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H.E. Dr. Abdulhussain Bin Ali Mirza
Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs
Kingdom of Bahrain

TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND THE LAW IN THE MENA REGION

“Making the Middle East a Leading Legal Tech Zone”



With direct translation
مع ترجمة فورية

22nd & 23rd January 2019
Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel
Kingdom of Bahrain





The Destination

The Kingdom of Bahrain is an archipelago made up of 33 islands located in the Arabian Gulf close to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its total area is 780 km².

The earliest human settlement in Bahrain's islands dates back to almost 4,000 years ago. Over that time it was inhabited by a series of different civilisations, starting with Dilmun, then Tylos, and finally the Islamic period.

Manama is the capital of Bahrain and it is the largest city. Manama enjoys a distinct reputation as a tourism and cultural hub regionally and internationally branded by selecting Manama as a Capital of Arab Culture in 2012, Capital of Arab Tourism in 2013 and the Capital of Asian Tourism in 2014.

Bahrain is a country that prides itself as being a thriving multi-cultural pivot, which welcomes people from all around the world, thanks to its tolerant attitudes, low cost of living, and abundance of educational, health facilities and services. According to the latest e-Government portal statistics, Bahrain's population is currently around 1.4 million Bahrainis and residents.

Bahrain is considered as an important regional economic and financial center, and it is a base to a large number of global financial services companies. The Kingdom also laid out a comprehensive and integrated economic vision which aims to make its economy sustainable by the year 2030.



Chairman's Message

On behalf of the TIL Conference organising committee, I am delighted to announce that Bahrain will be hosting a two-day conference on Technology, Innovation and the Law in the MENA Region.

Recent advances in technologies are creating new paths for innovation never imagined before. The relationship between technology and innovation is not unique to any discipline or system invented by the human mind. Law is no exception. Few would doubt that advances in modern technologies are exerting sustained pressure on those engaged in the legal field to rethink some of the long-held assumptions and practices. We are witnessing the emergence of new paradigms in legal thought and practice made possible by the insights of modern technology.

This unique conference will bring together Legal Tech experts from all over the globe to discuss, share and test ideas, experiences, solutions and tactics to prepare a signal fire for the Middle East Legal Tech. In addition to three parallel workshops which will demonstrate practical issues and case studies.

On this issue I would like to invite you all to this unique conference and hope that you will enjoy the networking in addition to the depth and breadth of the latest topics, blending technology with law and legal.

On behalf of the organising Committee and myself, I look forward to welcoming you in Bahrain on 22th to 23th January 2019.

Dr. Adnan Amkhan Bayno

Director MC Academy

Conference Chair of TIL Conference



Why this Conference?

This two-day conference, first of its kind in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Region, will explore the problems posed and opportunities made possible by technological advances and innovations in the field of law.

The aims of the conference are to:

- Provide an overview of the latest advances in legal technology that have impacted the way we think about and practice the law;
- Identify concrete opportunities in the field of modern legal technologies that will contribute towards the advancement of legal systems in the MENA Region;
- Explore the ways to ensure that legal women in the MENA region are fully engaged in advancing legal innovation through technological advances;
- Establish a framework that will provide the basis for developing a follow-up system to the lessons learned at the end of the conference.





Who should attend?

- Members of the Board of Directors
- Government Officials
- CEO's
- HR Directors / Managers
- Trainers
- Legal Advisors
- Lawyers
- IT Specialist
- Line Managers of various organisations
- Project Managers
- Supervisors of All Levels
- Law Students
- Juries
- Student of Business and IT
- Any non-legal individual who wish to acquire knowledge on legal and law issues

Language:

The conference will be in English with direct Arabic translation.

Fees:

Conference fees: \$700 | BD 280

Post-conference workshop: \$320 | BD 120

The conference will include:

- All conference sessions
- Attending one of the post-conference workshops
- Full conference material
- Lunch, tea and coffee
- A certification of attendance

Conference Topics:

Session I

An Overview of Legal Tech and Innovation

- What is innovation in law and legal practice?
- Does this always mean technology?
- What are the latest developments policy reaction to the on-going incursions by technology and AI into the legal sector?
- Are there global trends which might be adopted by other regions? What are the main opportunities and threats?
- What can Data Science offer the law and the legal profession? How will Artificial intelligence (A.I.) impact on the legal industry and legal services?
- Where do we see opportunities from using clever algorithms in legal services?
- How will blockchain technology affect the conception and practice of law as we know it?

