

ROBOTS, THE HUMAN BRAIN, AND THE LAW

The Science & Technology Law Section's New Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Committee

The timing of the August panel coincided with the Section's announcement of the creation of a new committee: The Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Committee will explore the crosscutting legal and physical and life science issues emerging in the area.

The Committee will address all aspects of law and devices that replicate or appear to replicate human mental or physical activity, learning, reasoning, communicating, manipulating objects, and so forth. The Committee's work will be divided into two broad topic categories. The first area will address advances such as automated contract drafting and interpretation, compliance monitoring, and even law enforcement. The second will track charges in statutes regulations, and case law about or that specifically affect parties engaged in artificial intelligence and robotics work.

As the technology advances, the Committee will address the challenges posed by ever smarter and more dexterous machines that can outperform humans. The Committee goal is to assist those advising technology companies, incorporating new technologies into their practice, lawyers in technology

roles, and those who just want to be at the head of the curve. The Committee will soon offer a list serve, online publications, and working groups. Webinars and teleconferences will follow. All Section members are invited to sign up now through the Section's website. K. Krasnow and Matthew Henshon are leading this new effort, supported by Stephen Wu. •