house counsel competition for law students with the objective to grow the next generation of thinkers and to raise awareness and funds for our beneficiary charity, *Child at Street 11*.

The challenge invites enthusiastic and innovative law students to come together to don the hat of a fictional charity's General Counsel and advise its management on a case scenario dealing with COVID-19's legal and commercial impact on the charity and its operations.

Child at Street 11 provides crucial childcare education for young children from low income and dysfunctional families to help them break out of the poverty cycle. Reach out to **secretariatescca.org.sg** if you wish to make a donation to enable Child at Street 11 to continue their good work.

To find out more about SCCA Legal Eagle Challenge, Child at Street 11 and how you can get involved, click <u>here</u>.

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#### FINTECH REGULATIONS IN SINGAPORE

Simmons & Simmons LLP | Lexology

Generally, the provision of fintech products and services is predominantly regulated by MAS, Singapore's central bank and financial regulatory authority. Particular aspects relating to competition and data privacy issues may be specifically regulated by the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore and the Personal Data Protection Commissioner (PDPC). The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has also launched a fintech fast-track initiative to expedite the file-to-grant process for fintech patent applications.

MAS has launched various initiatives pertaining specifically to fintech, such as the FinTech and Innovation Group and FinTech Regulatory Sandbox. MAS has also promulgated regulations relating to aspects of fintech.

What different element are changed and how they effect the decision making?



## BRIGHTFLAG'S AUTO-INVOICE PROCESSING FUNCTIONALITY

Anna Ni Chiaruain | BRIGHTFLAG

Brightflag's A.I.-powered invoice review has always helped our customers to achieve significant savings on their legal spend and considerably reduce the level of manual intervention it takes to review their invoices.

By simply flagging billing guideline violations, they can easily and quickly approve or reject an invoice which has allowed legal teams to generate up to 9% in total savings and reduce more than 60% of administrative work.

We're going to answer the question: what if there was a way to eliminate manual invoice review entirely under the right conditions so your lawyers wouldn't have to look at the invoices at all?





### Let the good times begin

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## THE TECHNOLOGY CONUNDRUM AND WELLBEING — FRIEND OR FOE?

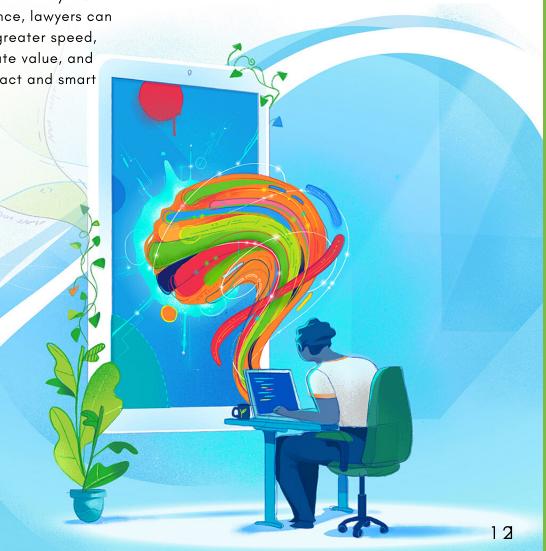
Well-being Chapter Announcement 26 | July 2020

The use of technology can have both a positive and negative impact. If leveraged correctly, it can be of enormous help and improve work-life balance. One example of help would be to address better time management that allows focus on priority, high value, strategic and high impact legal and compliance work.

Technology helps deal effortlessly with mundane, repetitive, low value legal and compliance tasks. Through data analytics and the use of artificial intelligence, lawyers can provide work products with greater speed, more accurate analysis, create value, and identify meaningful high impact and smart solutions for internal clients.

The impact of technology has extended to healthcare with the proliferation of different types of (applications)apps. Technology is making positive changes to both mental and physical health and there has been lots of research to support this.

Read more *here*.



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