Session II

NextLaw- What is in for Tomorrow's Lawyers? Machine Learning, Legal Cyborgs, Contracting Technologies, Tech Firms – Who Owns the Future of Law?

- Why does the world need legal innovation labs?
- Are we opening Pandora's box?
- Does digital mean better?
- How will technology change the way lawyers work?
- How can lawyers benefit from “new work”?
- Do we still need big law firms at all?
- How much technology do we really need?
- What to automate?
- Why should lawyers work together with other professions – computer scientists, neurolinguists, entrepreneurs, any others?
- What is our personal top 10 innovative legal companies? What opportunities do we see for legal education?
- What skills must the lawyers of tomorrow possess?
- Will robo-lawyers take over soon and, if yes, can we stop them, and should we?



Session III

Women in Law Tech

In the MENA region alone 60% of law graduates are women but only 30% are active in the legal sector; similar figures reflect the gap between men and women in technology industry. We shall explore first the role of technology in reframing the individual and social brain in reassessing the role of women in all aspects of the legal sector. Questions to be answered include:

- How to ensure effective participation in the on-going technological innovation in legal profession?
- Is technological innovation in the various fields of law gender specific?

Session IV

Legal Technology and the Future of the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities

This session brings together industry specialists, tech-developers, investors, business people, entrepreneurs, and members from the government to discuss and share their collective knowledge on how to boost the use of “technology” in the “legal” affairs in the Middle East.

- How to create a culture where change and innovation are embraced by the public and private sector?
- How can we encourage wider engagement with new trends? In what way would technological innovation impact the conception and practice of the law in the Middle East?
- How to integrate legal technology in the administration of justice in the region?
- How can we capitalise relationships between law firms and legal services providers?
- How can we create future work environments that support the legal profession while adapting to new transformative realities of the profession and market?
- Who is championing innovation in the region?



Opportunities for the MENA Region

Session V

Conclusion and Recommendations

The open discussion will cover issues and lessons learned from the earlier sessions. Topics to be discussed and debated include:

- Building initiatives which are flexible and agile to the changing environment;
- Embedding data strategies to enable effective decisions in the legal sector;
- Utilising updated services to add value to your work and your clients;
- Adapting innovative structures of in-house legal teams to deliver efficiency and results;
- Empowering professionals with the skills required for legal profession of the future.

Announcements

- MC Academy and Origin training Initiative:
MENA-Legal Tech Project



Open Discussion and Recommendations

About the Speakers:



Dr. Adnan Amkhan Bayno - UK

Head of Mena Chambers and Director of MC Academy

Adnan is Head of Mena Chambers and Director of MC Academy for International Legal Studies. He has an extensive experience in international, commercial and investment arbitration as arbitrator, counsel and expert. Advised and represented governments and private entities.

He has taught and supervised postgraduate students at various U.K universities, focusing mainly on public international law, international commercial arbitration, international economic law and international energy policy and law. Adnan served as Head of Legal Affairs Department of the Energy Charter Secretariat from 2000-2004. He is also passionate about examining the transformative power of ideas, and exploring the potential interaction between neuroscience, computer technology and decision making.

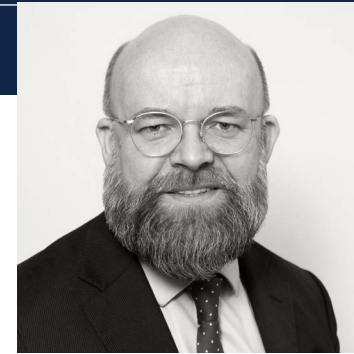


Ms. Nerushka Bowann - South Africa

Founder of the LITT Institute

Nerushka is an emerging technology law specialist, legal technology innovator and international speaker. She is the founder of the LITT Institute, created to catalyse change in the legal industry. She is also a consultant trainer at the Blockchain Academy where she created and presents a workshop on the Legal implications of cryptocurrency and blockchain, and is a co-chair of the Johannesburg chapter of the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

She has a background as a technology and privacy lawyer for an international law firm and has worked on data privacy matters for both local and international clients.



Mr. Egwin Gonthier - UK

Communication and Design Consultant

Egwin Gonthier has 25 years of experience in marketing, communication and brand design, on the agency side as well as on the client side. He managed the brand experience and social media of the first design.legal conference, that was co-organised by Xenion Legal in Munich, in June 2018.

As an independent communication and design consultant, Egwin's focus shifted towards service design. This approach enables him to co-create better customer experiences together with his clients. Egwin loves to help industries take their strategy to the next level by applying design thinking principles. He is passionate about facilitating workshops to transfer knowledge and skills in a most dynamic and engaging way.



Mr. Paul Allen- UK

TMT Expert

Paul Allen has over 14 years of international legal experience in the Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) sectors. Paul focuses on non-contentious, IT & Telecoms projects, with particular experience in the delivery of large-scale outsourcings, managed services and network related transactions.

Paul has developed an award-winning team in the Middle East. The team's legal knowledge covers the breadth of the TMT sectors, as well as boasting tri-lingual capabilities (Arabic / English / French). Coordinating and project managing large teams is integral to Paul's role, in addition to delivering top quality legal services in large-scale outsourcing and IT & Telecoms projects.



Mr. Chris Bentley - Canada
Managing Director of the Legal Innovation Zone

Chris is the Managing Director of the Legal Innovation Zone (LIZ) and the Law Practice Program (LPP), both housed at Ryerson University, Toronto. Chris co-founded LIZ, Canada's first incubator dedicated to legal startups. Chris led the development of the LPP, a modern approach to lawyer licensing authorized by the Law Society of Ontario. Chris was elected as an Ontario MPP for London West from 2003-2013. He drove a number of change initiatives, such as Justice on Target, a health and safety initiative that reduced workplace injuries by 20 % in 3 years, the 4 Pillars of Family Reform, Civil Justice Reform. He also helped drive the implementation of the Reaching Higher investments in postsecondary education.



Dr. Carsten Reimann - Germany
Lawyer and Entrepreneur

Dr. Reimann is a lawyer and entrepreneur with 20 years professional experience as an attorney in international law firms and as Head of Legal and Manager in the automotive industry.

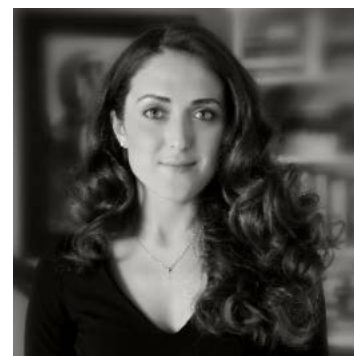
He founded Xenion Legal in 2012, the first German lawyers-on-demand service. Carsten is also co-founder of Xenion Ventures which inspires legal tech start-ups and invests some of them. Together with Professor Dr. Deister, Carsten launched Lawyers on Fire in 2016, the world's first and only legal podcast on innovation, passion & purpose (www.lawyers-on-fire.com). Dr. Reimann is serving as an expert at MC Academy for International Legal Studies, Brussels.



Mr. Stuart Paterson - UK
Specialist at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

Stuart is a Solicitor and Dispute Resolution Specialist at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, based in Dubai. He works in the following areas: investigations, litigation, arbitration and ADR/mediation in connection with disputes arising out of a wide range of industry sectors, in particular financial services. Types of work include fraud litigation and asset recovery, anti-corruption and bribery, employment law, joint venture and shareholder disputes, company disputes, negligence claims and investigations arising from internal or external fraud.

Stuart is a solicitor advocate with rights of audience in the courts of England and Wales and the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)



Ms. Suzanna Kalendzhian - UAE
Co-founder and CEO at Legal Advice Middle East

Suzanna Kalendzhian is the founder and CEO of Legal Advice Middle East (legaladviceme.com), AI-powered legal services marketplace that connects consumers and lawyers by allowing them to find, communicate and transact with each other online. Legal Advice Middle East has been named one of the top 100 shooting stars in the NextGen Legal Technology space by The Cowen Group and Won the Innovation Award from the Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiIL).

Suzanna has more than ten years of experience in the legal field, public relations, and marketing. She holds Master's degree in International Commercial Law (LLM, Hon.) and Second Master's in Marketing.



Mr. Ketan Trehan - UK
Director of Bespoke Professionals

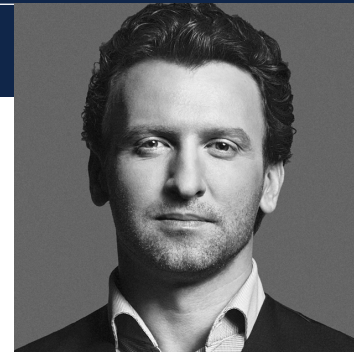
Ketan has over 11 successful years in banking, he has transitioned into recruitment to work with an innovative and forward thinking recruitment business at Bespoke Professionals. He works with, and places lawyers who specialise in the following sectors: Corporate, Commercial, Banking & Finance, Real Estate, Property, Litigation, Arbitration, TMT, IP, Shipping, Aviation, Construction, Construction Litigation, Healthcare and Regulation. He also has a dedicated legal support desk, who helps recruit support professionals into private practice.



Mr. Khalifa Al Mannai - Bahrain
Director of MannaiTech

Khalifa A. Al Mannai is the founder and managing director of MannaiTech: a technology company established in 2014 that offers IT solutions & consultancy.

Khalifa is also the recipient of Bahrain's Award for Entrepreneurship in 2016 for his innovative start-up of the year. In addition to this, despite running a newly developed establishment for only a single year, he was placed 5th among 3700 business in the MENA region for the Intel business challenge. Furthermore, Khalifa is the Treasurer and a Board Member of the ASEAN Bahrain Council (ABC) and a Member of the Technology Committee at the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).



Mr. Alex Pelevin - USA
Founder of Case.one

Alex Pelevin is a serial Tech Entrepreneur & UI/UX Design Expert. In 2010, Pelevin founded his company, Pravo.ru, specializing in the Development of Robotic Legal Process Automation Tools for legal departments and the court system. He also authored the algorithm for predicting the outcome of court cases.

In 2016, he co-founded Case.one Inc., a California based legal tech company. Within it's first year of launch, Case.one received multiple awards for its .one Software Suite with full Robotic Process automation tools covering workflows, legal project management, AI Chatbot (Robolawyer), and more.

After 10 successful years of building systems for Lawyers and judges, he co-founded the first Robotic Law Firm in the world; 2nd.law.

The combination of these projects have resulted in a one-of-a-kind multidimensional platform addressing challenges in the Process and delivery of legal services. Alex aims to disrupt the global legal market and make justice more accessible to all through education and technology innovations."

Programme at Glance:

Day One: Tuesday 22nd January

Time	Details
8:00am – 8:45am	Registration and Networking over Tea and Coffee
8:45am – 9:00am	Opening Ceremony Introductory and Welcoming Remarks Dr. Adnan Amkhan Bayno, Conference Chairman Director of MC Academy for International Legal Studies Belgium
9:00am – 9:30am	The Minister's Speech H.E. Dr. Abdulhussain Bin Ali Mirza Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs Kingdom of Bahrain Award Ceremony
9:30am – 11:00am	Session I pannel discussion An overview of Legal Tech and Innovation How will AI shape the way we perceive and practise the law? AI and the law as instruments of social engineering What lies ahead? Dr. Carsten Reimann Panelists: Stuart Paterson, Chris Bentley, Alex Pelevin
11:00am – 11:30am	Break
11.30am – 1.00pm	Session II NextLaw – What is in it for Tomorrow's Lawyers? Machine Learning, Legal Cyborgs, Contracting Technologies, Tech Firms – Who Owns the Future of Law? Panelists: Paul Allen, Nerushka Bowan, Ketan Trehan
1:00pm – 2:15pm	Lunch break

Time	Details
2:15pm – 3:30pm	Session III Women in Law Tech Moderator: Nerushka Bowan Panellists: Suzanna Kalendzhian, Adnan Amkan Bayno
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Coffee break
4:00pm – 5:15pm	Session IV Legal Technology and the Future of the Middle East: Challenges & Opportunities Moderator: Adnan Amkan Bayno Panellists: Khalifa Al Mannai, Stuart Paterson, Ketan Trehan, Paul Allen
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Conclusion and Recommendations Announcement MC Academy and Origin Training Initiative: MENA-Legal Tech Project
6:00pm	End of day one

Workshops:

Day two: Wednesday 23rd January | 3 Parallel Workshops

Workshops Presenters:

Workshop one:

Innovative Legal Tech Toolkits

This workshop provides an in-depth insight at what the market has in store for you and your law firm and offers an expansive exhibit floor with the most extensive gathering of innovative products and alternatives to traditional legal services.

Objectives:

- Providing an overview on the latest legal tech tools in the market that help lawyers in their profession.
- Understanding strategies for bridging the gap between computer scientists and lawyers.

Timing: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Hall no. A

For more details check p.32



Mr. Chris Bentley
Legal Innovation Zone



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Workshop two:

Legal Design

This workshop will help the participants to explore new legal services strategies and learn how to use human-centered design methods to create breakthrough solutions to complex problems.

Objectives:

- Introducing Legal Design and insights from experienced mentors, designers and legal practitioners.
- Helping lawyers understand how to use design thinking to advise their clients on a business problem.
- Understanding how to solve a real-life legal problem through design.
- Exploring visual design, and how to apply it in presentations, writings, and arguments.

Timing: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Hall no. B

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Workshop three:

Blockchain and Smart Contracts

Blockchain is transforming the way business people provide their services, including lawyers. This workshop deals with a few specific questions such as: the immutability of Blockchain transactions; the nature and scope of “smart contracts”, and; forced trust in Blockchain financial transactions.

Objectives:

- Defining what blockchain is and providing an overview of the framework required to effectively utilise it.
- Highlighting the capabilities of blockchain technology, and understanding how will blockchain impact the legal industry.
- Exploring the use of smart contracts and blockchain in the legal profession.

Timing: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm - Hall no. C

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Specialist at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP



Ms. Nerushka Bowan
Founder of the LITT Institute

Conference Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel | Diplomatic Area



NOTE:

Visa and accommodation might be required for the conferences delegates and attendees, please contact us for arrangement and support.

(visa payment to be made by the delegate).

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Individual/ Group Delegate Registration form

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*Corporate rate are available

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Course content in summary:

- The emergence of digitally driven law.
- How to encourage “digital thinking” and enable creativity.
- The importance of building on a platform.
- Overcoming barriers to transformation and innovation.
- Innovation through collaboration.
- Delivering client value quickly and efficiently.

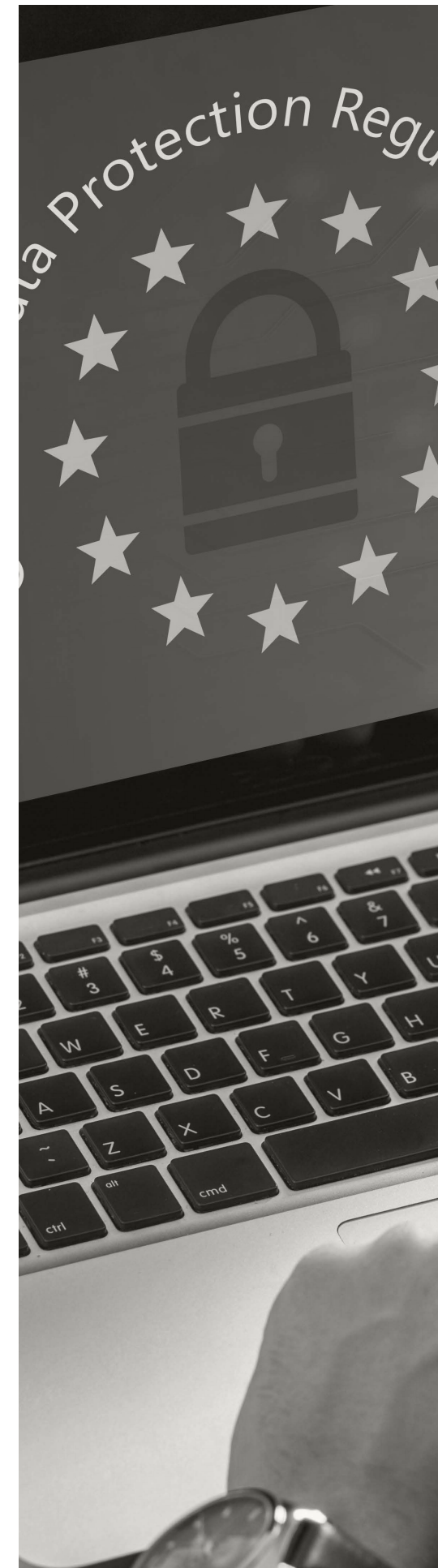
Training methods

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Who should attend:

This course will be highly beneficial for those who have had minimal formal training in labour law in the Kingdom of Bahrain and offshore entities and for those who wish to consolidate their experience in the region. In addition, professionals who have recently transferred to this region and wish to establish or expand their presence in Bahrain will benefit from the course, including:

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- Law by design
- Service Design

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- What are the benefits of smart contracts?
- How will you use smart contracts?

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